

M-345: Homer Bassford Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	St. Louis Mercantile Library Special Collections
Creator	Bassford, Homer, Mr., 1869 - 1938
Title	M-345: Homer Bassford Papers
Date	1900-1926
Extent	0.1 Linear feet 3 file folders in Safe
Language	English
Introduction	The Homer Bassford Collection contains records related to Homer Bassford, noted early 20th century newspaperman, and his family. Included in the collection is correspondence to and from Mr. Bassford, documents related to Mr. Bassford's life, and photographs.

Biographical/Historical note

Homer S. Bassford was born on July 20, 1869 (or 1870 according the Missouri History Museum) in Mexico, Missouri. He died in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 10, 1938. He married Etta C. Chase (1869 - 1938) of Cedar Falls, IA., in 1892. Mr. Bassford was a lifelong newspaperman, starting his career in Mexico, Missouri with the Mexico Ledger. He later became the Sunday editor and city editor of the Kansas City Times. Bassford next moved to St. Louis, where he became a staff correspondent for the St. Louis Republic and the Sunday editor, dramatic critic, and editorial manager of the St. Louis Times. Homer was the father of artist Wallace Bassford.

Scope and Contents note

The Homer Bassford Papers consists of three series. Series one is made up of correspondence, mostly to Mr. Bassford, but also occasionally from him, or to and from other people. The series has been arranged by date, chonologically.

Series two is made up of documents relating to Mr. Bassford's life.

Series three consists of photographs. Virtually all of the photographs are unlabeled. It is presumed that the photographs are of Mr. Bassford's family. Some photographs are of houses.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

St. Louis Mercantile Library Special Collections

Conditions Governing Access note

Access Restrictions: Some of the material in Special Collection M-331 may be photocopied, digitally scanned or photographed, subject to condition.

Copyright Information: The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property, and libel laws as they apply.

Provenance

This Collection was purchased by the library in May of 2012.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

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Related Materials

Other Resources

The Missouri Historical Society also has an archival collection related to Mr. Bassford. The collection can be found at: <http://collections.mohistory.org/archive/ARC:A0091>

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Journalism -- Missouri

Series 1: Correspondence

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Correspondence 1900-1926 0.05 Linear feet One folder

Scope and Contents note

Series One consists of correspondence, mostly to Mr. Bassford, starting in 1900 and ending in 1926. The correspondence has been arranged chronologically. There are also contained in the series both fragments of correspondence and correspondence with no date, which can be located at the end of the contents list.

9/7/1900; To Homer Bassford; From John Robards

11/17/1902; To Homer Bassford; From B---

12/29/1902; To St. Louis Republic; From Senator George Graham Vest

4/29/1903; To Mr. Editor; From Geo. F. DeVery

7/1/1904; To Homer Bassford; From Rose Flynn

9/29/1904; To Homer Bassford; From E. Karst

10/3/1904; To Homer Bassford; From E. Karst

Series 1: Correspondence

10/7/1904; To Homer Bassford; From E. Karst

12/15/1904; To Tex; From -- (Homer Bassford?)

1904, Sunday; To Mr. Bassford; From --

1/26/1905; To Mr. Bassford; From Arnold Shanklin, American COUNSULATE-GENERAL, Panama

5/08/1905; To Homer Bassford; From -- Clay

8/24/1905; To Mr. Bassford; From John Schroers

6/13/1906; To Homer; From Louis Hethers---

-/11/1906; To Mr. Knapp; From Henry Wattirson

1/27/1908; To Homer Bassford; From Frederick ---

3/13/1908; To Homer Bassford; From Ralph T. Hale, Small, Maynard & Company

3/21/1908; To Homer Bassford; From Ralph T. Hale, Small, Maynard & Company

4/15/1908; To Homer Bassford; From John Schroers, St. Louis Times Evening Daily

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4/16/1908; To Mr. Schroers; From Homer Bassford, St. Louis Times Evening Daily

6/11/1908; To Mr. Bassford; From Lewis

7/12/1908; To Mr. Bassford; From Chas. ---

8/08/1908; To Homer Bassford; From ---

8/19/1908; To Homer; From Helen B---

11/24/1908; To Mr. Bassford; From Carl L. Schurz

12/4/1908; To Mr. Bassford; From Charles H. Grasty

12/18/1908; To Homer Bassford; From Jos. Folk

7/27/1909; To Dear Sir; From Thornwald Solberg, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress

