



Walter Barlow Stevens Scrapbooks (C1424)

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Collection Title: Walter Barlow Stevens Scrapbooks

Dates: 1870-1937

Creator: Stevens, Walter Barlow, 1848-1939

Abstract: Newspaper clippings collected by Walter B. Stevens, *St. Louis Globe Democrat* reporter and Washington correspondent. Articles include the Washington letters written by Stevens; reports from throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Cuba; and articles on the St. Louis World's Fair, journalism, and the Civil War.

Collection Size: 8.0 cubic feet, 18 oversize volumes
(61 volumes)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Walter Barlow Stevens was born on July 25, 1848, to Asahel Augustus and Mary Comstock Stevens. He attended the University of Michigan, where he earned his master's degree in 1872. Stevens worked for the *St. Louis Globe Democrat* in various roles, including a reporter, city editor, and staff correspondent. He also served as the paper's Washington correspondent from 1884-1901. Stevens was the secretary and publicity director for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (St. Louis World's Fair), which was held in St. Louis in 1904. He served as the president of the State Historical Society of Missouri from 1916-1925. Stevens died on August 28, 1939, in Georgetown, South Carolina.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Volumes

Scope and Content Note:**Volumes**

This series contains seventy-nine scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, often pertaining to one or two topics per volume. The bulk of the material found within these scrapbooks are articles written by Stevens while he worked for the *St. Louis Globe Democrat*. Stevens appears to have numbered the volumes, which are labeled on the front cover of each scrapbook. The initial material was donated by Stevens and was not numerically the first volumes he created. In 1984, additional volumes were added to the collection. The volumes were assigned numbers during the first round of processing and that order was followed with the additional materials, volumes 39-79.

Container List:**Volumes**

- v. 1 Newspaper clippings by Walter B. Stevens as a special correspondent from Washington for the *St. Louis Globe Democrat*, 1885-1901.
- v. 2 Clippings of articles on famous Missourians and Missouri history, 1874-1933.
- v. 3 Clippings of articles written by Walter Williams on Missouri history, Santa Fe Trail, pioneer life, and journalism, 1894-1926.
- v. 4 Clippings from Kansas City and St. Louis newspapers on Missouri history, mining, growth, and attitudes of Missourians, 1874-1922.
- v. 5 Clippings on Mark Twain, Daniel Boone, Champ Clark, John J. Pershing, John F. Philips, William J. Stone, George Graham Vest, John B. White, Eugene Field, Henry Lamm, and other famous Missourians, 1895-1924.
- v. 6 Clippings of crimes in Missouri in the 1870s, history of free love in the U.S., miscellaneous poetry, 1874-1891.
- v. 7 Clippings on partisan journalism and Japanese journalism; Whitelaw Reid; reports of various court criminal cases and trials; Whiskey Ring scandal; transit problems of St. Louis; Amos Green; Charles Sumner; and Black folk lore, 1872-1894.

- v. 8 Newspaper clippings on Missouri history and politics, 1876-1922.
- v. 9 Clippings on history of journalism in St. Louis, development of newspapers in the U.S., and biographical notes on newspapers and newspapermen, 1875-1925.
- v. 10 Clippings on John Brown's raid, his capture, and trial taken from the history of the presiding judge, Richard Parker, 1888.
- v. 11 Clippings by Stevens entitled "Recollections of Lincoln," including contents of letters of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, Lincoln in Missouri, and miscellaneous Stevens' correspondence concerning Lincoln, 1878- 1931.
- v. 12 Newspaper accounts of Missouri-Kansas border war; health and sanitation conditions in St. Louis; Camp Jackson massacre; Missouri politics; Missouri Ku Klux Klan; President Grover Cleveland; Black Hawk Indians; and Missouri mining and agriculture, 1877-1899.
- v. 13 Clippings on rural life in Missouri, 1894-1927.
- v. 14 Clippings from the St. Louis Globe of "Tales of an Old Schoolmaster," tales of persons and incidents of colonial period of St. Louis by William Vincent Byars, 1901-1902.
- v. 15 Clippings on Tilton-Beecher scandal; Creelman interview with Porfirio Diaz in 1906; William Randolph Hearst; Joseph Pulitzer; Eugene Higgins; and other miscellaneous articles on journalism, 1884-1937.
- v. 16 Miscellaneous clippings by Walter B. Stevens on assignment to Globe-Democrat travelling throughout the U.S., 1885-1900.
- v. 17 Clippings on presidents, presidential contests, presidents' wives, inaugurations, and the White House; "Personal Recollection of William McKinley" by Samuel W. Fordyce, 1892-1925.
- v. 18 Clippings of Washington letters on Mount Vernon; dedication of the Washington; seal hunting in Alaska and fur marketing; Supreme Court; compressed air automobiles; agriculture; socialism; South America; irrigation; and Baconians, 1885-1891.
- v. 19 Clippings, 1886-1900, on national politics, national conventions, and notable Congressional debates and political campaigns of 1880-1900.
- v. 20 Clippings of miscellaneous news stories written by Walter B. Stevens from Washington, D.C., 1896-1901.
- v. 21 Clippings, 1887-1898, on Civil War battles and events by Gen. James Longstreet, Gen. Grant, Gen. Lee, Gen. Sherman, and others; and Confederate reunion of 1890
- v. 22 Clippings on the history of the St. Louis Republic, its founding by Joseph Charless as the Missouri Gazette in 1808, famous journalists and editors, and the progress achieved after 100 years, 1908.
- v. 23 Miscellaneous clippings from the Globe-Democrat on Mexican bullfighting; Porfirio Diaz Government in Mexico; Mexican political and domestic affairs; and Cuban revolution, 1887.
- v. 24 Clippings on events leading to Civil War in Missouri, famous St. Louis citizens, and Fort Leavenworth, 1874-1937.
- v. 25 Clippings of miscellaneous news stories and poems, 1887-1892.
- v. 26 Clippings of Missouri history and politics, famous Missourians, and miscellaneous news stories, 1876-1925.
- v. 27 Clippings on "Ozark County," "Missouri's Minerals," "Signs of the Times," and the "The Ozark Uplift" written by Stevens for Globe-Democrat, 1887-1899.
- v. 28 Clippings of "Washington Letters" by Stevens on President Cleveland's vetoes; polygamy among the Mormons; politics; free silver; Congressional speeches; Southern war claims; and tariffs, 1890- 1896.

- v. 29 Clippings on Peralta-Reavis land grant fraud of 1895; miscellaneous land grant claim stories, 1895.
- v. 30 Clippings on Missouri politics; spiritualism; entertainment; St. Louis real estate; piracy in the West Indies; and St. Louis Police Force, 1875-1892.
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- v. 35 Clippings of series on "the New States," North and South Dakota, Montana, and Washington, by Walter B. Stevens
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- v. 39 Clippings on Native Americans, articles on various states, political articles, Civil War battles, 1890-1891
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