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INTRODUCTION

Mississippi River pilots' charts, ships; logs, steamboat directions, and personal papers of Edmund Gray, a resident of Gray's Point, Scott County, Missouri, and Cape Girardeau and steamboat pilot on the Mississippi for many years.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Eleanor Beckett on 20 April 1978 (Accession No. 2138). Additional material was donated on 21 August 2002 (Accession No. 5932).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the following three series: **Personal Papers**, **Steamboats**, and **Miscellaneous**.

The **Personal Papers** series includes correspondence, legal documents, and personal accounts.

Captain Gray did most of his navigation between Cape Girardeau and Vicksburg and kept very detailed logs of water conditions, lights, landings, steering directions, and information about other boats on the river. The **Steamboats** series contain his logs which include detailed listings of food and expenses, plus an itemized inventory of equipment on the steamer U.S. Colbert, 1896. Also included is information about pilots' associations and lodges, 1880-1895.

The **Miscellaneous** series includes information about the towns of Graysboro and Illmo, Missouri. Graysboro was founded at Gray's Point during the time the railway shipped across the Mississippi by steamer, 1896-1904. The town of Graysboro was deserted after the Thebes Railroad Bridge was constructed.

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