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INTRODUCTION

The Scott Family Papers consist of correspondence, photographs and miscellaneous documents relating to the Lindsey-Kemp-Reeder family of Ohio and the Scott family of Columbia, Missouri, including the Civil War correspondence of William L. Kemp and the World War I correspondence of future University of Missouri professor D.R. Scott.

DONOR INFORMATION

The Scott Papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Ursula M. Scott, daughter-in-law of D.R. Scott, on December 20, 1994 (Accession number 5501).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Lewis Kemp married Mary Elizabeth Lindsey in Ohio in 1840 and had two sons, Joseph K. Kemp (b. 1842) and William L. Kemp, (b. 1844). Lewis died in 1845, leaving Mary to marry John Reeder in 1852. The Reeder family had five children, Mary Ellen (b. 1853), Rachel Martha (b. 1855), Rebecca Ann (b. 1857), John Asbery (b. 1859) and Lewis Loughlin (1861-1864).

During the Civil War, William L. Kemp served in the 98th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, taking part in battles throughout Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and the Carolinas. He wrote home often to his mother and occasionally to other family members describing the battles, camp life and other wartime topics, as well as family matters. After the war, William Kemp went west, settling at least temporarily, in Illinois.

D.R. Scott was born in Monticello, Missouri, in 1887 and was the valedictorian of his Canton (Missouri) High School class in 1904. He attended Culver-Stockton College from 1904 to 1906, and then, in 1907, he transferred to the University of Missouri in Columbia, graduating in 1910 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Science in Journalism. In 1911 Scott was an instructor at the University of Michigan and also attended classes at the University of Chicago that same year. He became a reporter for the *Detroit Times* in 1912, but was back at the University of Missouri by 1914, serving as an instructor in accounting and statistics and helping to organize the new School of Business and Public Administration.

Scott spent the 1916-1917 school year as a graduate student in economics at Harvard University in Massachusetts. With the entrance of the U.S. into World War I in April 1917, many of the young men were enlisting in the military, although 30-year-old D.R. was hoping that he would not be required to serve. He returned to Missouri and would not receive his PhD from Harvard until 1930.

Upon completion of a semester as assistant professor at MU, Scott spent the first few months of 1918 working for the Division of Statistics, Council of Defense, in Washington, D.C. Working at the government job was not enough to reclassify his A-1 draft status, however, so he was sworn into the Army in April 1918 and served the next 15 months in France as a field clerk in the Statistics Branch of the General Staff at the Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Force.

After the war, Scott returned to the University of Missouri as an associate professor of accounting and statistics. He married Carrie Lind Pancoast in 1920 and had a son, Wallace Pancoast Scott, in 1921. D.R. Scott died in 1954 after a successful and productive career of almost 40 years at the University of Missouri.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Scott Family Papers consist of correspondence, photographs and miscellaneous documents relating to the Lindsey-Kemp-Reeder family of Ohio and the Scott family of Columbia, Missouri. It was presumed by the donor that the Ohio family were ancestors of the Scotts. Although this collection does not tell the complete story of the families, the letters written by William L. Kemp during the Civil War and those written by D.R. Scott during the period of World War I do provide some insight into the lives and personalities of these two men. The collection is arranged into three **series: Lindsey/ Kemp/ Reeder Family** and **Scott Family**, both arranged chronologically, and **Miscellaneous**, arranged by type of document.

The four folders comprising the **Lindsey/Kemp/Reeder Family series** consist primarily of correspondence from various family members to Mary E. Lindsey Kemp Reeder of Ohio, during the period from 1841 to 1873. While she received some letters from siblings and cousins, the most of the correspondence was generated by Reeder's son, William L. Kemp, while he was serving in the 98th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, fighting the Civil War. Kemp's letters are quite articulate and, in addition to family matters, they describe camp life and the war, discussing his participation in the battles of Fort Donelson, Perryville and Chattanooga, as well as the defeat of Atlanta and the long march from Georgia through the Carolinas near the end of the war.

Folder four of this series contains an 1878 wedding invitation and an 1891 letter to Cousin Martha (this is probably Rachel Martha Reeder, William Kemp's half-sister), both from Lindsey family members; two pages of family Bible birth and death entries about Mary Kemp Reeder's family; and a couple of undated poems/song lyrics, either written or transcribed by Mattie Reeder or William Kemp.

The **Scott Family series** begins with the 1904 high school graduation program of D.R. Scott, continues with a few postcards from friends and family members from 1909 to 1916, then begins in earnest with correspondence from D.R., primarily to his mother, Eliza Scott of Columbia, Missouri, when he leaves home to study at Harvard University during the 1916-1917 school year. The letters written from Harvard discuss weather, classes, exams, college life, and family matters. He also mentions prohibition and the war, noting that many of his classmates were entering military service, but hoping that he wouldn't be called. Several letters from early 1918 discuss his job in Washington, D.C., at the Division of Statistics of the Council of Defense, prior to being sworn into the Army and being sent to France as a field clerk in the statistics branch of the General Staff at the headquarters of the American Expeditionary Force. The letters from his year in France discuss his job, conditions in the country, French customs and tourist attractions, and occasional stories about the fighting that were told to him by wounded soldiers passing through.

Folders 10 and 11 contain letters, postcards and telegrams covering the years 1920-1936, but give very little information about the lives of the family except to reveal that D.R. Scott married, had at least one child, and was on the faculty of the University of Missouri in Columbia.

This series also includes three photographs of D.R. Scott – both in uniform and as a civilian – as well as two poems written to D.R.'s son Wallace by his grandmother Pancoast.

The **Miscellaneous series** consists of one folder of medicinal treatments and recipes and a second containing a 1901 pamphlet published by the Rock Island Railroad, *Oklahoma Opportunity: Opening of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Reservations*; a railroad map of Arkansas; and a handwritten moral tale.

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