



August Kreilich Papers (R0022)

Collection Number: R0022

Collection Title: August Kreilich Papers

Dates: 1886

Creator: U.S. Light House Establishment (Washington, D.C.)

Abstract: The August Kreilich Papers contain a photocopy of a contract with instructions for August Kreilich regarding being lighthouse keeper. Kreilich was the keeper of the lights at the Saline Rocks on the Mississippi River in Sainte Genevieve, Missouri. The United States Light House Establishment issued the contract on March 27, 1886.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

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 - Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

August Kreilich was born on February 1, 1863, at Belleville, Illinois to Francis and Louise (Schnissure) Kreilich. He married Jennie Maddock in 1901, and together they had nine children, Marie, August, Agnes, Joseph, Gerry, Jeannette, Bernie, Lucille, and Jerome. August worked the family farm and in the 1880s also worked as a lighthouse keeper at the Saline Rocks. He died on August 13, 1933, at Saint Marys, Missouri.

The exact location of Saline Rocks is also unknown. The probably location was south of the present-day confluence of Saline Creek and the Mississippi River. The confluence has changed location due to a course change in the river that captured the lower part of Saline Creek. The creek was previously several miles longer and flowed south past the Kreilich farm before entering the Mississippi River. The confluence is now south of the farm.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a photocopy of a contract with instructions for August Kreilich regarding being lighthouse keeper. Kreilich was the keeper of the lights at the Saline Rocks on the Mississippi River in Sainte Genevieve, Missouri. The Office of Lighthouse Inspector, Fifteenth District, United States Light House Establishment issued the instructions to Kreilich at Saint Louis. Commander James O’Kane, United States Navy signed them. Specific measures for the care and maintenance of the lights are listed, and there are warnings to avoid floods and caving banks. Pay for light keepers was ten dollars a month, and deductions were to be made for lost or damaged equipment and lights not burning as specified. Pilots and masters of boats were to report on the condition of the light stations.

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