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## INTRODUCTION

Heckel was an educator and dean of men at the University of Missouri, 1924-1941; a national officer of Alpha Tau Omega; and dean of the Floating University in 1926-1927. Papers include personal and professional correspondence, writings, and poems by his wife, Pearl Bash Heckel.

## DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by the Heckel Estate, Columbia, Missouri, in July 1965 (Accession No. 391).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Albert Kerr Heckel was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 18, 1880, the youngest of nine children. He entered Muhlenberg College at Allentown, Pennsylvania, but transferred after a year to Roanoke at Salem, Virginia. He received his A.B. in 1903 and his M.A. in 1906 from Roanoke. He spent 1903-1904 at Johns Hopkins in graduate study in Greek, Latin, and Sanskrit. He went to Harvard summer school in 1907, and from 1907-1911 was head of the Indiana State Normal School, now the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

In 1912, Heckel was an assistant in the History Department of the University of Pennsylvania and was the Harrison Fellow in History from 1912-1913. In 1913, he received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, and was instructor in History from 1913-1915 at Northwestern University. He was Dean of the College and Head of the History Department at Lafayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania, from 1915-1924.

Heckel came to the University of Missouri in 1924 as Dean of Men and Professor of Citizenship. From 1926 to 1927, he was Dean and Professor of History on the Floating University, S.S. Ryndam. He returned to the University of Missouri, and remained on the faculty until his retirement. Heckel was a national officer of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity for many years, and always maintained an active interest in the local chapter at the University of Missouri.

Albert Heckel was married to Pearl Bash. Mrs. Heckel wrote poems, mostly for children, and had at least two volumes published.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the following six series: **Personal Papers; Professional Papers; Alpha Tau Omega; Pearl Bash Heckel; Photographs and Cards; and Notes.**

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**Professional Papers Series**

- f. 24-38 Correspondence, newspaper clippings, speeches during years as Dean of Men at University of Missouri.
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- f. 39-59 Writings of Dean Heckel on such topics as the "Russian Revolution," "Lasting Peace," "Man's Place in the World," and domestic and foreign policies.
- f. 60-71 Study guides, journals, periodicals, magazines and pamphlets used in Dean Heckel's teaching of Citizenship.

**Alpha Tau Omega Series**

- f. 72-77 Miscellaneous Alpha Tau Omega national social fraternity items, including issues of the fraternity's magazine, *The Palm*, 1955-1962.

**Pearl Bash Heckel Series**

- f. 78-86 Poems, writings by Pearl Bash Heckel; letters to Mrs. Heckel.
- f. 85 Write-up in St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*, May 19, 1952, on Poet Marianne Moore.
- f. 86 Two poems by University of Missouri Professor Hermann Almstedt.

**Photographs and Cards Series**

- f. 87-91 Family photographs, snapshots, negatives of Heckel family, friends, neighbors, travels.
- f. 92-98 Christmas cards, post cards and miscellaneous greetings sent to Dean and Mrs. Heckel.

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