



## **S. Claude Null Family Papers (R1390)**

**Collection Number:** R1390

**Collection Title:** S. Claude Null Family Papers

**Dates:** 1840-1992

**Creator:** Null, S. Claude, 1898-1987

**Abstract:** The S. Claude Null Family Papers contain the personal and family papers for Claude Null of Rolla, Missouri. These papers include personal correspondence, genealogy research, and photographs for the Null, Harrison, Headrick/Hedrick, and connected families.

**Collection Size:** 1.75 cubic feet  
(57 folders, 3 volumes, 203 photographs)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research, but is stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center - Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [rolla@shsmo.org](mailto:rolla@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *S. Claude Null Family Papers* (R1390); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Rolla].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Marilyn Prosser on January 11, 2018 (Accession No. RA1653).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the S. Claude Null Family Papers can be found in the following collections:

*Samuel Aaron Harrison Papers* (R0078)

**Processed by:** Processed by Kathleen Seale, December 20, 2018.

**Historical Note:**

S. Claude Null was born on April 15, 1898 in Lecom, Missouri, to Rudolph S. and Cora Harrison Null. Claude married Ruth E. Headrick on April 28, 1921. Together they had two sons: Erwin and Paul. Claude lived and worked in Springfield, Missouri, during the 1920s. He first worked in the Telegraph Department and then as an embalmer at the Alma Lohmeyer Funeral Home. In 1933, he took over ownership and worked as the funeral director at the Null and Son Funeral Home in Rolla, Missouri. His parents started the funeral home in 1924. He worked there as funeral director for 56 years. During that time, Claude also served as the Phelps County Coroner for 16 years. He died on March 11, 1987 in the Rolla Presbyterian Manor.

Samuel A. Harrison was born April 10, 1842 to Felix and Rachel Quick Harrison in Hazelton, Missouri. He was the last surviving soldier imprisoned at Alton, Illinois during the Civil War. Samuel enlisted in the Eighth Missouri Volunteers in August 1862. After his release from prison, he married Nancy J. Harmon in May 1866. Together they had seven children: Margaret E., Mary A., John F., Minnie, Nancy J., Cora B., and Laura. Nancy died on January 20, 1885. Samuel remarried in November 1885 to Margaret Kitchen Mace, the widow of William Mace. Harrison died on August 30, 1940 at the age of 98.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Correspondence  
Family Papers  
Photographs  
Genealogy

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Correspondence**

This series contains the personal correspondence of S. Claude Null and his wife Ruth Null from family and friends. Also included are correspondence to and from distant family members relating to family genealogy. This series is arranged by recipient and then chronologically.

**Family Papers**

This series consists of the personal papers of S. Claude Null and his immediate family. These papers include newspapers, financial documents, land records, and academic papers. This series is arranged chronologically.

**Photographs**

This series consists of images of the Null, Headrick and connected families. Of particular note are the images of Samuel A. Harrison in folders 17 and 28 that show the elderly Harrison touring his family around the site of the Civil War prison in Alton, Illinois where he was a prisoner. This series is arranged alphabetically by surname.

## Genealogy

This series contains genealogy research for the Null, Headrick/Hedrick/Heydrich/Heyderich, Harrison, Harman/Harmon, Franck, Alley, and Schmedake families related to S. Claude Null and his wife Ruth. Claude Null conducted and compiled most of the research; his papers include copies of records, family group sheets, family histories, correspondence, and photographs. This series is arranged alphabetically by surname.

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