

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
K0068 (KA0107, KA0136)
ADDIE ALDRIDGE GORDON (1881-1973) PAPERS

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Introduction

64 folders, .75 cu. ft.

The memoirs of Addie Aldridge Gordon concern both her own childhood in Cass County, Missouri, and the stories handed down by her parents and other family members.

During the 1930's, Addie Aldridge Gordon was asked by her daughter, Mrs. L. Gordon Lichty, to write her childhood recollections. These memories were written on small pieces of paper which were then organized and typed into chapters by Mrs. Lichty. The collection contains preliminary material marked "additions" and "odds and ends" as well as several rewrites of the memoirs. Portions of this material are duplicated. A few letters and genealogical material help clarify the family relationships mentioned in the text. Mrs. Lichty has penciled in some editorial comments but the memoirs retain the style and intent of Addie Aldridge Gordon.

Donor Information

The papers were a gift from Lenne Gordon Lichty, daughter of Addie Aldridge Gordon. They were accessioned as KA0107 on August 31, 1981 and KA0136 on April 1, 1982.

Biographical Statement:

Addie Aldridge Gordon was born on September 1, 1887, in Cass County, Missouri, daughter of Absalom (Dick) Aldridge. The Aldridge family had originally immigrated from England to South Carolina, and by stages westward. They first moved into Tennessee, and then into Alabama, prior to their move into Missouri in 1855. The family was relatively affluent and owned slaves upon their arrival in Missouri.

Addie Aldridge received a good education in Cass County schools and went on to teach in those same schools before marrying. Sometime after her marriage to Charles C. Gordon, they moved to Berkeley, California, where she died on September 23, 1973.

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