



McDole and Meredith Families Photograph Collection (R1482)

Collection Number: R1482

Collection Title: McDole and Meredith Families Photograph Collection

Dates: 1850-1880

Creator: McDole and Meredith Families

Abstract: The McDole and Meredith Families Photograph Collection contains photographs of Joseph Edwin McDole and Mary Meredith's families. The couple married in 1869. Mary was born in Wales to John Meredith and Mary Hughes but immigrated to the United States when she was around two years old. Ed and Mary lived near the Maramec Iron Works, in Phelps County, Missouri, for their entire lives.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(1 folder, 27 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

John Edward McDole (1815-1879) was one of the first foremen at the Maramec Iron Works in Phelps County, Missouri. He and his first wife, Elizabeth Rogers, were married in 1840 and moved from Ross County, Ohio, to the Maramec Iron Works in 1845. John and Elizabeth had three children: Adelia, who died young, Joseph Edwin McDole (1843-1907), and Marian “Mellie” Jemima McDole (1845-1915).

Joseph Edwin McDole, better known as “Ed,” married Mary Meredith in 1869, who was born in Wales to John Meredith and Mary Hughes but immigrated to the United States when she was around two years old. The couple had six children: John Orion (1870-1946), Otto Meredith (1872-1951), Olive Kate (1875-1949), Olivia Edwina (1878-1966), Oma Edith (1880-1959), and William Owen (1882- 1979). Ed and Mary lived near the Maramec Iron Works for their entire lives; she died in 1915.

Marian J. McDole, better known as “Mellie,” married Oliver Perry Twitchell (1843-1906) in October of 1865. They had eleven children: John Calvin (1866-), Mary Mathilda (1868-), Ennis Sylvester (1870-1903), Perry Amer (?), William Eldon (1875-1961), Jeanette Elizabeth “Nettie” (1877-1954), Clara Maude Berschauer (1879-1954), Jesse Barker (?), Jerome (1884-1951), Edwin Hardy (?), and Lelia Catherine “Kate” Heston (1888-1924).

Elizabeth Rogers McDole, John E. McDole’s wife, died in 1848. He remarried in 1852 to Martha Collins, who died in childbirth in 1858. The couple had four children: Herbert Scott McDole (1854-1919), Martha Gertrude Arthur (1855-1914), Newton Asbury McDole (1857-1941), and John O. McDole (1858-1922). In the 1860 census, the children were living with their maternal grandparents, Joseph H. and Rebekka J. Collins, in Steeleville, Missouri.

In 1866, John E. McDole remarried again, this time to Sicely Anna Roberts Bryant. This union also resulted in six children: George W. (1867-1940), Ada J. McDole Walters (1868-1927), Cora A. (1870-), William (1871-1919), Martha Blanch “Mattie,” (1875-1896), and Charles A. (1877-1956). In 1870, John's three youngest children with Martha Collins were living in the home with him and Sicely and their 3 oldest children.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Photographs

Scope and Content Note:

Photographs

This series contains photographs related to the Meredith and McDole families. Mary Meredith was John E. McDole’s first wife from 1840-1848. The couple had three children. Most of the

photographs are of Meredith and McDole family members as children and young adults. It seems that some of the images may be of members of the Meredith family line that remained in Wales.

Container List:

Photographs

Box 001 f. 1 Family photographs, 1850s-1880s

Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Cady, Ellen	1	Yes
Costello, Henry, -1875	1	Yes
Maramec Iron Works, St. James, Missouri	1	
McDole Twitchell, Marian "Mellie" Jemima, 1845-1915	1	Yes
McDole Wilson, Ola	1	Yes
McDole, Arthur	1	Yes
McDole, Jennie	1	Yes
McDole, John O., 1859-1922	1	Yes
McDole, John Orion, 1870-1946	1	Yes
McDole, Olive K., 1875-1949	1	Yes
McDole, Otto Meredith, 1872-1951	1	Yes
McDole, William Owen, 1882-1979	1	Yes
Meredith, Annie	1	Yes
Meredith, Daniel	1	Yes
Meredith, Edith	1	Yes
Meredith, Esther	1	Yes
Meredith, John	1	Yes
Meredith, Lizzie, 1899-	1	Yes
Meredith, Mamie	1	Yes
Meredith, Norma	1	Yes
Paulson, Thora	1	Yes
Phelps County (Mo.)	1	
Spradling Moore, Alice Ida, 1878-1960	1	Yes
Twitchell, Ennis Sylvester, 1870-1903	1	Yes
Twitchell, Jerome, 1884-1951	1	Yes
Twitchell, William Eldon, 1875-1961	1	Yes
Wallace, Mollie	1	Yes