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Biographical Note:

Roy D. Williams was born in Boonville, Missouri, on 1 January 1881, the son of William Muir and Jessie Evans Williams. He attended Kemper Military School in Boonville and the University of Missouri in Columbia. While at the latter he was a member of Sigma Nu, Delta Theta Phi, and Theta Nu Epsilon. Although Williams did not attend law school, he learned law in the office of his father. Williams was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1906 and engaged in private practice in Boonville.

Williams was appointed to many important positions. He was chairman of the state's first Tax Commission, commissioner on the Kansas City Court of Appeals, special assistant to the attorney general of the United States, assistant to the district attorney of the Western District of Missouri, hearing officer for conscientious objectors, and board member of the Confederate Home in Higginsville.

Williams served on the Boonville school board, was an honorary trustee of Kemper Military School, and was appointed an honorary colonel on the staffs of three Missouri governors--Smith, Blair, and Dalton.

He was a member of the Missouri Academy of Squires, president of the State Historical Society of Missouri, and one of the organizers of the Boonslick Historical Society. He was past master of the Masons of Cooper Lodge and Ararat Shrine and a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Roy D. Williams died in 1972 in Boonville.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following five series:

- Speeches
- Historical Figures
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Scope and Content Note:

Speeches

This series contains speeches that were given by Williams to various civic and patriotic organizations and are arranged alphabetically by organizational name.

Historical Figures

This series contains correspondence, notes, clippings, speeches, photographs, and miscellany on historical figures. This section is arranged alphabetically by surname.

Missouri Places

This series contains correspondence, notes, speeches, pamphlets, and clippings, arranged alphabetically by place name.

Church Histories, Speeches, and Historical Notes

This series contains histories, speeches and notes on religious figures, religion, and cemeteries.

Miscellaneous

This series contains correspondence; clippings; photographs; material on the Civil War, dueling, and politics; as well as two ledgers.

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