



Ranslow and Burger Families Papers (SP0089)

Collection Number: SP0089

Collection Title: Ranslow and Burger Families Papers

Dates: 1862-1939

Creator: Ranslow and Burger families

Abstract: The Ranslow and Burger Families Papers consist of correspondence, photographs, and personal papers of the Ranslow and Burger families of Christian and Taney counties in Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic foot
(7 folders, 19 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

George Parmelee Ranslow was born in Georgia, Vermont, on August 11, 1832, to George W. and Amanda (Parmelee) Ranslow. After moving to Allen, Iowa, Ranslow married Emma Steele on October 23, 1857. The couple had three children: May, Courtland, and Minnie. Ranslow enlisted in the Army on August 26, 1862, as a Union soldier in the 1st Regiment Iowa Calvary

during the Civil War. He was stationed in various locations including Camp Arcadia near Pilot Knob, Missouri, and Little Rock, Arkansas. Ranslow mustered out on November 30, 1864, due to a disability. In December of 1891, the Ranslow family moved to Christian County, Missouri, where they homesteaded a farm three miles southwest of Garrison. Ranslow worked as the superintendent of Surratt Sunday School for twenty-two years before passing away on July 22, 1917. Emma Ranslow died in 1925; the couple were interred at Garrison Cemetery.

Courtland Ward Ranslow was born in Allen, Iowa, on February 21, 1861, to George P. and Emma (Steele) Ranslow. He moved to Garrison, Missouri, with his family in 1891, where he later worked as secretary for Surratt Sunday School. Ranslow also wrote articles related to farming and agriculture for *Missouri Valley Farmer*, *Farmers Mail and Breeze*, and *Missouri Ruralist*. Courtland Ranslow died in 1938 and was interred at Garrison Cemetery.

Minnie Amanda Ranslow was born in Allen, Iowa, on January 26, 1871, to George P. and Emma (Steele) Ranslow. After moving to Garrison, Missouri, with her family in 1891, Minnie worked as a teacher at Surratt Sunday School. She died at her home in Garrison on March 22, 1957, and was the last surviving member of her family. She was interred at Garrison Cemetery. The Ranslow homestead was left to Minnie's close friends, Eva (Mills) Burger and Virginia (Mills) Bohm.

John George Burger, Jr., was born in Germany on April 3, 1844, to John George and Christine Louise (Schneider) Burger. The family immigrated to the United States in 1853, first settling in Marshall, Illinois. John enlisted in the Army in 1861 and fought for the Union in Company C, 62nd Illinois Infantry. He served four years and three months. John married Mary Anna Maier on June 6, 1867, and the couple had thirteen children. The Burger family left Illinois in 1891 and moved to Swan, Missouri, in Taney County, where they maintained a large farm. John George Burger, Jr., died in Billings, Missouri, on November 4, 1920, followed by Anna who died on March 29, 1930. John and Anna are buried in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery in Sparta, Missouri.

Noah Ernest Burger was born in Marshall, Illinois, on October 9, 1882, to John George Burger, Jr., and Mary Anna Maier. Noah moved to Swan, Missouri, with his family, and then to Garrison, Missouri, where he married Eva Mills on July 5, 1911. During World War I, Noah served in the Medical Corps at Fort Riley in Kansas. After the war, Noah and Eva moved to Springfield, Missouri, where Noah worked as a postal clerk before retiring in 1952. The couple were members of the "Gospel Singers" musical group and were featured on KWTO radio in Springfield. Noah died on February 20, 1974, followed by Eva on December 31, 1984. Noah and Eva are buried in the International Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery in Sparta, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into seven folders:

Scope and Content Note:

The Ranslow and Burger Family Papers contain correspondence, photographs and personal papers of the Ranslow and Burger families of Christian and Taney counties in Missouri. The George P. Ranslow correspondence includes letters to George's wife, Emma, detailing his experiences as a Union soldier during the Civil War. Additional Ranslow family correspondence consists of letters sent to Courtland and Minnie Ranslow during the early 20th century. The

majority of photographs are of unidentified individuals, with a large portion being printed as tintypes. The images that are identified are of Burger family members. The papers of Noah Ernest Burger contain a program schedule with a list of names, as well as financial notes. Of particular note, is a page from the Missouri Independent Order of Odd Fellows newspaper, *Triple Link*, which was published by the Jewell Family in Springfield, Missouri, between 1893 to 1910. The maps from World War I include locations of battles throughout Europe, as well as images from the war. The folders are arranged by subject and then chronologically.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	George P. Ranslow correspondence, 1863-1864
	f. 2	Ranslow family correspondence, 1903-1939
	f. 3	N. E. Burger papers, 1903
	f. 4	Photographs, 1862-1930, no date
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	f. 7	World War I maps, 1918

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