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Introduction

The Davidson-Mills Family Papers include letters, cards, photographs, physician’s records, and ephemera of two Worth County, Missouri, families, circa 1880s-1970s.

Biographical Sketch

Oliver Perry Morton Mills was born in Indiana on June 21, 1863, to Margaret and David Mills. The family moved to Worth County, Missouri, in 1871. He graduated from the Marion Simms College of Medicine in St. Louis in 1892 and set up practice in Parnell, Missouri, and then Grant City. Mills married Junie E. Davidson on July 10, 1889, and the couple had three daughters, Margaret, Elizabeth and Katherine. Junie was born March 25, 1870, to Simeon and Sarah Davidson in Sheridan, Missouri, and became a teacher in northwest Missouri. O.P.M. Mills died from injuries sustained in a car accident on September 21, 1929, and Junie died September 15, 1973, at the age of 103. Both Margaret Mills and Sarah Davidson lived with the couple before their deaths.

Box List

Box 1
- Greeting cards (3 folders)
- Postcards
- Autograph book, 1880, 1882
- Account books, ledger, c1890s-1920s
- Lecture tickets, 1891-1892
- Miscellaneous publications (2 folders)
- Miscellaneous (3 folders)
- Davidson-Mills family photos (3 folders)

Box 2
- Davidson-Mills family photos (7 folders)
- Ledger books, Dr. O.P.M. Mills, 1875 (2)
- Simeon Davidson estate inventory, 1901 (1 ledger book)

Box 3
- Worth County, Missouri, birth and death records, 1923-1926
- Prescriptions, physicians notes, 1905-1906
- Inventory of narcotics, 1920s
- Dr. Office Day books, 1894, 1901, 1902
- Mills family miscellaneous, programs, certificates, clippings, etc.
- Mills family correspondence, 1917-1930s (7 folders)
Box 4
Dr. O.P.M. Mills correspondence, 1880s-1890s, one ledger book
Dr. O.P.M. Mills receipts, 1900-1901
Dr. O.P.M. Mills election to Worth County School Commissioner, 1887-1889
Dr. O.P.M. Mills invitations and programs
Winterton C. Curtis, scholarly writings
Benjamin De Boer, scholarly writings
De Boer family cards 1930s-1940s (2 folders)
Katherine Mills correspondence, 1920s (2 folders)
Katherine Mills programs, church information
Katherine Mills poetry and English assignments

Box 5
Katherine Mills school records
Junie E. Mills birthday cards, 1970 (2 folders)
Junie E. Mills birthday guest book, 1970
Junie E. Mills birthday cards, 1971 (3 folders)
Junie E. Mills birthday cards, 1972 (2 folders)
Junie E. Mills birthday guest book, 1972
Junie E. Mills miscellaneous (2 folders)

Box 6
Junie E. Mills condolence cards, 1973
Junie E. Mills funeral guest book, 1973
Sarah Davidson correspondence, 1899-1930s (9 folders)
Sarah Davidson holiday cards, 1920s (2 folders)

Box 7
Sarah Davidson holiday cards, 1930s (3 folders)
Sarah Davidson holiday postcards (2 folders)
Postcards
Souvenir travel books
Davidson family invitations and announcements
Davidson family records, programs, misc.
Davidson family newspaper clippings on
Sarah Davidson memorial book, 1937
1897-1898, Missouri State Officers souvenir book