

C Knipmeyer, Gilbert (1892-1981), Papers, 1861-1968  
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#### INTRODUCTION

The papers of a former state archivist for the Secretary of State in Jefferson City, Missouri, and amateur Civil War historian. The papers contain correspondence, research material, newspaper clippings and some photographs. The majority of the collection consists of Civil War research material.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Roy Wahlers on 11 December 1981 (Accession No. 2396). An addition was made on 24 March 1982 by Roy Wahlers (Accession No. 2407).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Gilbert Knipmeyer was born on December 14, 1892. From 1912-1926, he attended the University of Minnesota; Johns Hopkins University; Stanford University; Yale University and the University of Chicago. He was appointed Professor of English at Tarkio College in 1926, and worked as a cataloger at the University of Chicago Library from 1927-1932. He worked as an archivist for the Missouri Secretary of State from 1936-1962, and as a cataloger for the John G. Neihardt Collection at the University of Missouri from 1963-1966. Knipmeyer was also the archivist for the Missouri National Guard, where he wrote articles on the American Civil War. Gilbert Knipmeyer died in 1981.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the following 6 series:

**Booklists**  
**Civil War Research Material**  
**Correspondence**  
**Articles**  
**Philosophical Extracts**  
**Oversize**

The **Booklists** series contains a listing of books Gilbert Knipmeyer planned on reading as part of his research.

The **Civil War Research Material** series consists of material pertaining to the American Civil War, and was used in both articles written for the Missouri National Guard and in preparation for a book. This section consists primarily of transcribed material from cited works, but does contain some original documents and military papers from the Civil War period.

The **Correspondence** series contains letters related to various historical topics, along with letters written by Knipmeyer to various book dealers and publishing companies. Also included is correspondence from John G. Neihardt. The Knipmeyer and Neihardt correspondence covers the 1930s through the 1960s.

The **Articles** series consists of newspaper clippings regarding Civil War research, the continued need for a State Archivist, obituaries, an article on the Diamond Anniversary of the Honey Creek Lutheran Church, and an article by Knipmeyer written for the *Missouri Guardsman*. The articles cover the period 1945-1968.

The **Philosophical Extracts** series consists of statements made by notable individuals throughout history, from ancient times to the twentieth century.

The **Oversize** series consists of one pencil drawing by E. B. Neal showing a person holding archival materials.

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