



Eisenmayer Family Papers (SP0032)

Collection Number: SP0032

Collection Title: Eisenmayer Family Papers

Dates: 1906-1983

Creator: Eisenmayer, Andrew, 1861-1935

Abstract: The Eisenmayer Family Papers consist of documents pertaining to the Eisenmayer Mill in Springfield, Missouri. Andrew Eisenmayer owned and operated the mill at the beginning of the twentieth century. The collection also includes examples of the flour sacks used by the company, newspaper clippings pertaining to the family and other materials discussing the history of Springfield.

Collection Size: .5 cubic foot
(18 folders, 11 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at springfield@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Betty Eisenmayer Schuster on May 1, 2018 (Accession No. SPA0038).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Eisenmayer Family Papers can be found in the following collections:

Eisenmayer Milling Co., Books, 1890-1902, (C2326)

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Biographical Note:

Andrew Jackson Eisenmayer was born in 1861 at Mascoutah, Illinois, the son of a German miller who was also a Methodist preacher. He attended college at the University of Illinois where he studied engineering. Shortly after graduation in 1884, at the age of 23, he moved to Springfield, Missouri to manage a mill his father had recently purchased there. In the beginning the mill consisted of a small wooden elevator and plant with a daily capacity of 200 barrels of flour. By the 1930s the mill was a massive concrete and steel structure filled with modern machinery and capable of an output of 1,000 barrels a day. The mill was located on West Commercial Street.

In 1890 he married Celia Heer, the sister of F.X. Heer and owner of the Heers' store. Together they had five children including two sons and three daughters. During his career Eisenmayer was very active in civic affairs and is credited with helping unite the communities of North Springfield and Springfield, by acting as an intermediary between the two. Seven years after arriving in Springfield he became a member of the City Council and was sworn in on April 8, 1890 for a two year term. He also unsuccessfully ran for mayor. In addition to the mill, in 1927 Eisenmayer became director of the Southern Missouri Trust Company which he managed until his death. He also was the owner of two farms, one near Strafford and the other near Galloway. Eventually he turned management of the mill over to his son Walter so he could focus on these other matters. On March 28, 1935 Eisenmayer tended to business matters before playing a round of golf at the Hickory Hills country club. He complained of feeling poorly and died later that afternoon at the home of his son, Walter. The cause of death was a heart ailment. He was 74 years old and was buried in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Eisenmayer Mill
Andrew Eisenmayer
Springfield History
Oversize

Scope and Content Note:

Eisenmayer Mill

This series includes photographs of the Eisenmayer mill, articles about the mill, and examples of flour sacks used by the company. The series is arranged by format of material.

Andrew Eisenmayer

This series includes information about Andrew Eisenmayer throughout his career and includes articles written about him and a copy of his obituary.

Springfield History

This series includes information about the history of Springfield, most of which are in the form of newspaper clippings. Also of note is a pristine copy of the *Springfield, Missouri Merchants and Manufacturer's Record* published in 1906. Also included is a booklet purchased at the showing of *Birth of a Nation* when it played in Springfield on December 6-8, 1915, at the Landers Theater.

Oversize

This series contains an aerial photograph of the Eisenmayer Mill as well as oversize publications featuring stories about the mill.

Container List:

f. 1-9	Eisenmayer Mill
Box 001	f. 1 Eisenmayer Mill photographs, no date
	f. 2 Eisenmayer Mill stationary, no date
	f. 3 <i>Modern Miller</i> articles, 1897, 1900
	f. 4 Mill newspaper clippings, 1939, 1948
	f. 5 Bleached flour bag, paper, no date
	f. 6 Flour bag bleached white flour, 12 pounds, cloth, no date
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	f. 8 Bag-Baby chick scratch, cloth, no date
	f. 9 Flour sack-pastry flour 48 pounds, cloth, no date
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