

C Heckman, William L., Jr., (1869-1957) Scrapbooks, 1912-1946
1404 5 volumes

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INTRODUCTION

Scrapbooks compiled by a steamboat pilot from Hermann, MO. Included in the volumes are clippings about steamboats, pilots, life on the river, family members, and local history; poems; a few letters and greeting cards; and photographs of family members, friends, and steamboats.

DONOR INFORMATION

The scrapbooks were purchased by the State Historical Society of Missouri from William L. Heckman on 2 September 1949.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William L. Heckman(n) was born in Hermann, Missouri, on 7 March 1869 to William L. and Mary L. Heckman. The senior Heckman was a noted river pilot, and seven of his sons also worked on the water. William Jr. became a well-known pilot on the Missouri River and also wrote articles about river life under the pen name Steamboat Bill. He died in Hermann on 21 August 1957.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These five volumes of scrapbooks include many clippings from *Waterways Journal* and other magazines and newspapers which describe specific steamboats, as well as river life. More important are original photographs of numerous steamboats which worked on the Missouri, Mississippi, and smaller rivers. Some of the clippings and photographs chronicle events in the Heckman family and in the Hermann area.

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