James Sherman Botsford Memorial Booklet (K1001)

Collection Number: K1001

Collection Title: James Sherman Botsford Memorial Booklet

Dates: 1915

Creator: Kansas City Bar Association

Abstract: The James Sherman Botsford Memorial Booklet contains a memorial services booklet for James S. Botsford issued by the Kansas City Bar Association in 1915.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot
   (1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

James Sherman Botsford was born in Waukesha County, Wisconsin, on June 10, 1844, to John Sherman and Rhonda Bond Look Botsford. James Botsford attended high school in both Lisbon and Morris, Illinois. During the American Civil War, Botsford enlisted as a private in Company F, of the Fifth Wisconsin Infantry at the age of 16 and served from 1861 to 1864. Botsford was wounded during the Battle of the Wilderness on May 5, 1864, and spent the next six months in a military hospital before being honorably discharged. Upon his return to civilian life, Botsford began studying law and in 1866, he was admitted to the bar of Illinois and Missouri.

In 1866, Botsford moved to Sedalia, Missouri, where he opened a law practice. By 1871, he was serving as the city counselor. Later that year, Botsford moved to Jefferson City, Missouri, to serve as the United States District Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, a position he was appointed to by President Grant and one he would hold until 1877. Botsford moved to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1879, and helped to establish the law firm of Botsford, Deatherage, and Young. Botsford also served as a Special Judge for the Supreme Court of Missouri in 1911.

In addition to his law career, Botsford was a member of the Masonic Order, Knights of Pythias, and the Grand Army of the Republic. He was also a lecturer of Equity Jurisprudence at the Kansas City School of Law from 1905 to 1915.

Botsford married Sallie W. Warner on November 16, 1871, and together they had one daughter, Georgie Deatherage. Botsford died in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 15, 1915, and is buried at the Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a memorial services booklet for James S. Botsford issued by the Kansas City Bar Association in 1915. An image of the Botsford can be found within the booklet.

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