



George Williams Papers (R1384)

Collection Number: R1384

Collection Title: George Williams Papers

Dates: 1892

Creator: Missouri Court System

Abstract: The George Williams Papers contain the testimonies for those who witnessed the murder of George Williams a deputy sheriff in Taney County, Missouri. He was killed by a mob in March 1892.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

George Williams was killed March 12, 1892, by an angry mob that gathered at the Forsyth jail, in Taney County, Missouri, during the murder trial of John W. Bright. Bright was accused of

killing his wife. George Williams appointed deputy sheriff, by Sheriff John L. Cook in November 1890, was unfortunate enough to be in the lead when the sheriff and other deputies ran to the jail to confront the mob. After a short exchange, the mob shot the deputy sheriff, killing him almost instantly. After the sheriff and other deputies retreated, the mob broke into the jail cell and murdered John W. Bright by hanging him.

Arrangement:

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

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of the testimony of individuals at the murder trial of George Williams who was murdered in Taney County, Missouri in March 1892. Those accused of the murder were George L. Taylor, Madison Day, D.F. McConkey, R.J. Isaacs, William Caudle, Lawson Cupp, Robert Stockstill, L.V. Baker, Charles Kinyon, Joseph Kinyon, A.L. Weatherman, Isaac Lewis, Samuel Weatherman, and F.H. Stockstill.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 Witness testimonies, 1892

Index:

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Baker, L.V.	1
Bowerman, J.L.	1
Breedon, J.H.	1
Caudle, William	1
Cook, John L.	1
Day, Madison	1
Forsyth (Mo.)	1
Friend, George	1
Isaacs, R.J.	1
Johnson, B.	1
Kinyon, Charles	1
Kinyon, Joseph	1
Lewis, Isaac	1
Lynching--Missouri	1
McConkey, D.F.	1
Middleton, J.W.	1
Oupp, Lawson	1
Ray, J.N.	1
Snapp, William	1
Stockstill, F.H.	1
Stockstill, Robert	1

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Taney County (Mo.)	1
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