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**Louis Miller (1853-1933) Papers, 1909-1960**

1 box; 5 oversize folders

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**REPOSITORY**

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**DONOR INFORMATION**

Collection was donated in November 1982 by Louis W. Miller.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Louis Miller was born October 13, 1853, in Jefferson County, Missouri, but moved at a young age to Arcadia, Missouri. He became an architect and builder and one of Arcadia's most prominent citizens. He also promoted the Arcadia Valley as a summer resort. He married Miss Salena Ringo in 1892. Louis Miller died October 21, 1933, in Arcadia; his wife died April 4, 1943, in Ironton, Missouri.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection includes three publications promoting tourism in the Arcadia Valley in the early 1900s; a typescript history of Arcadia; a scrapbook; newspaper clippings relating to Louis Miller, his family, and Arcadia; and several architectural drawings.

The following three periodical issues were transferred to the library in 2003:

*The Building Age*, August 1916

*The Ozark Art Mirror*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (July 1909)

*The New Southwest: A Home Journal for the Modern Farmer*, Vol. III, No. IV (May 1906)

Twenty-five photographs and postcards of Louis Miller and family and homes built by Miller were transferred to the Photographs and Prints Department in 2003.

**Folder 1**

- 1909 Brochure titled "Arcadia, Missouri: A Winter's Paradise for the Lover of Nature, the Hunter, the Week-End."
- 1909 Apr 15 Typescript letter signed John H. Curran, Immigration Association of Missouri, St. Louis, to Louis Miller, Arcadia, Missouri, regarding possibility of raising grass for dairy stock.
- 1940 Feb 22 Page from newsletter titled "The Fly Wheel" (contains brief biographical sketch of Louis R. Miller).
- 1942 Sept 28 Louis R. Miller's application for registration to practice architecture and mimeograph resume. Also contains letter of Bill Miller to [Lynn] Morrow written on the outside of an envelope, October 13, 1980, regarding enclosed items.
- 1960 Aug Issue of newsletter titled "The Baptist Home" (Vol. XLVIII, No. 8), published by the Home for Aged Baptists (4 pages).
- no date Pamphlet titled "Bungalow Days in Arcadia" (11 pages).
- no date Pamphlet titled "The Lure of Arcadia Valley," printed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, St. Louis, Missouri. (19 pages).
- no date Receipt on stationery of the Arcadia Hotel.

**Folder 2**

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, photographs, and photographic prints relating to Louis Miller, his family, and buildings he built.

**Folder 3**

Typescript history of Arcadia, Missouri, including a historical sketch of Fort Hill Methodist Church. Contains several photographs, a letter of Eames & Young to Miller dated October 1, 1887, and a Military Order of the Loyal Legion memorial sketch of John Wesley Turner dated December 2, 1899.

**Folder 4**

Photocopies of newspaper clippings relating to Louis Miller, his family, and Arcadia, Missouri.

**Folder 5**

Photocopies of photographs and postcards transferred to the Photographs and Prints Department.

**Folder 6**

Separation records

## **Oversize folders**

### Architectural drawings

- no date folder 1: "Cobble-stone Bungalow" (4 linens) **in AMD.**
- no date folder 1: Arcadia Hotel (Arcadia, Missouri) elevations (3 vellum) **in AMD.**
- no date folder 1: Storage Garage for Louis Miller Estate (1 sheet, ink on paper) **in AMD.**
- no date folder 2: Fort Hill Memorial Church (Arcadia, Missouri) elevations (2 vellum fragments)
- no date folder 2: unidentified elevations (2 vellum)
- no date folder 2: Bungalow for Mrs. W. G. Hopkins (Arcadia, Missouri) (1 vellum)
- no date folder 2: Filling Station, Cafeteria, Grocery Store (Arcadia, Missouri) (4 vellums)
- no date folder 2: Mr. Frank Nuderscher residence (Arcadia, Missouri) (1 blueprint)
- no date folder 3: unidentified bungalow elevations (3 vellums)
- no date folder 3: unidentified elevations (2, ink on paper)
- no date folder 3: Six Room Bungalow (4 vellums)
- no date folder 3: Fredericktown Bakery (1 vellum)
- no date folder 3: Farmington Motor Company (2 vellum)
- no date folder 4: Bungalow for Mr. Wm. Grace (University City, Missouri) (1 watercolor on paper)
- no date folder 4: unidentified bungalow elevations (2, ink on paper)
- no date folder 4: unidentified bungalow elevations (2, blueprints)
- no date folder 4: unidentified floor plans/details (4 sheets)
- no date folder 5: C.C. White cottage (Sikeston, Missouri) (11 blueprints/vellum)
- no date folder 5: L. J. Schach house (Ironton, Missouri) (11 vellum)