



William Damron Papers (SP0001)

Collection Number: SP0001

Collection Title: William Damron Papers

Dates: 1905-1914

Creator: Damron, William, 1853-1923

Abstract: The William Damron Papers consist of the diary of William Moses Damron, a Freewill Baptist minister in Jasper County. They detail his certification as a Freewill Baptist Minister, his calculations for mileage, notations for his sermons, and dates on which he preached.

Collection Size: .25 cubic feet
(4 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

William Moses Damron was born in Pike County, Kentucky, on March 9, 1853, the son of William Damron and Rutha Pike. He married Virginia "Jennie" Davis sometime prior to the 1880 census. William and Virginia lived for a time in Ohio and Kentucky before settling in Joplin in 1887, where he worked as an itinerant preacher for the Freewill Baptist Church of Southwest Missouri. In the 1910 census his profession is listed as farmer, and he dug the occasional grave for extra income. According to family stories, William loved music. He played in a cornet band and prepared at least one sermon about music in worship. William Damron died September 23, 1923.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into four folders and maintains the original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers consist of the diary of William Moses Damron. The diary records his duties as a Freewill Baptist minister in Jasper County, including his certification as a minister, his calculations for mileage, notations for his sermons, and dates on which he preached.

Container List:

- f. 1 Diary cover, 1914
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- f. 3 Certificates, 1891-1925
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