INTRODUCTION
The papers consist of drafts for Our Hero Was by Elijah Milton McGee. Our Hero is an account of McGee’s trip to California in 1843. Letters and other documents relating to McGee supplement the collection.

DONOR INFORMATION
The collection was donated to the University of Missouri as part of the collection of the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City on 7/17/1990 (Accession No. KA0590).

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HISTORICAL SKETCH
Elijah Milton McGee was born May 10, 1818. As told in his autobiography, McGee traveled to California in 1843 and returned to Kansas City to invest in 240 acres, extending the city further south. McGee served as mayor of Kansas City from 1870-1871.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The papers consist of multiple drafts of Our Hero Was by Elijah Milton McGee. The papers also include biographies of McGee’s California travel companions, a short story by Eugene Whitmore, and correspondence concerning McGee. All notes on McGee’s California travel companions as well as correspondences on McGee’s life have duplicates.

PREFERRED CITATION
Specific item; box number; folder number; Elijah Milton McGee Papers (K0471); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

FOLDER LIST

f. 1 Drafts of Elijah McGee’s autobiography, 1843.
   Draft of Our Hero Was, 1843 (photocopy)
   Draft of Our Hero Was, n.d. (typed)
   Draft of Our Hero Was, 1843 (original)
   Envelope holding McGee’s autobiography from 1843, n.d.
账户：Elijah McGee’s autobiography and character notes, 1949, n.d.

Manuscript of Elijah McGee’s autobiography, n.d.
Notes on Samuel J. Hensley and John J. Myers, n.d. (copy 1)
Notes on Samuel J. Hensley and John J. Myers, n.d. (copy 2)
Notes from Prairie Schooner Detours by Irene Paden, 1949 (copy 1)
Notes from Prairie Schooner Detours by Irene Paden, 1949 (copy 2)
Draft (typed) of *Billion Dollar Handshake* by Eugene Whitmore, n.d. (copy 1)
Draft (typed) of *Billion Dollar Handshake* by Eugene Whitmore, n.d. (copy 2)

Letter from Georgia W. Read to George Green, 1946
Letter to Georgia W. Read, 1946
Letter from Georgia W. Read to James Anderson, 1946
Letter to Georgia W. Read, 1946
Letter to Georgia W. Read, 1946
Letter to James Anderson from Georgia W. Read, 1947
Letter to Georgia Read, 1947
Letter to James Anderson from Ruth Gaines, 1947
Letter to James Anderson from Ruth Gaines, 1947
Letter to Ruth Gaines from James Anderson, 1947
Miscellaneous memorandum, n.d.
Letter to Kansas City Star Editor from Rosena Giles, 1950
Letter to Rosina Giles from James Anderson, 1950
Ephemera for Shasta Centennial Committee, 1950
Ephemera for Shasta Centennial Celebration, 1950
Letter to James Anderson from Rosena Giles, 1950
Letter to Irene Paden from James Anderson, 1950
Letter to James Anderson from Irene Paden, 1950

LOCATION NOTE
The papers are stored onsite.

SUBJECT TERMS
Autobiographies
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