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**Lee W. Grant Papers, 1854-1954**

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The papers were purchased from James A. Williams in 1980.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Lee Wiley Grant was born January 17, 1863, in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Barton S. Grant and Frances A. Palmer Grant. He graduated from Washington University in 1885, and was admitted to the bar the following year. He practiced law in St. Louis for 58 years. In 1891 he married Zoe Romaine Nelson, the daughter of William S. Nelson and Diana Nelson. Their children were Barton N. Grant, Lee Donald Grant, Irma Grant, Mrs. Romaine P. Bassett, and Mrs. Esther Brown. Lee W. Grant died September 9, 1948; his wife died March 18, 1952.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Collection includes Grant family correspondence, receipts, invitations, stock certificates, and other papers. Notable content includes a letter written by famed engineer James B. Eads and a letter written by Emily W. Grant, providing an eye-witness account of the San Francisco earthquake of 1906.

## Folder 1

- 1854 May 13 Letter signed Jas. B. Eads [James B. Eads], New York, to Capt. Wm. S. Nelson [William S. Nelson], St. Louis, Mo. Discusses two pumps he has ordered from J.S. Gwynne in New York, and instructs Nelson to make preparations for their arrival. Mentions that he has ordered six pairs of pants made expressly for diving bells. Mentions that he sets sail today for Europe on the steamer *Pacific*.
- 1859 July 9 Letter signed P.H. Taulmann, Piermont, N.Y., to his cousin Mrs. Diana B. Nelson. Mentions D.B. Francis, the visit of Diana's cousin Mrs. Eads to New York, the sickness of Diana's daughter Cora, and other family news.
- 1869 Apr 21 Letter signed A.D. Lewis [Aaron D. Lewis], office of Lewis & Brother, attorneys at law, real estate & collection agents, Canton, Mo., to B.S. Grant, St. Louis, Mo. Asks him to send lead and oil for painting the house.
- 1869 Apr 26 Letter signed A.D. Lewis, Canton, Mo., to B.S. Grant, St. Louis, Mo. Mentions that he hired a painter, and suggests that Lewis put the land on the market while the excitement of the railroad is up.
- 1869 Apr 29 Receipt of A.D. Lewis for packages of paints and oils shipped via the Daily U.S. Mail and Express Line, Keokuk Packet Company. Dated Canton, April 29, 1869.
- 1869 May 3 Note signed A.D. Lewis, Canton, to B.S. Grant, St. Louis. "The two kegs of lead & can of oil have been received the painting will commence about the middle of this week if the weather is favorable."
- 1869 May 10 Letter signed A.D. Lewis, Canton, Mo., to B.S. Grant. Requests him to send more oil by steamer, because the painters need it to complete painting the house.
- 1869 May 12 Receipt of A.D. Lewis for package shipped via the Daily U.S. Mail and Express Line, Keokuk Packet Company. Dated Canton, May 12, 1869.
- 1869 June 5 Receipt signed Benjamin Davis, Canton, Mo. "Received of A.D. Lewis (agent for the Grant property situated in DeSoto addition to the town of Canton) Thirty dollars a part of the price for Painting said House, said Price being forty five dollars." Attached receipt signed Yates, Canton, Mo., to Fred Roe, Canton, Mo., December 15, 1869: "The above lumber was delivered at Grant Place a/c Capt. A. Frame."
- 1869 July 21 Receipt of Graves & Henton, dealers in pure drugs, paints, oils, varnish, glass, putty, fancy & toilet goods, Canton, Mo., to A.D. Lewis, agent for Grant. Receipt is for lead and oil.

- 1869 Aug 8 Receipt signed Benjamin Davis, Canton, Mo. "Received of A.D. Lewis agent for the Grant property fifteen dollars, being the balance due me for painting said Grant house."
- 1869 Aug 24 Letter signed A.D. Lewis, Canton, Mo., to B.S. Grant, St. Louis, Mo. Regarding Grant's financial accounts and taxes.
- 1869 Aug 28 Receipt of Thomas Grant estate (A.D. Lewis, agent) for \$8.75 in full for town taxes, Canton, Mo.
- 1869 Dec 22 Letter signed A.D. Lewis, Canton, Mo., to B.S. Grant, St. Louis, Mo. States that Mr. Frame has smallpox and has not made all his payments.
- 1870 Jan 15 Letter signed A.D. Lewis, Canton, Missouri, to B.S. Grant, St. Louis, Missouri. Regarding bill for putting down the sidewalk. Letter is written on stationery of the Canton Savings Bank.
- 1870 Feb 7 Letter signed A.D. Lewis, Canton, Missouri, to B.S. Grant, St. Louis, Missouri. Encloses statement of account up to date. Letter is written on stationery of the Canton Savings Bank. Enclosed is account of B.S. Grant, administrator, with A.D. Lewis, agent.
- 1877 Mar 8 Deed of William S. Nelson and his wife, Diana B. Nelson, to the National Bank of the State of Missouri for the sale of a tract of land in St. Louis city block 465W.
- 1878 Chart of the South Pass of the Mississippi River jetty channel. (**in rolled tube**)
- 1879 Feb 15 Letter signed Grandmother [Mary E. Campbell], Cincinnati, Ohio, to her grandson Lee. Asks about Susie Roper and mentions Jennie McComas [or Jennie M. Comas] and Bro. Garrison. Describes her infant grandson.
- 1881 July 1 Letter signed Mary E. Campbell, Louisville, Ky., to her grandson Lee, congratulating him on his graduation.
- 1891 Jan 21 Announcement card of Mrs. Diana B. Nelson regarding the marriage of her daughter Zoe Romaine Nelson to Lee W. Grant. "At home Thursdays afternoon & evening in February, 3682 Finney Ave."
- 1891 Oct 17 Letter signed Fannie, Fairview, to her sister Mary. Discusses her loneliness and family news. Mentions Sue Grant and Mary Frank.
- 1895 Handwritten card decorated with an American flag. Includes quotes of famous writers and poets regarding various foods.
- 1898 Apr 10 Letter signed Mary M. Morris, Canton, Mo., to her niece Roma. Mentions her

