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## INTRODUCTION

The Russell and Bernadine How collection contains photographs, maps, printed materials, and notes on grist mills in the Ozarks region of Missouri and Arkansas. The collection also includes materials related to Missouri tourism.

## DONOR INFORMATION

The How collection was donated to the University of Missouri by their daughter, Harriet How Lovins, on 29 October 2003 (Accession No. 6013). An addition to the collection was made on 12 April 2005.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Russell A. How was born on 27 November 1906. He worked for the Laclede Gas Company in St. Louis, Missouri.

Bernadine M. How was born on 20 November 1910. She and Russell married on 5 August 1933 and they had three daughters, Harriet, Rita, and Louise. The family resided in Webster Groves, Missouri.

The Hows spent their free time camping and documenting grist mills throughout the Ozarks region of the state. They compiled descriptions and photographs of approximately 200 mills and visited at least fifty in their over forty years of travels. They also documented other buildings and sites they encountered including general stores and school houses, and interviewed long-time residents in the communities they visited.

Russell How contributed several articles based on his research trips to *Ozarks Mountaineer* from 1969 to 1973. He died on 14 July 1996 and Bernadine How died on 3 November 2001.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The How collection contains photographs, maps, printed materials, and notes on grist mills in the Ozarks region of Missouri and Arkansas, as well as materials related to Missouri tourism. It is arranged into four series: **Old Mill Albums**, **Publications**, **Miscellaneous**, and **Photographs**.

The **Old Mill Albums** series consists of the data the Hows compiled on mills in Ozarks. It includes photographs, notes, maps, and printed materials. The Hows arranged the albums alphabetically by county and at the end of the albums, Russell included articles he wrote for the *Ozarks Mountaineer* magazine as well as some correspondence. The albums were disassembled for preservation purposes.

The **Publications** series is comprised of books and magazines the Hows collected which describe mills, mill towns, and general histories of Missouri counties and towns. The series also contains numerous travel and tourism guides for the state dating from the 1940s to 1980s. The books are arranged alphabetically by title and the magazines are located at the end of the series.

The **Miscellaneous** series contains materials on grist mills and covered bridges, maps of Missouri counties which the Hows annotated to show locations of mills and other points of interest, tourism brochures, newspaper clippings, and a scrapbook compiled by one of their daughters which contains photographs and postcards depicting popular tourism destinations in the state.

Images in the **Photographs** series document mills, stores, bridges, buildings, and people in the towns the Hows visited and researched. The photographs have been arranged alphabetically by topic and kept in their original envelopes because of the extensive descriptions the Hows provided on them. One file box contains photographs of grist mills in Arkansas.

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- f. 37 *Big Sugar Creek Country*, Joe C. Schell, 1969
- f. 38 *The Boom Town of West Eminence and Its Lumbering Days*, Judy Ferguson, 1969
- f. 39 *Bourbon, Missouri: Building for the Future*, 1966

