



Ribeau Family Collection (R0101)

Collection Number: R0101

Collection Title: Ribeau Family Collection

Dates: 1870-1982, bulk 1870-1946

Creator: Ribeau family

Abstract: The Ribeau Family Collection contains photocopies of correspondence, tax receipts, and miscellaneous records of an African-American family in Sainte Genevieve, Missouri. They lived in a historic *poteaux-en-terre* house built in 1778.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(5 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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Biographical Note:

Jane Ribeau and her three children; Alonzo, Levi, and Anna lived in Sainte Genevieve, Missouri. They lived in a *poteaux-en-terre* home built by Jean Baptiste Bequette in 1778. Alonzo Ribeau was drafted to serve during World War I. He was sent to the training base at Camp Funston, Kansas, which included segregated facilities for soldiers. Ribeau, along with his fellow African American soldiers at Camp Funston were organized into the 805th Pioneer Infantry, and were ordered overseas for service in France. The regiment crossed the United States by train and sailed for Europe via Camp Upton, New York. The outfit arrived in France in September 1918. Ribeau's regiment was inspected by General Pershing and came under fire in the Argonne Forest. Levi P. Ribeau was appointed to the Missouri Negro Industrial Commission in 1920, by Governor Frederick Gardner.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Family Papers
Biographical Material

Scope and Content Note:**Family Papers**

This series contains the personal family papers of the Ribeau family. The papers include correspondence, legal papers, and tax receipts. Most of the letters are addressed to Jane Ribeau and three of her children, Alonzo, Levi, and Anna. They generally concern family news, including accounts of Alonzo Ribeau's service in the United States Army during World War I. The series is arranged chronologically.

Biographical Material

This series consists of biographical research on the Ribeau family, collected by Alyssa M. Fallert of Sainte Genevieve. Fallert was particularly interested in the house in which the family lived.

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