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INTRODUCTION

The research material of a hotel management instructor whose work resulted in the publication *Historic Hotels of Missouri: Hotels, Inns, and Taverns of 19th Century Missouri*.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by David A. James on 6 June 2008 (Accession No. 6183).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

According to the preface of his book, David A. James taught an introductory class in hotel management and became interested in hotel history when he came across a collection of old hotel monthly magazines, published originally by John Willy, Chicago, and read by hotel managers across the nation. The magazines dated from the 1890s and featured articles ranging from the introduction of recently opened hotels across the U.S. to topics dealing with the problems of operating hotels in the early 20th century.

He realized that early hotel operational history had been lost, including early hotel lore, such as the names and locations of old hotels and taverns that at one time were commonplace across the state of Missouri.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers consist of research material, which has been arranged in alphabetical order by Missouri County, as well as a draft copy of book contained in three parts. The research material includes correspondence with county historical societies and materials received from them, handwritten notes, photocopied ads from 19th century newspapers, county histories, newspaper clippings, timelines, charts, plat maps, photographs, a CD of Hotels in Harrisonville, Missouri, and miscellaneous material related to hotels used in writing the book.

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