
Reed-Glynn papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Reed-Glynn papers

Inclusive Dates: 1881-2003

Collection Number: mssReed-Glyn papers

Extent: 119 items in two boxes

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Abstract: The collection chiefly contains material related to the Reed and Glyn families of Kansas.

Language of Material: The records are in English.

Access

Collection is open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, please go to following [web site](#) .

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Merry Ovnick, August 12, 2008.

Biography

Carlos L. Reed was born on October 15, 1875 in Zanesville, Ohio and married Laura Alice Glyn Reed (born August 29, 1880 in Trego County, Kansas) on August 1, 1900 in Topeka, Kansas. Carlos and Laura had four daughters, Gladys Leona Reed Dickson (1901-1946), Mabel Louise Reed Tanner (1903-1950), Dorothy Mildred Reed (1909-1934) and Kathleen Bernice Reed Wickham (1917 -). Per the family history, Carlos helped his mother raise his seven siblings by selling papers and "blacking boots" after his father abandoned them in 1887. In 1910, Carlos and Laura moved to Garden City, Kansas. He was a farmer whose mortgage was foreclosed on during the Great Depression, after which time he worked for the WPA. Carlos died on June 23, 1953 in Colton, California. Laura died on December 8, 1959.

Laura was the daughter of Henry Glyn and Sarah Samantha Shelby Glyn, one of seven children. Her father, Henry, was born on January 29, 1841 in Indiana and married Sarah in 1866. They owned a 40 acre farm in Pike County, Illinois which they sold to homestead in Trego County, Kansas. After suffering from poor crop yields, they sold the 160 acres for \$50 and relocated to a 20 acre farm near Grantville, Kansas. Per the family history, Henry experimented with potato crops and was "one of the pioneers of the huge Kaw Valley potato industry." Henry's date of death is unknown.

Scope and Content

The Manuscript series is arranged chronologically and contains nine journals written by Henry Glyn from 1881 to 1909 regarding his farming and life in Kansas. They include daily entries regarding growing and selling his produce, details regarding family matters, and calculations related to his finances and business income and expenses. The Correspondence series is arranged chronologically and predominantly contains letters amongst various family members, including Merry Ovnick, from the 1980s to 2003 as they worked on genealogical projects. Also included in the series are letters by and for the Round Robin Readers, a set of circulating letters written by members of the Reed family from the 1950s through the 1960s. The Ephemera series is arranged alphabetically and contains genealogical trees and histories, government and legal documents, newspaper clippings, miscellaneous personal papers (including a graduation announcement and report card) and forty-one photographs. The genealogical trees and histories include the Reed-Glyns' efforts to trace their ancestors. The photographs of the Reed-Glyn families are divided into two folders, ranging from 1884 to 1949. Included is one tintype from circa 1884. There is also a copy of a printed book: "History of Grantville Kansas: 1954-1976."

Arrangement

Arranged in the following series: 1. Manuscripts; 2. Correspondence; and 3. Ephemera.

Personal Names

Glyn, Henry

Ovnick, Merry

Reed, Carlos

Reed, Laura

Subjects

Agriculture -- Kansas

Frontier and pioneer life -- Kansas

Geographic Areas

Kansas -- History -- 19th century -- Sources

Genre

Genealogical tables -- United States -- 20th century

Journals (accounts) -- Kansas-- 19th century

Journals (accounts) -- Kansas-- 20th century

Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 19th century

Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 20th century

Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 21st century

Photographs -- United States -- 19th century

Photographs -- United States -- 20th century

Tintypes (prints) -- United States

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| Box 1 | Manuscripts and Correspondence, 1919-1964 |
| Folder 1 | Henry Glyn Journal (1881-1883) 2 items. Includes transcription. |
| Folder 2 | Henry Glyn Journal (1886-1888) 1 item. |
| Folder 3 | Henry Glyn Journal (1888-1892) 1 item. |
| Folder 4 | Henry Glyn Journal (1889-1891) 1 item. Includes receipts. |
| Folder 5 | Henry Glyn Journal (1895) 1 item. |
| Folder 6 | Henry Glyn Journal (1897) 1 item. |
| Folder 7 | Henry Glyn Journal (1901-1907) 1 item. |
| Folder 8 | Henry Glyn Journal (1902-1909) 1 item. |
| Folder 9 | Henry Glyn Journal [undated] 1 item. |

