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**Dates:** 1890-1980  
**Creator:** Markham, Percy W., 1886-1974  
**Collection Size:** 7.6 cubic feet

**Introduction**  
The papers of a Brookfield, Missouri, businessman and developer include materials concerning the Consumer Public Services Company and the development of Markham Estates. The collection also includes numerous glass plate negatives documentating life at the turn of the twentieth century, likely in the Brookfield, Missouri, area.

**Donor Information**  
The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by John G. Harris and Kay E. Harris on behalf of John G. Harris Jr. and Charlene Harris on 18 July 2013. An addition was made by James M. Bradley on 17 May 2016.

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Distribution and Transmission Unit Costs as of March 1, 1929
Inventory of securities owned by P.W. Markham
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Markham Development Company, Articles of Incorporation, 1959
State of Missouri Public Service Commission, Transcripts of hearing, Sept. 16-17, 1963, Vol. 3-4 (matter of the application of Consumers Public Service Company to sell all of its electric generating, transmission and distribution properties to Farmers’ Elective Cooperative, Grundy Electric Cooperative, and North Central Electric Cooperative)
P.W. Markham, Tax matters
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“Your Key to Industrial Development in Our City: May We Be of Service to You?”
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**Boxes 8-14**
Glass plate negatives, 1915, n.d. (Everyday scenes of unidentified people, presumably from the Brookfield, Missouri, area, including riding in automobiles and trains, eating, swimming, studying, and other activities)

**OVERSIZE (Location: UO-15A)**
Photograph, 10th Annual Convention, Missouri Ice Manufacturers, Coronado Hotel, St. Louis, Dec. 5-6, 1934