INTRODUCTION
The papers consist of documents, photographs, and artifacts related to the World War I military service of Max Freidberg. The papers also include the naturalization certificate of Benno Freidberg.

DONOR INFORMATION
The papers were donated by Jerry Freidberg to the State Historical Society of Missouri on 5/17/2011 (Accession No. KA1972).

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BIOGRAPHY
Benno Freidberg, an immigrant from Russia, became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1911. His naturalization papers lists his wife Olga and the couple’s children: Max, Bettie, Julius, and Naftel Freidberg.

Max Freidberg served in the Oklahoma Guards of Washington County for several months in early 1918 before joining the United States Army on July 22, 1918. Freidberg served at a hospital in Commercy, France, until early July 1919. He returned to the United States and was discharged on August 16, 1919.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The papers primarily consist of documents, photographs, and artifacts related to the World War I military service of Max Freidberg, including a diary and military tags. The papers also include Benno Freidberg’s naturalization certificate, a 1928 edition of the Manual of the United States for the Information of Immigrants and Foreigners, a copy of Walter Compton’s broadcast of the Franklin D. Roosevelt funeral service in 1945, and some correspondence. The papers are roughly arranged in chronological order.

PREFERRED CITATION
Specific item; box number; folder number; Max Freidberg (1891-1973) Papers (K1073); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

FOLDER LIST
f. 1 Benno Freidberg certificate of naturalization, 1911
f. 2 Max Freidberg military documents, 1918-1919
   Washington County, Oklahoma, Home Guards, 7/22/1918
   Order of Induction into Military Service, 7/22/1918
   Selective Service classification card, 1918
   Honorable Discharge from the Army, 8/16/1919
f. 3 World War I diary and military tags, 1918-1919
f. 4 World War I photographs, 1918-1919
f. 5 Manual of the United States for the Information of Immigrants and Foreigners, 1928
f. 6 Max Freidberg verification of citizenship, 1937
f. 7 Walter Compton’s broadcast of the Roosevelt funeral service – signed copy, 1945
f. 8 Correspondence with the Veterans Administration Hospital re: Freidberg, 1973

LOCATION NOTE
The papers are stored offsite (121198) and will need to be retrieved before viewing.

SUBJECT TERMS

Diaries
Emigration and immigration
Immigrant families
World War, 1914-1918