



Archibald McIntyre Robertson Papers (R0053)

Collection Number: R0053

Collection Title: Archibald McIntyre Robertson Papers

Dates: 1856-1857

Creator: Robertson, Archibald McIntyre, 1833-1866

Abstract: The Archibald McIntyre Robertson Papers contain an original and typescript journal that records the journey of Archibald Robertson through Europe, the Mediterranean, Egypt, the Sinai, and Palestine in 1856-1857.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(2 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-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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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Archibald McIntyre Robertson Papers* (R0053); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Rolla].

Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Ruth Capehart on March 19, 1981 (Accession No. RA0063).

Other Finding Aid: An itinerary for the journal and a term paper, "Notes on the Journal of A. McI. Robertson" are available in the administration folder.

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Biographical Note:

Archibald McIntyre Robertson was born in 1833 to Archibald and Elizabeth Robertson. The family lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and New York. Archibald M. served in the Union army as an aid in General Barry's command under General McClellan. He traveled abroad with companions in the late 1850s. He died in November 1866, at the age of 23. His death record lists his occupation as gentleman.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order in two folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains the journal of Archibald McIntyre Robertson written during his trip through Europe, the Mediterranean, Egypt, the Sinai, and Palestine from September 1856 through July 1857. The first pages are fragments of a letter written to his parents describing his voyage across the Atlantic and his arrival in Liverpool, England. The first journal entry is dated September 7, 1856 from London. Robertson and his companions, Augustus Graham Coleman, Samuel Richards Colwell, John Hamilton Slack, and 'Doctor' travelled Europe for the next two months. They visited Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria, and Italy. The party then crossed the Mediterranean to Egypt landing at Alexandria after a stop at Malta. They then travelled to Cairo and took a trip down the Nile River to Thebes. The group spent two weeks visiting locations from the Bible and they took a steamship to France. The last journal entry was on July 5, 1857 in Paris, France.

Robertson describes his travels including European capitals, Mediterranean seaports, sandstorms, Bedouins, local governments, historic sites, and architecture. He considered Berlin the finest capitol and was least impressed with Rome and Italy. His opinion was undoubtedly affected by his low opinion of Roman Catholicism. He made several remarks while visiting Catholic sites in Jerusalem that were disparaging. Accompanying the journal is a typescript as the original journal is difficult to read in numerous places.

Container List:

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