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Introduction
The papers of a St. Joseph, Missouri, family include the correspondence of Charles B. France (1900-1928), Gladys France, Albert France, and Sara France Pratt, as well as miscellaneous France and McDonald family material. Much of the correspondence is written by Charles B. France from Paris in the 1920s.

Biographical Sketch
Sarah Donnell McDonald was the mother of Martha McDonald. Martha McDonald married Charles B. France (1835-1895) and together they had four children: Sara M., Charles B. (1868-1893), Robert D., and Albert. Sara M. France married Charles Pratt. Robert France married Lenore Corbitt and they had three children together: Charles B. (1900-1928), Gladys, and Sarah. Charles B. France died in Paris in November 1928.

Scope and Content Note
The papers largely consist of the papers of Charles B. (1900-1928) and Gladys France. Also included is correspondence from their aunt, Sara France Pratt, and their uncle, Albert France, and miscellaneous material.

For additional information on the France family, please see the following collections:

- France, Charles B. (1835-1895), Papers, 1856-1890 (C1012)
- France, Martha M. and Sara M., Papers, 1878-1905 (C0874).

Box List

Box 1
Memoir by Sarah McDonald, 1887
Funeral program, Sarah McDonald, 1906
“The Story of a Family,” Erwin C. Hargrove
Letters from Sara and Albert France to Charles B. and Gladys, 1910s-1920s [2 folders]
Letters home from Gladys France
Letters to/from Gladys France (some from Paris) [2 folders]

Box 2
Letters to Gladys/miscellaneous
Diary and notebook, Gladys France, 1920s
Letters to/from Charles B. France, 1921-1928, n.d. [6 folders]
Miscellaneous