



“St. Louis in Former Years” (C1130)

Collection Number: C1130

Collection Title: “St. Louis in Former Years”

Dates: 1893

Creator: Kargau, E.D., 1832-1907
Bek, William G., 1873-1948

Abstract: The typescript contains a history of the St. Louis German community written by E.D. Kargau and translated by William G. Bek.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic feet
(1 volume)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

E.D. Kargau (1832-1907) was born in April 1832 in Prussia. In 1857 he came to the United States, and in 1860 he settled in St. Louis, Missouri. He worked as the editor for different editions of the St. Louis German language newspaper *Anzeiger des Westens* for about forty

years. He lost his eyesight in the late 1880s and had to give up active newspaper work but was still able to contribute articles for years after. He was an expert on the history of St. Louis. In 1902, he published the book *Mercantile, Industrial and Professional Saint Louis*. He married Elda Coulom (-1880) in 1861. After her death, he married Hermina Kohn (1850-1917) in 1881, and they had one son, Theodore Kargau (1884-1946). He died on February 15, 1907.

William Godfrey Bek (1873-1948) was born in Franklin County, Missouri, in 1873. He married Ada Springgate (1884-1970) in 1909. They had one daughter, Ellen Bek Selke (1918-). He was faculty at University of Missouri from 1909-1911, at which time he moved to work at the University of North Dakota. He was the dean of the College of Science, Literature, and Arts when he died in August 1948.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Typescript

Scope and Content Note:**Typescript**

The series includes one typescript of the history of the St. Louis German community written by E.D. Kargau and translated by William G. Bek.

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