



William C. Hornbeak Papers (R1387)

Collection Number: R1387

Collection Title: William C. Hornbeak Papers

Dates: 1874

Creator: Hornbeak, William C., 1835-1902

Abstract: The William C. Hornbeak papers consist of a copy of an election circular asking the voters of Greene County, Missouri to vote November 3, 1874, for W.C. Hornbeak, who was running for the office of Greene County collector.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Material: Additional materials related to the William C. Hornbeak Papers can be found in the following collections:

William C. Hornbeak Papers (C0118)

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Historical Note:

William Carol Hornbeak was born January 18, 1835, in Tennessee, the son of James T. Hornbeak and Sally Johnson. Hornbeak married Georgia Oliver in 1860, and together they had six children. In 1861 he moved to Springfield, Missouri where he clerked in a dry goods store owned by the Vinton brothers, and was eventually made partner. He served in the Civil War in Phelps regiment, where he held a quartermaster position. The Governor Edwards appointed him to the position of Bank Commissioner in 1862. After the war, Hornbeak moved to Davenport, Iowa, and opened a merchandising business. By 1870, Hornbeak moved back to Springfield, Missouri and with his business partner W.H. Graves, sold merchandise in Springfield. Four years later, John Oliver bought Grave's portion of the business and became Hornbeak's new partner. Hornbeak was very active in the community, serving on the city council, he worked in banking toward the formation of a National Bank, and also lobbied on behalf of the railroad industry. He ran for the office of Greene County collector in 1874, but lost. In 1875, his wife Georgia passed away. The next year, Hornbeak married Florence Reed, and together they had one child. William Hornbeak died on June 29, 1902, at the age of 67. He is buried in Hazelwood Cemetery in Springfield.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged as one item in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

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Container List:

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