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| Folder 10 | Mitchell, Lucy. Letter to Ellen Demons (1919, July 24) 1 item. |
| Folder 11 | Reed, Laura. Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1942, May 10) 1 item. |
| Folder 12 | Reed, Carlos. Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1944, July 31) 1 item. |
| Folder 13 | Reed, Sarah E. Letter to "All the Reeds" (1956, Sep. 11) 1 item. |
| Folder 14 | Coffey, Virginia Reed. Letter to "Relatives" (1957, Apr. 21) 1 item. Includes pasted news article. |
| Folder 15 | Reed, Laura G. Reed circulating letter (1957, May 15) 1 item. |
| Folder 16 | Wickham, Kathleen. Letter to "Reed-Robins" (1957, May 18) 1 item. |
| Folder 17 | Byerley, Zora. Letter to "All and Sundry" (1957, May 27) 1 item. |
| Folder 18 | Croll, Charlotte, et al. Letter to "Round Robin Readers" (1957, Aug. 16) 1 item. |
| Folder 19 | Croll, Josie W. Letter to "Round Robin Readers" (1957, Oct. 17) 1 item. |
| Folder 20 | Reed, Hallie. Letter to "Gentle People" (1957, Nov. 11) 1 item. |
| Folder 21 | Reed, Sarah E. Letter to "All the Reed Clan" (1957, Nov. 18) 1 item. |
| Folder 22 | Gilbert, Lela. Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1960, Jan. 29) 1 item. |
| Folder 23 | Byerley, Zora. Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1964, Mar. 9) 1 item. |
| Folder 24 | Reed, Hallie. Letter to "Everybody" (1964, Aug. 13) 2 items. Includes newspaper clipping. |
| Folder 25 | "Mary." Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1964, Dec. 3) 1 item. |
| Box 2 | Correspondence, 1976-2003 and Ephemera |
| Folder 1 | Gilbert, Lela. Letter to Ralph and Kathleen Wickham (1976, Aug. 14) 1 item. |

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| Folder 2 | Camp, June. Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1982, Dec. 17) 1 item. |
| Folder 3 | Peterson, Carol. Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1983, Apr.-July) 3 items. Includes a copy an unidentified photograph and printouts of genealogical information. |
| Folder 4 | Glyn, Bertha. Letter to Kathleen Wickham [after 1983] 1 item. |
| Folder 5 | Camp, June. Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1987, Mar.) 1 item. |
| Folder 6 | Glyn, Bertha. Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1987, Mar. 1) 1 item. |
| Folder 7 | Camp, June. Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1987, May 30) 1 item. |
| Folder 8 | Camp, June. Letter to "family" (1987, June 8) 1 item. |
| Folder 9 | Glyn, Bertha. Letter to Kathleen Wickham (1987, Aug. 4) 1 item. |
| Folder 10 | Croll, Charlotte. Letter to Merry Ovnick [approx. 1999] 1 item. |
| Folder 11 | Ovnick, Merry. Letter to Charlotte Croll (1999, Sep. 28) 2 items. Includes family tree. |
| Folder 12 | Croll, Charlotte. Letter to Merry Ovnick (1999, Nov. 3) 1 item. |
| Folder 13 | Tanner, Les. Email to Merry Ovnick (2000, June 17) 1 item. |
| Folder 14 | Croll, Charlotte. Letter to Merry Ovnick (2001, Feb.) 2 items. Includes genealogical information from printed out pieces of papers. |
| Folder 15 | Croll, Charlotte. Letter to Merry Ovnick (2001, Apr. 10) 5 items. Includes copies of four additional letters. |
| Folder 16 | Ovnick, Merry. Letter to Charlotte Croll (2001, Apr. 22) 1 item. Marked as copy. |
| Folder 17 | Croll, Charlotte. Emails to Merry Ovnick (2003, Oct. 4-5) 2 items. |
| Folder 18 | Unknown author. Letter to Kathleen Wickham [undated] 1 item. |
| Folder 19 | Genealogical Trees and Histories ([1985]-1988) 10 items. |

- Folder 20 **Government/Legal Records (1942-1953)**
 11 items.
- Folder 21 **Newspaper Clippings (1934-1953)**
 3 items.
- Folder 22 **Miscellaneous Personal Papers (1882-[1934])**
 6 items.
- Folder 23 **Photographs [approx. 1884-approx. 1949]**
 19 items.
- Folder 24 **Photographs [undated]**
 22 items.
- Folder 25 **History of Grantville Kansas: 1954-1976: printed book (1976)**
 1 item.