



## **“Down the Mississippi” (C4478)**

**Collection Number:** C4478

**Collection Title:** “Down the Mississippi”

**Dates:** 1895

**Creator:** Pogson, P.W., 1876-1956

**Abstract:** Account by P.W. Pogson of a trip down the Mississippi River in a small boat, from Davenport, Iowa, to Cairo, Illinois, in the summer of 1895.

**Collection Size:** 0.2 cubic feet  
(2 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Stephen W. Pogson on April 21, 1993 (Accession No. CA2958).

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### **Historical Note:**

Percy Walter Pogson Sr. was born in Horncastle, England, November 20, 1876. Pogson immigrated to the United States in 1892, and volunteered in the 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Spanish-American war and a member of the Society of the Army of Santiago.

P.W. Pogson and Helena Delongue were united in marriage June 17, 1901. They were married until her death in 1937. Pogson was later united in marriage to Agnes Pogson, and they remained married until his death in 1956. P.W. Pogson was a certified accountant and was one of the original founding members of the Pogson and Peloubet Co., of New York, which he later moved to El Paso, Texas, in 1916. Pogson passed away August 2, 1956, in San Diego, California.

### **Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Travel Account

### **Scope and Content Note:**

#### **Travel Account**

This series contains the original and a copy of a travel account down the Mississippi River by P.W. Pogson and his companion Chuck W. Coventry. The trip began in the summer of 1895 in Davenport, Iowa, and ended the same summer in Cairo, Illinois. Pogson describes in detail the whole trip, from the buying of the flat boat for three dollars, to obtaining the various supplies such as fishing gear, cooking supplies, a lard oil lantern, mosquito netting, ammunition for their revolvers, food stuffs, and medical supplies such as Quinine and bandages. The account then describes drifting down the Mississippi River catching fish, examining the beauty of the landscape, camping along side the river every night, and interactions with a variety of fellow adventurers. The account documents all the stops they made along the way from Pontoonsuc, Illinois, to Hannibal, Missouri, where they replenished their provisions.

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