This is the field notebook of Horace Monroe Parrish, a surveyor in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri. Following the Civil War, Parrish was employed by the circuit court to inventory lands in the estate of Daniel D. Berry, and by the city of Springfield to resurvey lands around the town square donated by John Polk Campbell.

Horace Monroe Parrish was a native of Logan County, Kentucky. The U.S. Census of 1860 shows him as a surveyor living in Springfield, Missouri, on St. Louis street. Parrish was engaged in 1866 to inventory the lands in the estate of Daniel D. Berry as a result of a partition suit brought by his heirs. The original records burned when the old Greene County courthouse was destroyed in 1861. In 1869, along with Isaac N. Jones and the city engineer, Parrish reestablished section corners around the city square, and Parrish resurveyed the land originally donated to the county by John Polk Campbell, and which were the first town lots in the city of Springfield.

Parrish’s notebook contains notes on both the Berry and Campbell investigations. Also included are abstracts of deeds to and from John Polk Campbell, and abstracts of deeds on town properties to 1871. Miscellaneous notes on deeds are filmed at the end of the volume.

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