- f. 40 *The Buffalo River Country*, Kenneth L. Smith, 1967
- f. 41 *Centennial Celebration: Augusta, Missouri*, 1955
- f. 42 *Centennial Souvenir: Dixon, Missouri, 1869-1969*
- f. 43 *Cracker Barrel Country*, John W. Schiermeier, 1980
- f. 44 *Crawford County, Missouri, 1829-1987*
- f. 45 *Dallas County, Missouri History*, 1975
- f. 46 *Early Days in Dallas County*, Elva Murrell Hemphill, 1954
- f. 47 *Edom Family History*, 1974
- f. 48 *Everton Centennial, 1881-1981*
- f. 49 *For Love and For Money: The Writings of Vance Randolph*, ed. Robert Cochran and Michael Luster, 1979
- f. 50 *From Sunrise to Sunset*, Lois Roper Beard, 1971
- f. 51 *Great Rivers in Missouri Life*, ed. Rosemary Hyde Thomas, 1987
- f. 52 *The Greenfield (MO) Washington Hotel Museum*, Leland Fox-Dadeville, n.d.
- f. 53 *Historic Landmarks: Franklin County, Missouri, 1818-1968*, Dorothy Moore
- f. 54 *Historic Morrison Mill (IL)*, Henry J. Wallace, 1968
- f. 55 *Historic Spots in Old Barry County*, Nellie Alice Mills, 1952
- f. 56 *Historic Tours of Cedar County, Missouri*, 1977
- f. 57 *History of Carter County, Missouri*, Eunice Pennington, 1969
- f. 58 *The History of Carter County, Missouri*, Gene Oakley, 1970
- f. 59 *History of Cuba*, A. Manson Munro, 1957
- f. 60 *History of Forest Hill and Vicinity*, John Steele McCormick, 1969
- f. 61 *History of Millwood and St. Alphonsus Parish*, Andrew Mudd, 1927
- f. 62 *History of the Ozarks*, Eunice Pennington, 1962
- f. 63 *History of Ripley County, Missouri*, Jerry Ponder, 1987
- f. 64 *A History of Summersville, Missouri*, 1974
- f. 65 *History of Williamsville, Missouri*, May Julian, 1929
- f. 66 *A History of Willow Springs, Howell County, Missouri, 1839-1951*, Robert J. Huckshorn
- f. 67 *Hurley's Precious Memories*, Lillie Jackson, 1985
- f. 68 *In Retrospect...A Bicentennial Review of Our Historical Heritage*, Sue Reed, 1976
- f. 69 *In Search of Old Mills*, Edith P. and Charles Sager, 1991
- f. 70 *Interesting Missouri Place Names*, Vol. 1, ed. Gerald Cohen, 1982
- f. 71 *Interesting Missouri Place Names*, Vol. 2, ed. Gerald Cohen, 1987
- f. 72 *Koshkonong: The History – The Heritage, 1840-1987*
- f. 73 *Land Title Origins: A Tale of Force and Fraud*, Alfred Chandler, 1945
- f. 74 *Lawrence County History*, 1970
- f. 75 *Lawrence County, Missouri History*, 1974
- f. 76 *A Reprint of Goodspeed's 1888 History of Lawrence County*, 1973
- f. 77 *Leaves of Birch Tree*, 1976

- f. 78 *Lest We Forget: A History of Pulaski County, Missouri and Fort Leonard Wood*, Mabel Mottaz, 1960
- f. 79 *Life in the Powell-Cyclone Community of McDonald County, Missouri*, J.E. Cowan, 1973
- f. 80 *Lone Oak School Memories*, 1972
- f. 81 *A Look at Dade County, Missouri, 1905-1985*, John Hulston
- f. 82 *Memories of Bowers Mill*, Charles and Neva Chrisman, 1987
- f. 83 *Missouri Life*, July-August 1978
- f. 84 *Missouri Mills*, n.d.
- f. 85 *Missouri Mills and Covered Bridges*, 1974
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- f. 87 *Old Mines, Missouri: 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*, 1973
- f. 88 *One Room Rural School*, 1976
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- f. 90 *Out of the Past*, Julia Parker, 1968
- f. 91 *Ozark Vacation Guide*, 1946
- f. 92 *The Ozarker*, 1978
- f. 93 *Ozark Mountain Folk: These Were the Last*, Townsend Godsey, 1977
- f. 94 *The Place Names of Franklin County, Missouri*, Robert Ramsay, 1954
- f. 95 *The Plime Blank Truth*, Emmett Adams, 1972
- f. 96 *Reflections Along the Current: Tales of the Ozarks*, Jim Featherston, 1984
- f. 97 *Reminiscences*, Walter Baker, n.d.
- f. 98 *A Reminiscent History of Douglas County, 1857-1957*, J.E. Curry
- f. 99 *Rocheport: River Town of the Boonslick Country*, n.d.
- f. 100 *Sarcoxie: The Oldest Town in Jasper County, Missouri*, ed. Harold Kessinger, n.d.
- f. 101 *Tall Tales from the Sage of Cane Hill*, Leland Fox, 1971
- f. 102 *Unto These Hills: True Tales from the Ozarks*, Paul Johns, 1980
- f. 103 *Wayne County, Missouri: A Little Bit of God's Country*, Mae Bilbrey Dees, 1968
- f. 104 *Where to Go in the Ozarks*, Keith McCause, 1928
- f. 105 *White River Country of Missouri*, 1945-1946
- f. 106 *The Wonder City: El Dorado Springs, Missouri*, Paul Kemp, 1962
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