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Stephenson Family Papers, 1869-1972

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James E. Morrow Library
Marshall University
Huntington, West Virginia
2019

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Summary:

Title: Stephenson Family Papers

Span Dates: 1869-1972 (bulk 1869 and 1909-1914)

Creator: Various

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

Accession Number: 1977/06.0195

Date Completed: August, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 1 folder

Donor: Harriet Hanrahan

Search Terms:

Stephenson family

Diaries

Scrapbooks

Biographical Notes:

The Stephenson family lived in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Individuals mentioned in the collection and their relationships are as follows:

Edward Stephenson III was a traveler as an adult, serving as a Methodist circuit rider across western Virginia and Pennsylvania, practicing as an attorney in Wheeling, WV, Key West, FL, and in Texas and Mexico. He also taught in Kentucky, South Carolina, Louisiana, Texas, and Mexico. He was also a carpenter and newspaper article writer as well as a poet. This information was found in Charles H. Moffat and Edward Stephenson Hanrahan's article about the diary in *West Virginia History's* January 1967 edition.

Edward Gale Stephenson and Katherine M. Neil Stephenson were siblings. Katherine married John Byrne Sammel in 1906, presumably accounting for the presence of Sammel materials in the collection. This information was found in materials within the collection.

Scope and Content:

The original scope and content listed in the accession record is as follows: Xerox only: Contains items concerning the Sammel family, as well as autographs of literary figures and an autograph letter signed by Jefferson Davis.

The above description is listed because the current contents of the collection have expanded and changed without documentation as to those changes. The collection is currently composed of the following:

- Scrapbook of Parkersburg Sentinel Clippings, (1909-1914)

- The contained clippings appear random, but a random sampling produced the following topics: local news (especially related to elections and city council), Stephenson family topics, and miscellaneous clippings (houses for sale and general interest articles).
- Copy of Family Scrapbook (date unknown, presumably the materials referred to in the original accession record referenced above)
 - This folder contains materials that go beyond the original scrapbook in scope, but do include the materials mentioned above in the original accession record. Due to the duplicated nature of these items, it is difficult to tell is original to the scrapbook and what might have been added at a later date. What follows is a description of the broad contents of the folder: Sammel and Stephenson newspaper clippings as well as clippings related to local news, letters to Samuel (Stephenson?) in the 1890s, ephemera including invitations, photos of the family home and family photos more generally, materials related to the history of the Witten family, letters to Katherine Sammel (nee Stephenson), and 19th century letters and business agreements between hard to determine participants.
- Diary (original, 1869), Diary (transcript), Diary (holograph copy)
 - This diary is actually a memoir written by Edward Stephenson III about his life and travels and about his paternal line arriving in America. It was written in 1869 while Stephenson was in Monterey, Mexico.

Processing Notes:

All items were retained in their original folders so as to retain original order in processing. Comments will be made in the Scope and Content section upon the contents of each folder, as the file names are not the most accurate.

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Container**Contents**

Box 1

Folder	Scrapbook of Parkersburg Sentinel Clippings, (1909-1914)
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Folder	Diary (original, 1869)
Folder	Diary (transcript)
Folder	Diary (holograph copy)