



## **Addie Aldridge Gordon Papers (K0068)**

**Collection Number:** K0068

**Collection Title:** Addie Aldridge Gordon Papers

**Dates:** 1893-1962

**Creator:** Gordon, Addie Aldridge, 1887-1973

**Abstract:** This collection contains a portion of a manuscript written by Addie Aldridge Gordon, a woman born and raised in Cass County in the late 1800s and early 1900s, as well as other drafts, essays, notes, and assorted family papers.

**Collection Size:** 0.4 cubic feet  
(19 folders)

**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-Kansas City](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Addie Aldridge Gordon Papers* (K0068); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Lenna Gordon Lichty on August 31, 1981 (Accession No. KA0107). An addition was made on April 1, 1982, by Lenne Gordon Lichty (Accession No. KA0136).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Addie Aldridge Gordon Papers can be found in the following collections:

*Gordon-Cox Family Papers* (K0156)

**Processed by:** Processed by Hallie Allan, May 2023

### **Historical Note:**

The Aldridge family of Cass County first immigrated to South Carolina from England, and as the years passed, made additional moves to Tennessee, then Alabama, and finally to Missouri in 1855. The family was relatively well-off, having owned slaves upon arrival in Missouri.

Addie Aldridge Gordon was born on September 1, 1887, in Cass County, the sixth of twelve children of Absalom Bobo Gaunt (Dick) and Mary Greene Hinshaw Aldridge. She was raised on a farm, likely located somewhere around Strasburg. She received an education in Cass County schools, then taught in those schools before marrying Charles C. Gordon. Sometime after this, they moved to Berkeley, California.

Sometime in the 1930s or 1940s, Addie was asked by her daughter, Lenna Gordon Lichty, to write down her memories of childhood. Lenna organized and typed Addie's small scraps of paper into more than one draft, which were assembled into chapters in the late 1940s. Lenna also made handwritten editorial notes; however, the written material retains Addie's intent and style.

Decades after this project, Addie died in Berkeley, California, on September 23, 1973.

### **Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following 4 series:

Memoir Manuscript  
Essays  
Notes and Additions  
Aldridge Family Papers

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

#### **Memoir Manuscript**

This series contains a portion of a memoir manuscript written by Addie Aldridge Gordon in about 1942. It was assembled and typed by her daughter, Lenna Gordon Lichty, sometime in the late 1940s. Handwritten editorial notes were also made by Lichty. This manuscript is possibly made up of at least two drafts. There are missing portions of the manuscript. Also included are two introductory notes, at least one of which was written by Gordon. The series has been arranged by chapter.

#### **Essays**

This series is comprised of essays on a wide variety of topics concerning Gordon's childhood. At least some of these appear to be earlier drafts of material included in the memoir manuscript. The series is arranged alphabetically by subject and type of material. No dates were recorded for these recollections.

### Notes and Additions

This series consists of various snippets of recollections, labelled "Additions" and "Odds and Ends," which acted as preliminary material as well as traditional songs and sayings. The series is arranged by subject, from general to specific. No dates were recorded for these materials.

### Aldridge Family Papers

This series is made up of genealogical notes, and correspondence of various Aldridge family members, both handwritten letters and typed transcriptions. These items help clarify familial relationships mentioned in the other series. The series is arranged by type of material, then date.

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