Philip Shelley Brown Papers (K0130)

Collection Number: K0130

Collection Title: Philip Shelley Brown Papers

Dates: 1903-1905

Creator: Brown, Philip Shelley, 1833-1921

Abstract: The Philip Shelley Brown Papers contains a bound volume consisting of copies of correspondence written by Brown between 1903 and 1905. The bulk of the letters concern Brown’s law practice in Kansas City, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.16 cubic foot
   (1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City. If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shs.mo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Robert M. Snyder Jr. (1876-1937) Collection, 1849-1932 (K0025)
Historical Note:

Philip Shelley Brown was born on October 14, 1833, to Henry and Salome Brown in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. In 1853, Brown graduated from the Hollidaysburg Academy in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. In 1855, Brown moved to Davenport, Iowa, where he began studying law under John Wilkinson Thompson. Brown passed the bar the following year.

Brown moved to Kansas City, Missouri, sometime between 1857 and 1858 to practice law. During his career, Brown associated with various local lawyers such as Ermine Vase, E. M. Wright, Leonard Daniels, Benjamin H. Chapman, John T. Harding, and William H. Brown. Brown was also a partner in the law firms of Brown and Case and later Brown, Harding, & Brown.

Brown was heavily involved in civic affairs during his time in Kansas City. He was a founder and incorporator of the Kansas City Law Library, a member of the City Council from 1864 to 1866, and a chief organizer and member of the Board of Directors for the Kansas City, Galveston, and Lake Superior Railroad. Brown is also credited as being a major participant in negotiations for the Kansas City Bridge (Hannibal Bridge) to be constructed in Kansas City during the 1860s.

In 1858, Brown married Julia Ann Shaffer in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; together they had one son, William Harrison Brown. Brown passed away on December 10, 1921, at the age of 88. He is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a bound volume consisting of copies of correspondence written by Brown between 1903 and 1905. The bulk of the letters concern Brown’s law practice in Kansas City, Missouri. The first two pages of the volume include a handwritten index of correspondents.

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