loneliness since her husband Morris “went away,” and asks if Roma and the babies can visit her. Mentions Miss Lena Street.

- 1898 June 28      Membership certificate of Robt. B. Grant [Robert B. Grant] in the Missouri State Division of The Travelers Protective Association of America.
- 1903 Feb 7        Stock certificate of Lee W. Grant in the Jerusalem Exhibit Company, St. Louis, Mo.
- 1903 Sept 23     Stock certificate of Zoe R. Grant in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company.
- 1903 Sept 23     Stock certificate of Lee W. Grant in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company.
- 1904 Sept 15     Ticket to St. Louis Day at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.
- 1906 Jan 24      Invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Kerr to the marriage of their daughter Mary E. Kerr to Dr. Olney A. Ambrose at 4157 McPherson Avenue, St. Louis.
- 1906 Feb 24      Menu and toasts for the annual banquet of the Washington University Alumni Association. Includes views of Brookings Hall and another campus building.

## **Folder 2**

- 1906 May 8        Letter signed Emily W. Grant, San Francisco, to her cousin Lee W. Grant, St. Louis, Mo. Includes a lengthy account of the San Francisco earthquake. Mentions Dr. Devine of Washington, D.C., a teacher who directed a corps of relief workers in the aftermath of the earthquake.
- 1919 Mar 15      Letter signed Fred Prenger, Verneuil, France, to Miss Iowa Grant, St. Louis, Mo. Mentions that he expects to get a furlough soon and hopes to go to the Riviera. Letter is written on stationery of the American Y.M.C.A. on active service with the American Expeditionary Force.
- 1919 Nov 17      Letter signed Fred Prenger, New Orleans, La., to Miss Iowa Grant, 5710 Maple Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. Mentions that New Orleans is preparing for horse racing season.
- 1919 Dec 17      Letter signed Bob, Los Angeles, to his parents. Describes attending a prize fight, and visiting uncle Frank and aunt Mary. Mentions Guy O. Cady [or Guy O. Cody] of Portland, Oregon. Letter is written on stationery of The Angelus Hotel, Los Angeles.
- 1920 Feb 15      Letter signed Bob, Pueblo, Colorado, to his parents. Suggests that his father should sell his farm. Discusses business news. Mentions Sam Snyder. Letter is written on letterhead of the Congress Hotel Operating Co., and includes an

- illustration of the Congress Hotel in Pueblo.
- 1921 Feb 11 Letter signed Jessie Buschmann, San Francisco, California, to Irma. Asks about friends back in St. Louis.
- 1921 July-Nov Five receipts of a Singer Sewing Machine Company shop at 923 Franklin Ave. to Irma F. Grant
- 1921 July 13 Chattel mortgage of the Singer Sewing Machine Company for a sewing machine.
- 1921 Nov 21 Typescript note of Irma W. Grant to the Singer Sewing Machine Co.: "Find enclosed \$10.00 to apply on my account."
- 1941 Jan 21 Invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Grant to their fiftieth wedding anniversary, 5710 Maple Ave.
- 1941 Dec Christmas greeting card of the Boatmen's National Bank. Includes a reproduction of a painting by Oscar E. Berninghaus of an early Missouri railroad building scene. Also includes calling card of Chester C. Hammerstein. Accompanying envelope is addressed to Lee W. Grant, St. Louis, Mo.
- 1947 Nov 29 Advertising postcard of the McKnight Tailoring Co. to L.W. Grant, 2955 Hilleman.
- 1952 June 23 Letter signed Mrs. Otis Eaton, 5601 Washington Court, St. Louis, to Miss Irma Grant, 2955 Hilleman, Overland, Mo. Welcomes her into Circle No. 7 of the Women's Fellowship at Union Avenue.
- 1954 July 30 Typescript letter signed Clarence Cannon, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., to Miss Irma F. Grant, Winfield, Missouri. He will forward bulletins to her.
- no date Adverting card of the Installment Loan Department, Mercantile-Commerce Bank and Trust Company, Locust, 8th, and St. Charles, St. Louis.
- no date Christmas greeting card signed Selma. Card includes an image of a Currier and Ives' print titled "American Railroad Scene Snow Bound."
- no date Drawing of a pulley mechanism. (**oversize**)