Charlotte "Lottie" Bedford Papers
(C4490)

Collection Number: C4490

Collection Title: Charlotte "Lottie" Bedford Papers

Dates: 1864-1910, bulk 1871-1897

Creator: Bedford, Charlotte "Lottie," 1843-1921

Abstract: Commonplace book of Charlotte "Lottie" Bedford featuring short stories, poems, diary entries, and quotes by famous figures, as well as a scrapbook created for her grandson, William Willard Hall in 1897.

Collection Size: 0.31 cubic feet
(2 volumes)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

Restrictions on Use: Materials in this collection are in the public domain.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Vincent De Baun on June 27, 2011 (Accession No. CA6410).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Charlotte "Lottie" Bedford Papers can be found in the following collections:

John H. Hall Account Book (C0270)

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Biographical Note:

William Willard Hall was born in Missouri in 1885, to Willard Cotton Hall and Charlotte “Lottie” Anna Bedford-Hall. The Hall family features many prominent figures. Willard Cotton Hall was a successful insurance broker. His grandfather, William Augustus Hall, was a state judge and former congressman; his great-uncle, Willard Preble Hall, was a congressman and then governor of Missouri; his great-grandfather, John Hancock Hall, was the inventor of the M1819 Hall rifle and chief armorer at Harper’s Ferry, Virginia.

William Willard Hall’s grandmother, Charlotte “Lottie” Jane Clark-Bedford, was born in 1843 in Cook County, Illinois. Lottie married Elias Smith Bedford and had three children: Edwin Elias Bedford (1859-1894), Charlotte “Lottie” Anna Bedford (1862-1930), and Ella Marian Bedford (1864-1942). The family resided in Huntsville, Randolph County, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one series:

Papers

Scope and Content Note:

Papers

This series includes two volumes: a commonplace book and a scrapbook. The commonplace book features original stories and poems from 1871-1899, as well as diary entries during a visit to Morancy Plantation in Milliken’s Bend, Louisiana, in 1864. The entries contain insight on Southern culture and racial relations during the Civil War. The scrapbook predominantly features materials from 1897-1899, with some clippings from 1885. A loose sketchbook from 1901 with sketches of magazine covers and advertisements is included. The scrapbook contains original art by Ella Bedford, photos of Bedford family members and the family home, as well as clippings of pictures, poems, and stories published in newspapers. Several clippings feature Black caricatures, as well as clippings related to presidents and early settlers, parables, the capital city of Missouri, and references to Missouri governors. A loose copy of the May 29, 1910, cover of the *St. Louis Republic Sunday Magazine* is included.

Container List:

v.1 Commonplace book
v.2 Scrapbook

Index:

Index Terms	Medium	Image
Bedford, Charlotte “Lottie” Jane	v. 1, v. 2	
Bedford, Ella Marian, 1864-1942	v. 1, v. 2	
Black people--Cartoons and caricatures	v. 2	
Hall, Charlotte “Lottie” Anna	v. 1, v. 2	Yes

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Index Terms	Medium	Image
Hall, William Cotton “Cotty,” 1854-1923	v. 2	Yes
Hall, William Willard, 1885-1944	v. 2	Yes
Louisiana--Milliken’s Bend	v. 1	
Missouri--Randolph County	v. 2	
Plantations--Louisiana	v. 1	
Race	v. 1, v. 2	
Scrapbooks	v. 1, v. 2	
Southern states	v. 1	

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