



**Knight Family Collection
(SP0082)**

Collection Number: SP0082

Collection Title: Knight Family Collection

Dates: 1897-1923

Creator: Knight Family

Abstract: The Knight Family Collection contains a scrapbook created by Pansy Knight, as well as photographs and glass plate negatives. This collection also contains the notebooks and professional papers of Springfield, Missouri, photographer, Carl W. Knight.

Collection Size: 1 cubic foot
(8 folders, 12 photographs, 32 glass plate negatives)

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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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Knight Family Collection* (SP0082); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Paul W. Christopher on July 19, 2016 (Accession No. CA6457).

Alternate Forms Available: Digital images of this collection are available online at the State Historical Society of Missouri Digital Collections: <https://digital.shsmo.org>

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Knight Family Collection can be found in the following collections:

[Kucker Studio Co. Photographs](#) (P1072)

[Paul Christopher Collection of Carl W. Knight Photographs](#) (0321)

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Biographical Note:

Pansy Maude Knight was born on February 24, 1887, in Koshkonong, Missouri, to Wells George and Emma (Lamb) Knight. Pansy had two brothers, Carl Wells and Harry Hazleton. The family moved to Springfield, Missouri, where she attended Springfield High School. Pansy was a member Westminster Southern Presbyterian Church (later Tabernacle Presbyterian) and the Christian Endeavor Society. In the late 1920s, Pansy, Carl, and their mother moved to Los Angeles, California, where she worked as a bookkeeper. Pansy died on February 2, 1979, in Los Angeles, California.

Carl Wells Knight was born on March 24, 1885, in Koshkonong, Missouri, to Wells George and Emma *Lamb* Knight. After moving to Springfield with his family, he became a member of the Westminster Southern Presbyterian Church (later Tabernacle Presbyterian). Carl worked as a photographer for L. S. Kucker at Kucker Studio, located at 425 St. Louis Street. He moved to Los Angeles, California, in the late 1920s and worked for Stuart Studio. Later, he operated a photography studio in San Diego called Trease-Knight Studio with his business partner Sherman Trease. Carl died on June 15, 1984, in Los Angeles, California.

Westminster Southern Presbyterian Church was located at the northeast corner of South Jefferson and Elm in Springfield, Missouri. In 1915, the church disbanded and reorganized as the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. A wooden tabernacle was erected on the southwest corner of National Boulevard and Cherry. Church ministers included Rev. Grayson L. Tucker, Rev. C. J. Allen, Rev. W. Hopper Adams, Rev. W. Bruce Doyle, Rev. John Crockett, Dr. William H. Butler, and Dr. F. W. Bosch. In 1920, the wooden building was demolished and on May 17, 1921, the cornerstone for the new church building was laid. In 1936, the church voted to change its name back to Westminster Presbyterian. On December 15, 1963, the last service was held at the National and Cherry location before the building was razed. Today, Westminster Presbyterian Church is located at 1551 East Portland Street.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into eight folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection includes a scrapbook, a photo album, photographs, photography business records, and glass plate negatives. The scrapbook was created by Pansy Knight and contains newspaper clippings, ephemera, and photographs of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Missouri. The scrapbook also contains photographs of Springfield, and Pansy's family and friends. The loose photographs and corresponding negatives are of Pansy and her family members. The photo album was created by Pansy's niece, who is unidentified, and contains photographs of Grand Rapids, Michigan, during the 1910s.

The photography records are related to Carl W. Knight's photography career and education, including notes on chemicals and best practices for developing photographs. Also included are photography publications and convention booklets. Of particular note is a St. Louis newspaper titled *The News Monger*, dated 1897, and an issue of *The Missouri Valley Photographer* from

October 1918. The collection also contains glass plate negatives created by Carl W. Knight. Most of the glass plates are portraits of unidentified men and women. Other images include views of downtown Springfield, as well as an exterior and interior image of Marvel Cave in Taney County, Missouri.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1-3	Scrapbook, 1902-1922
	f. 4	Photographs, no date
	f. 5	Photo album, ca. 1910s
	f. 6	Carl W. Knight photography records, 1914-1923
	f. 7	Photography publications, 1897-1913
Box 002	f. 8	Glass plate negatives, no date

Index:

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Alabastine Company (Grand Rapids, Mich.)	5	Yes
Christian Endeavor Society (Springfield, Mo.)	1-3	Yes
Churches--Missouri--Greene County	1-3	Yes
Doling Park (Springfield, Mo.)	3	Yes
Drury University (Springfield, Mo.)	1	
Eastman Kodak Company	6	
Greene County (Mo.)	1-3, 6, 8	Yes
Highland Park (Mich.)	5	Yes
Hollister (Mo.)	2	Yes
Jackson County (Mo.)	6-7	
Japan	1	Yes
Kansas City (Mo.)	6-7	
Kansas City (Mo.)--Maps	6	
Kansas City Photographic Supply Company (Kansas City, Mo.)	6-7	
Knight, Carl Wells, 1885-1984	1-3, 6	Yes
Knight, Pansy Maude, 1887-1979	1-4	Yes
Kucker Studio Company (Springfield, Mo.)	6	
Kucker, Lee S., 1867-1949	6	
Lake Michigan	5	Yes
Marvel Cave (Mo.)	8	Yes
Michigan	5	Yes
Michigan Soldiers' Home	5	Yes
Missouri Photographers' Association	7	
Ottawa Beach Hotel (Ottawa Beach, Mich.)	5	Yes
Photographers' Association of America	7	
Photographers--Missouri	6-7	

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Springfield (Mo.)	1-3, 6, 8	Yes
St. Louis (Mo.)	7	
St. Louis County (Mo.)	7	
Tabernacle Presbyterian Church (Springfield, Mo.)	1-3	Yes
Taney County (Mo.)	2, 8	Yes
Tennessee	3	
Westminster College (Fulton, Mo.)	1	
Westminster Southern Presbyterian Church (Springfield, Mo.)	1-3	Yes
Young Men's Christian Association (Springfield, Mo.)	1	Yes