



Mitchell Family Collection (R0151)

Collection Number: R0151

Collection Title: Mitchell Family Collection

Dates: circa 1917-1980

Creator: Schowalter, Ruth, 1926-2015

Abstract: The Mitchell Family Collection contains photocopies of reminiscences, newspaper clippings, and genealogical material concerning various members of the Mitchell family at Licking in Texas County, Missouri.

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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Donor Information: The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by Ruth Schowalter on July 28, 1982 (Accession No. RA0134).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Mitchell Family Collection can be found in the following collections:

Ray Family Papers (R1356)

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Biographical Note:

Sherrill Lewis Mitchell was born in 1832, in Tennessee to Spencer and Mary *Lewis* Mitchell. The family moved to Texas County, Missouri in the 1840s. Sherrill marriage Sarah Ann Bradford in the 1850s. Together they had eleven children, John H. James Spencer, Cornelius, Sherrill L., Mary Malinda, Albert, William, Martha, McDermott, Ruah, and Laura.

James Spencer was born in 1858, in Licking, Missouri. He married Mary Lydia Morris in 1879, and together they had four children; Stanley, Dorsey, Louis T., and Bessie Virginia. Bessie was born in 1891, in Texas County, Missouri. Bessie survived the 1917 tornado that tore through Texas County, Missouri near Licking. She married William C. Baxter and together they had a daughter, Norma Ruth. Norma Ruth, known as Ruth married Ralph E. Schowalter in 1954. Ruth died in 2015 and is buried in Rolla, Missouri.

Arrangement:

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

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains photocopies of reminiscences, newspaper clippings, and genealogical material concerning various members of the Mitchell family at Licking in Texas County, Missouri. Included are Bessie Mitchell Baxter's recollections of the Civil War and a tornado that touched down in 1917.

Container List:

Box 1 f. 1 Mitchell family papers, circa 1917-1980

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