



Lena Kathryn Alton Depher Collection (K0090)

Collection Number: K0090

Collection Title: Lena Kathryn Alton Depher Collection

Dates: 1869-1969

Creator: Depher, Lena Kathryn Alton, 1900-1988

Abstract: This collection contains photocopied newspaper clippings, notes, household accounts, and photographs related to the Mastin family, prominent members of the real estate and banking worlds of Kansas City. There are also materials concerning the family estate, Mastin Hall, located outside Belton.

Collection Size: 0.03 cubic feet
(3 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](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were loaned to the University of Missouri for copying by Lena Kathryn Alton Depher on September 21, 1982 (Accession No. KA0174).

Existence and Location of Originals: The papers were returned to the donor after copying.

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Historical Note:

Members of the Mastin family, brothers David, Thomas, and John, first came to the Kansas City area from Tennessee before the Civil War. Following them was Captain Reuben Franklin Mastin, who purchased land around Independence after the Civil War, then married Fredonia Field. The two had a son, Herschel Field Mastin, in 1870, who later married Lena Arabella Kees of Pleasant Hill in 1892.

Reuben and Herschel owned a sizeable farm, home to a cattle operation and dairy. David owned all of what is now known as Swope Park, which he sold in 1896 to Colonel Thomas H. Swope, who in turn donated the land to Kansas City.

Reuben Mastin died in 1908 after a series of strokes and was subsequently buried in Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City. After his death, the house and 1500-acre estate were sold, and Fredonia, Herschel, and Lena moved to Kansas City. Herschel died in 1924. Fredonia and Lena continued to live together until Fredonia's death in 1943. Lena died in 1962. All three were buried in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged by type of material and date.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains photocopied newspaper clippings and notes related to members of the Mastin family, including marriages, deaths, and other events; household accounts with a record of assorted expenses; and photographs of family members, Mastin Hall, and the Mastin estate.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Newspaper clippings, 1981-1969, no date
	f. 2	Household accounts, 1869, 1892, no date
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