1/04/19010; To Homer Bassford; From Colin M. Selph

2/26/1910; To Carl L. Schurz; From ---

2/01/1911; To Homer; From Louis N-----

Series 1: Correspondence

2/07/1911; To Homer Bassford; From ---

9/29/1911; To Homer; From ---

1/22/1912; To Homer Bassford; From Walter Hale

7/14/1912; To Homer Bassford; From Walter Hale

8/18/1912; To Benj. Schnurmacher; From (Homer Bassford)

5/1//1916; To Homer; From Walter Hale

1/28/1919; To Homer Bassford; From W. Henry

1/29/1919; To Homer Bassford; From Clinton Elder

10/21/1919; To Wallace Bassford; From HB

1/29/1921; To Homer Bassford; From E. A. Shannon

4/25/1922; To Homer Bassford; From A- W. Harris

9/2/1922; To Homer Bassford; From Joe Gold-

Series 1: Correspondence

12/19/1922; To Mr. Bassford; From Frederick W. Carr

5/22/1923; To Dear Friend; From F.D.G. [Frederick D. Gardner]

6/23/1923; To Guy Golterman; From [Homer Bassford]

6/27/1923; To Homer; From Floyd E. Jawbs

6/3/1923; To Homer; From Guy G. [Guy Golterman]

8/18/1923; To Homer; From G

10/2/1923; To Homer; From Channing Pollock

4/30/1924; To Homer; From -

4/30/1924; To Homer; From Cecil

5/2/1924; To Homer; From W.B.

5/7/1924; To Homer; From Guy G. [Golterman]

5/29/1924; To Homer; From Frederick D. Gardner

Series 1: Correspondence

10/22/1924; To Mr. Bassford; From H. H. Irish

10/23/1924; To Homer; From WB

10/29/1924; To Mr. Bassford; From H. H. Irish

11/26/1924; To Mr. Bassford; From H. H. Irish

1/16/1925; To [Homer Bassford]; From Harry -

4/27/1925; To Mr. Bassford; From Grace Gale

4/30/1925; To Mr. Bassford; From Grace Gale

1/20/1926; To Mr. Bassford; From Frederick D. Gardner

1/21/1926; To Dear Sir [Channing Pollock]; From Richard Spamer

1/22/1926; To Homer; From Channing Pollock

1/23/1926; To Mr. Spamer; From [Channing Pollock]

5/26/1926; To Homer; From J- Johnston

Series 1: Correspondence

10/8/1926; To HB; From Alfred Head

n.d. To Mr. Bassford, From Helen Bertram

n.d. To - From - [fragment]

11/16/----; To Br. Schurz; From -

n.d. To Homer Bassford; From Frances Peralta

n.d. To -; From Raswia Heuley

n.d. To Homer; From W.B.

-- /25-26/19--; To Homer; From G. -

-/19--; To --; From Geo. C. Heuch

Oct. 14; To Bassford; From Paul Uristach

February 22; To Homer; From -- Blythe

n.d. To Mr. Bassford; From J.A. Graham

Series 2: Records

Dec. 30; To Homer; From - Blythe

n.d. To Homer Bassford; From Laura H. Thompson

n.d. To - From Helen Morgan

Oct. 27th. To Valmond; From L--

n.d. To Mr. Bassford; From Z.A.

n.d. To Mr. Bassford; From Z.A

n.d. To - From Louis N----- [fragment]

n.d. To Mr. Bassford; From Paul Wilstach

n.d. To Homer; From Harry B. Hawes

Series 2: Records 1909-1923 0.1 Linear feet One File Folder

Scope and Contents note

Series 2 consists of various records from Mr. Bassford's life. The series is varied in nature, containing any paper record found in the collection that is not correspondence, dating from 1909 to 1923.

Series 3: Photographs

May 20, 1909 - guest membership to Pacific - Union Club

Rediscovering St. Louis - Episcopal Cathedral

Rediscovering St. Louis - The Old Cathedral

Rediscovering St. Louis - The House in Which Grant was Married

Certificate of Membership - Mercantile Club

Honorary Appointment by the Governor - delgate to the League to Enforce Peace

Invitation of Chicago Grand Opera Company to Gala Performance and to meet Signor Cleofonte Campanini

Star-Chronicle Publishing Company - Assets and Liabilities

June, 1923 - J.J. Leviathan invitation to trial trip

Series 3: Photographs 0.1 Linear feet One file folder

Scope and Contents note

Series 3: Photographs

Series 3 consists of 23 photographs of presumably Mr. Bassford and his family and property. Very few photos are labelled. Those which were labelled are described in the contents list.

Crater Lake

Ferdinand and Isabella [pigs]

Mother and Dad Bassford and sister Florence