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#### INTRODUCTION

Correspondence between members of the P.T. Miller family and the E.W. Stephens family, as well as Personal, business, and civic letters of Hugh Stephens. Several letters from 1811 to 1814, one 1839 letter, then resumes with a few Civil War letters. Traces the courtship of Nick E. Miller and Sallie "Birdie" Fisher until their marriage in 1874. Also includes the 1902 foreign travel letters of James H. Moss, a relative of the Stephens family.

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#### FAMILY SKETCH

The Miller family includes the father, Philip Thomas Miller, banker; his sons, Philip Thomas Miller, II, dentist; George B. Miller; and Nick E. Miller, bank cashier, who married Sallie "Birdie" Fisher. Their daughter, Bessie Miller, married Hugh Stephens, in 1901. Hugh's father, Edwin William Stephens, was the only son of James L. Stephens for whom Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, was named. E.W. Stephens married Laura Moss and they had eight children. Hugh and Bessie Stephens had one child, Louise (Mrs. Carl Otto.) E.W. and Hugh Stephens owned and operated the Tribune Printing Company in Jefferson City, later known as the Hugh Stephens Printing Company.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These letters give an overview of the close family relationships, parental advice, and courting customs of the late 1800s. They provide insight into the family and social life of this period as well as the mid-Missouri life style and economic conditions. Folders 10-11 contain letters which James H. Moss wrote during his overseas travels in 1902. The church and civic activities of Hugh Stephens are recorded in the letters of appreciation and congratulations which he received and preserved in a scrapbook which has been xeroxed for folders 13-17. His lifetime interest in Missouri road building and expansion is also portrayed. This correspondence reveals the active role of the Stephens family in the Jefferson City and Columbia communities.

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