

## Information Sheet

**R Raff family.**  
**124 Papers, 1852-1923.**  
**One folder.**

This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri](http://The State Historical Society of Missouri). If you would like more information, please contact us at [shsresearch@umsystem.edu](mailto:shsresearch@umsystem.edu).

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The earliest letters in this collection are those of George Raff, an accountant in Greenock, Scotland, to his nephew, Sandy, who probably lived at Potsdam in St. Lawrence County, New York. The letters are filled mostly with family news, but one dated 6 March 1865 includes Raff's views on the American Civil War, slavery, and emancipation. He claimed to have been sympathetic toward the southern states initially, but turned more toward the northern states when emancipation became a Federal policy. However, his shift in attitude may not have been altogether altruistic, for he also noted that he had two sons serving in the Federal forces.

The second group of letters includes the First World War letters of Archie Raff. Archie began his military service in September 1917 with a train ride from his hometown of Cuba, Missouri, to Camp Funston, Kansas. Originally assigned to the Field Artillery, he was soon transferred to the 110th Motor Supply Train and was sent to its camp at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His unit had just begun training when it was quarantined due to an outbreak of measles. Raff contracted the disease, and spent the remainder of his brief military career in the quarantine camp and the base hospital. He was given a medical discharge in February 1918.

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05 Jul 1852	Warrantee deed, Gardner Cox and Esther Cox to Robert Clark and Henry Dornburgh, St. Lawrence County, New York.
06 Mar 1865	Letter, George Raff, Greenock, Scotland, to his nephew, Sandy, Potsdam, New York.
29 Mar 1873	Letter, George Raff, Greenock, Scotland, to Sandy.
03 Dec 1888*	Letter, Burton Goode, Moss Point, Mississippi, to Mr. A. Raff.
20 Sep 1917	Letter, Archie Raff, Camp Funston, Kansas, to "Dear Sister."
?? Oct 1917*	Letter, Archie Raff, Camp Funston, Kansas, to "Dear Sister."
26 Oct 1917	Letter, Archie Raff, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to "Dear Sister."
08 Nov 1917*	Letter, Archie Raff, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to "Dear Mother and Father."
11 Dec 1917	Letter, Archie Raff, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to "Dear Louise."

18 Dec 1917 Poll tax receipt, Crawford County, Missouri, for Archie Raff.  
 18 Dec 1917 Poll tax receipt, Crawford County, Missouri, for Norman Raff.  
 25 Dec 1917 Letter, Archie Raff, Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to "Dear Sister."  
 03 Jan 1918 Letter, Archie Raff, Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to "Louise."  
 17 Jan 1918 Letter, Archie Raff, Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to "Louise."  
 ?? Mar 1918 Letter, Archie Raff, "On Board Train for Home," to Louise Raff.  
 24 Aug 1923 Letter, Robert H. Tyndall, National Treasurer, The American Legion,  
 Indianapolis, Indiana, to "A. Ratt," Cuba, Missouri.  
 n.d.\* Poem, "The folks at our house are busy as can be ...," on Y.M.C.A. stationery.  
 n.d. Poem, "... by D. Henderson ..."

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