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**Introduction**

Collection contains eight folders of materials were loaned for photocopying.

The papers contain photocopies of family historical research compiled by Theodore C. Sparks, the brother of Claudia Sparks Smither, during the 1920s that trace the family of Claudia Sparks from the 1750s to 1960. Materials include anecdotes and reminiscences regarding family members and transcriptions of family letters. Materials were later organized by Helen Smither.

Helen Smither was the daughter of Claudia Furber Sparks and the wife of John Milton Smither. The family emigrated from Kentucky to Missouri and settled in the area of Barry and Liberty, Missouri.

**Donor Information**

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Helen Smither on January 5, 1982 (Accession No. KA0123).

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**Box List**

**Box 1**

Families of Henry Sparks and Anthony Sparks with Index (2 folders)  
Correspondence of Theodore C. Sparks and J. A. Sparks, 1928  
Henry Sparks Family of Clay County, Missouri  
William Anthony Sparks Family of Clay County, Missouri  
Diary of Claudia Sparks, Trip to Louisiana Exposition from Barry, Missouri, to New Orleans, Louisiana, 1885  
Additional materials relating to the Sparks Family (2 folders)