

C Sheets, Charles K., Jr. (1906-1971), Papers, 1847-1930
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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Charles K. Sheets, Jr. pertain to the family histories of the Berry, Bell, Sheets, and Blades families, and include marriages, correspondence, and newspaper clippings. Also included in the collection is business material pertaining to Charles K. Sheets, Sr.'s business with Faulconer, Sheets & Co, in Montgomery City, Missouri.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by C.K. Sheets, Jr. on 30 June 1970 (Accession No. 690).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles K. Sheets, Sr. was born on September 18, 1864, near Avon, Illinois. He moved to Montgomery City at age 18 with his grandmother, Arthess Wyatt, from whom he would later purchase a home. In 1891, Mr. Sheets purchased half interest in a grocery store, and he operated in the business until 1909. After leaving the business, Charles continued as a dry goods merchant. Charles was married twice: first to Ada Bell Archer from 1892-1916, and then to Lena Berry from 1919 to 1956. He had two children: Herbert, born in 1895, and Charles, Jr. (noted as Kamillus, Jr. as well) in 1906. Charles K. Sheets, Sr. was active in Montgomery City, serving as mayor as well as witness and executor of will to several citizens of the city. Sheets died December 4, 1956, at the age of 92.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Charles K. Sheets, Jr. Papers are arranged into the following three series: **Family Papers**, **Business**, and **Photographs**.

The **Family Papers** series is arranged by family and contains material spanning the mid-1800s into the mid-1900s. The family material includes marriage certificates and licenses, handwritten family records, land contracts, house deeds, letters, death records, bank notes, and newspaper clippings. The families represented are Sheets, Muir, Berry, Scholl, Bell, and Blades.

The **Business** series is arranged by merchant and contains business materials pertaining to Charles Sheets, Sr. These materials include receipts, insurance papers, correspondence between client and merchant, political material from the 1936 Presidential election, ledgers with client accounts, and a patent drawing/application created by Sheets and a Mr. Hill. The receipts pertain to the Faulconer, Sheets, & Co. business as well as railway receipts for transporting goods through Montgomery City.

The **Photographs** series is arranged by family and contains photographs spanning the mid 1800s-early 1900s. These photographs come in the form of daguerreotype, ambrotype, tintype, silvertype, and postcards. The families represented in these images include: Bell, Berry, Blades, Crews, Munroe, Overstreet, Sheets, Vaughn, and Bolton. Also included are two club photos: one with Howerton's New Bloomington Military Band and another with the 1901

Masonic Group. Ending this series are folders containing unidentified photos as well as descriptions of the people in the photos.

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