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Link-Hall Family Papers, 1892-1958

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Collection was donated to the Missouri Historical Society by Thomas Staples in 2001. The papers were found by the donor in homes in his capacity as a real estate agent.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robert R. Link was born December 4, 1832, in Wilson County, Tennessee, and was the youngest of six children. He attended Wilson County High School and later went to Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tennessee. In 1861 he moved to Ewing, Illinois, where he married Eliza J. Webb the following year. They had a total of six children, one of whom was a daughter, Nancy, who married Robert F. Hall. Robert R. Link helped found Ewing College in 1868 and filled the office of secretary until his death in 1893. He was an active member of the Prohibition Party and ran for state treasurer on the Prohibition ticket in 1890 and for governor in 1892. Link was also a gifted speaker and gave many speeches relating to prohibition.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is arranged chronologically and consists primarily of letters written to Robert R. Link and his wife, Eliza J. Link, mostly from friends, political acquaintances, and colleagues. Several letters discuss Prohibition Party activities in Illinois in 1892. The collection also contains three typescript letters of the Prickly Ash Bitters Co. to Robert F. Hall and several postcards.

Folder 1

- 1892 Blank pledge cards for the Illinois Prohibition State Committee.
- 1892 May 21 Letter signed Alonzo E. Wilson, Illinois Prohibition Executive Committee, Rockford, Illinois, to Robert R. Link. Regarding Link's pledge of money to the committee.
- [1892 June] Letter signed J.D. Carr to Robert R. Link. Discusses Prohibition Party Platform for upcoming national convention.
- 1892 June 5 Letter signed J.C. Storment, Azusa, California, to Robert R. Link, Ewing College, Illinois. Congratulates Link on his nomination for governor.
- 1892 June 9 Letter signed Blanche E. Hales, Equality, Illinois, to Robert R. Link. Congratulates Link on his nomination for governor and discusses the possible prohibition votes he may receive in various counties.
- 1892 June 10 Letter signed W.G. Showers, Wathen & Showers, Equality, Illinois, to Robert R. Link, Ewing, Illinois. Showers wishes Link good luck in his goal of becoming governor.
- 1892 June 20 Letter signed Haggard and Shaw, Prohibition Industrial Chautauqua Camps, Bloomington, Illinois, to Robert R. Link, Ewing College, Illinois. Requests that Link give a speech at the camps with another speaker, Sam Jones.
- 1892 June 20 Letter signed P.S. Pope, Benton, Illinois, to Robert R. Link, Ewing, Illinois. Regarding Prohibition Party matters.
- 1892 June 21 Typescript letter signed George W. Gere, Champaign, Illinois, to Robert R. Link, Ewing, Illinois. Thanks Link for the conference and regrets that Link couldn't participate because of his poor health.

Folder 2

- 1892 June 24 Letter signed Alonzo E. Wilson, Illinois Prohibition Executive Committee, Rockford, Illinois, to Robert R. Link, Ewing, Illinois. Asking Link to notify him if he is unable to go to Cincinnati because of his health.
- 1892 July 8 Letter signed Nancy Link, Cobden, Illinois, to mother, Mrs. R.R. Link, Ewing, Illinois. Nancy discusses her days and asks her mother if she should take pictures.
- 1892 July 8 Letter signed Effie Link, to mother, Mrs. R.R. Link, Ewing, Illinois. Effie tells her mother about her days: cleaning, sewing, and taking care of the baby.

- 1892 July 11 Typescript letter of Hafner-Lothman Manufacturing Co., successors to Jos. Hafner Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, Missouri, to Mr. J.T. Chenault, Benton, Illinois. The materials wanted by Mr. Chenault and how much they will cost him.
- 1892 July 11 Typescript letter of St. Louis Sash & Door Works, St. Louis, Missouri, to J.T. Chenault, Benton, Illinois. The price of the materials Mr. Chenault requested.
- 1892 July 16 Letter signed John H. Wilson, McLeansboro, Illinois, to Robert R. Link, Ewing, Illinois. Wilson regrets having missed the national convention and his concern to do something for the congressional convention.
- 1892 July 31 Letter signed S.D. Noe, real estate and loan broker, Danville, Illinois, to Governor Link, Ewing, Illinois. Regrets not attending Link's meetings because of his daughter's sickness.
- 1893 Sept 5 Letter signed B.F. Hutchins, Hudson House, Benton, Illinois, to Mrs. R.R. Link, Ewing, Illinois. The note asks how much money Hutchins owes Link.
- 1893 Sept 19 Letter signed S.A. Link, Tennessee Female College, Franklin, Tennessee, to aunt, Mrs. Eliza J. Link, Ewing, Illinois. Discusses the success of the college but also the sicknesses in the family.
- 1895 Feb 10 Letter signed W.B. Kelley, Sumner, Washington, to sister, Mrs. Eliza J. Link, Ewing, Illinois. Discusses events in his life including the death of Brother Berr.
- 1901 Jan 17 Typescript letter of Prickly Ash Bitters Co., St. Louis, Missouri, to Robert F. Hall, Sherman, Texas. Discusses the company's progress and transactions.
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- 1901 Feb 6 Typescript letter of Prickly Ash Bitters Co., St. Louis, Missouri, to Robert F. Hall, Binkley Hotel, Sherman, Texas. Regards business orders.
- 1901 Feb 7 Typescript letter of Prickly Ash Bitters Co., St. Louis, Missouri, to Robert F. Hall, Binkley Hotel, Sherman, Texas. Discusses Hall's disappointment with the Homestead line.
- 1901 Feb 20 Letter signed Nancy, Ewing, Illinois, to Robert F. Hall, Binkley Hotel, Sherman, Texas. Discusses how Nancy spends her days and her requests for their wedding.
- 1911 June 6 Typescript letter signed William A. Matthews, president, Ewing College,

Ewing, Illinois, to sister, Mrs. Eliza Jane Link, Ewing, Illinois. Encloses receipt for expenses. Thanks Mrs. Link for loaning money to the college and paying her back.

- 1958 Dec 3 Postcard of Franklin County Hospital, Benton, Illinois, signed Walter D., to Mrs. Nancy Hall, St. Louis, Missouri.
- no date Postcard of Turner's Restaurant, Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico, signed Tom and Dorothy to Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Staples, St. Louis, Missouri.
- no date Postcard of Pyramid of the Sun, San Juan Teotihuacan, Mexico, signed Tom and Dorothy to Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Staples, St. Louis, Missouri.
- no date Postcard of Cunard White Star, Trinidad & Tobago, signed Howard, to Tom & James Staples, St. Louis, Missouri.
- no date Postcard of Caribbean Sea, signed Alice, to Mrs. Nancy Hall, St. Louis, Missouri.
- no date Postcard of London Airport Central, signed Alice, to Mrs. Nancy Hall, St. Louis, Missouri.
- no date Postcard of Berchtesgaden, signed Alice, to Mrs. Nancy Hall, St. Louis, Missouri.