

Information Sheet

R Gillioz, M. E. (Maurice Ernest), 1877-1962.
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M. E. Gillioz was born at Dillon in Phelps County, Missouri, the son of Swiss and French parents. He left home to take a job with the Santa Fe railroad; later he became foreman of a bridge and building gang on the Frisco railway. He left the Frisco's employ after twelve years to begin his own construction company. In 1914, Gillioz located in Monett, the city with which he would be associated for the rest of his life. He organized the Gillioz Company, Inc., which became one of the largest construction firms in southwestern Missouri. The company built the Blue Mountain Dam near Booneville, Arkansas, and the bridge at Fort Smith, the Medical Arts building and Gillioz Theater in Springfield, Missouri, viaducts in Kansas City, the Gillioz Theater in Monett, and many other highway, commercial, and civil projects. Gillioz was also involved in many other business enterprises in Monett, including a bank, clothing store, automobile dealership, implement company, paint shop, and office building. He was active in national Republican political circles and in local civic affairs, and was one of the most prominent citizens of Monett by the time of his death in 1962.

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- Folder 1: Biographical material, 1931-1962
- Folder 2: M. E. Gillioz Memorial Edition, *Monett Times*, 1950
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