



## Mabrey Family Papers (SP0018)

**Collection Number:** SP0018

**Collection Title:** Mabrey Family Papers

**Dates:** 1854-1964

**Creator:** Mabrey, Henry, 1836-1915

**Abstract:** The Mabrey family papers consist of the diaries and letters of Henry Yeakley Mabrey and his son, George Henry Mabrey.

**Collection Size:** .4 cubic foot  
(69 folders, 2 photographs)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Related Materials:** Additional Materials related to the Mabrey Family Papers can be found in the following collection:

*Bangert Family Papers* (SP0008)

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**Biographical Note:**

Henry Yeakely Mabrey was born December 3, 1836, in Randolph County, Indiana. He was the son of Cornelius Mabrey III and Mary Yeakley. He was a teacher by trade, but his career was interrupted by the Civil War. Henry volunteered as a private in Company B-12th Missouri State Militia Cavalry and rose to rank of sergeant. On August 21, 1862, he was transferred to Company H of the 31st Missouri Volunteer Infantry and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. He did scouting in Southeast Missouri and took part in the St. Francoisville skirmish on February 24, 1862, and the skirmish at Greeneville on July 20, 1862. He also spent forty days within range of Confederate batteries and sharpshooters at the siege of Vicksburg. Due to chronic illness, he resigned from the army and returned home. Once home he married Sarah Jane Green, a widow, and together they had six children.

In 1860, Henry was elected commissioner of public schools of Wayne County, Missouri. In 1878, he was elected superintendent of public schools in Wayne County. He served terms as justice of the peace in both Bollinger and Wayne Counties. Other positions included six years as public administrator of Wayne County and two four-year terms as probate judge of Wayne County. In 1882, Henry became an ordained minister and served as pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist church. Henry passed away in 1915.

Henry's second son was George Mabrey, born in 1871. On February 7, 1897, he married Miss Esther J. Bennett and together they had four sons and five daughters. Two of the children died in infancy. The surviving children included Henry Frank Mabrey, Georgia Ruth Mabrey, Carlos Burton Mabrey, Elizabeth Mabrey, Nell Mabrey, Mary E. Mabrey, and Walter Mabrey. George worked as a teacher in the Wayne County public schools for thirty years. He retired in 1943, and spent his twilight years living with his daughter Nell and her husband Herb Bangert. George died in 1964 at the age of 93.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Henry  
George

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Henry**

This series consists of the letters, diaries and Civil War record of Henry Yeakely Mabrey. The records include his Civil War Diary as well as an incident in which Henry shot a man in 1876 in a neighborly dispute. They have been arranged in chronological order.

**George**

This series consists of the letters and diaries of George Henry Mabrey. George's letters include family correspondence and photographs of the Mabrey family and cousins. They have been arranged chronologically.

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