A Guide to the
Louis and Giboney Houck Papers
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“I commenced to build that railroad and after I began to build it
I was like the man that caught the wolf.
I had the road and it was dangerous to let it go and dangerous to hold on.”
Louis Houck, 1887

Abstract:
Correspondence, business and legal papers of Louis Houck, Southeast Missouri railroad entrepreneur, and his son, Giboney, a partner in his father’s business ventures and member of the Missouri House of Representatives (1919). Some political papers relating to Giboney Houck are included, as well as business ledgers, maps, and artifacts.

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**Biographical Note**

Louis Houck was born in Mascoutah, St. Clair County, Illinois, the son of a printer. Before coming to Missouri, Houck studied law and was admitted to the Illinois Bar. He also published a German newspaper, *The Volksblatt* in Belleville, Illinois in 1859. In 1868, he moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was appointed Assistant U.S. District Attorney. Houck came to Cape Girardeau in 1869 to practice law with the stated hope that he could "wield greater influence and accomplish more." Shortly after arrival in Cape Girardeau, he became interested in the railroad business, and built his legacy.

In 1880, Houck raised the money to create his own line, the Cape Girardeau Railway Company. At this time the Missouri "boothel" region was still primarily swamp land, yet there were a few towns and self-sufficient farms. Houck had traveled the southeast Missouri region as an attorney, and saw an opportunity to open the regional farmers’ markets to St. Louis and beyond, and brought more residents into the low populated area in order to to develop the opportunities.

Houck was an entrepreneur, but did not favor all of the regional developments. He was an outspoken man, and frequently published his thoughts in newspapers around the state. Houck opposed the formation of the Little River Drainage District and the electrification of the City of Cape Girardeau. Houck believed that the Little River Drainage District project would only result in the creation of more swampland in Cape Girardeau County and the surrounding area.

Houck created three railway lines in his lifetime. He built the lines by purchasing established lines and then building short lines to adjacent cities. Through the process of purchasing and building, Houck created an extensive network that reached: North to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri; South to Leachville, Arkansas; East to Carbondale, Illinois; and West to Idlewild, Missouri.

By avocation, Houck was a historian and author. His publications include: *The Boundaries of the Louisiana Purchase* (1901); a three-volume *History of Missouri* (1908); and *The Spanish Regime in Missouri* (1909). Houck was a thorough researcher, he located original documents and hired translators to interpret the primary documents. Houck’s passion for historic research consumed the latter part of his life.

Houck was integral in the development of the Missouri Normal School (currently, Southeast Missouri State University) in Cape Girardeau. In 1886, Houck served on the Board of Regents, and served as Board President from 1889 until his death in 1925. As President of the Board of Regents, Houck influenced all areas of the Normal School development, including: the construction of Academic Hall--opened in 1906, the planting of trees along Normal Street, the building of dormitories, and securing better pay for teachers. The Normal school was unable to obtain funds to build a football field, so Houck donated the land and assisted in fund raising for the project. After completion in 1930, the Houck Field House and Stadium was named in Houck’s honor.
Giboney Houck (b. 1880 –d. c. 1960), son of Louis, was a partner in his father’s business ventures. Giboney served as a Major in the Missouri National Guard, and as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, in 1919. Like his father, Giboney was an entrepreneur. He created a telephone company and the People’s Theatre in the downtown Cape Girardeau area. After Louis Houck’s death, Giboney attempted to reconcile his father’s debts, and cared for his sister, niece and mother--Mary Hunter Giboney Houck.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of correspondence --both incoming and outgoing; artifacts; photographs--both personal and related to railroads; ledgers, maps, and business records from Louis and Giboney Houck’s various entrepreneurial ventures.

Louis and Giboney Houck Papers Series Descriptions:

Series I: Louis Houck Papers

Subseries 1: Louis Houck Incoming Correspondence.1864-1925.
Business Correspondence with some personal correspondence.

Subseries 2: Louis Houck Outgoing Correspondence.1886-1942.
Business Correspondence with some personal correspondence.

Receipts from banks, businesses, colleges, etc.

Subseries 4: Louis Houck Legal and Business Papers, 1905-1914.

Subseries 5: Louis Houck Loose Files, 1887-1945.
Incoming Correspondence.personal and business related.

Subseries 6: Louis Houck Receivership, 1891-1898.
Business letters addressed to Houck, Receiver. "Receivers" are usually court appointed managers of Railroad lines that are financially unstable.

Subseries 7: Louis Houck Railroad Papers, 1895-1917.
Business Correspondence,primarily relating to the Kennett and Southern lines.

Series II: Giboney Houck Papers

Subseries 1: Giboney Houck Incoming Correspondence.1901-1932.
Personal and business correspondence.

Subseries 2: Giboney Houck Outgoing Correspondence.1905-1932.
Primarily business papers.
Subseries 3: Giboney Houck Invoices. 1901-1932.
Receipts from banks, businesses, colleges, etc.

Subseries 4: Giboney Houck Legal Papers, 1904-1932.
Personal and business legal matters, in addition to clients legal papers.

Subseries 5: Giboney Houck Miscellaneous Papers, 1900-1932.
Assorted political papers, Congressional Records, Speeches, House of Representatives Bills, and Missouri National Guard letters.

Series III: Ledgers
Louis and Giboney Houck Ledgers, 1891-1943.
Railroad account books from different lines, and school campaign funds.

Series IV: Maps, Oversize Materials and Artifacts
Louis and Giboney Houck Railroad Line Maps, railroad equipment, Southeast Missouri, Little River Drainage District, Electric Lighting Street Plans, Gulf Coast Line System Operating Expenses, Elevation Map of Saline Valley Railroad, artifacts, and miscellaneous oversized prints and materials, 1874-1929.
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1908 May – 1911 Apr

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Item 2  Railroad Invoices 1898-1916
Item 3  Correspondence and aerial photographs of land maps and blueprints.
Item 4  Cloth law notice, Railroad car drawing, Rodger Ballast Car Company pamphlet. Undated
Item 5  Map of Fithian Land Company land for sale. Undated
Item 6  Map of Pemiscot County, Missouri. Undated
Item 7  James Reed Presidential Candidate posters. Undated
Item 8  Back Taxes Bill: Ledger Pages. 1921
Item 9  Pay Roll: Ledger Pages. 1910 Aug 27 –1911 Jan 28
Item 10  Time Roll Sheets. 1903-1912
Item 12  Print. New State Capital of Missouri. undated

Box 1615  OVERSIZED
Item 1  Letter. To J. J. Kuss Esq. (Not from either Houck.) 1897 Jul 28
Item 2  Time card for train schedule. undated
Item 3  Tax Bill. 1906
Item 4 Federal Valuation of Railroad, 2 pp. document. 1922

Item 5 Individual Income tax, documents, for Giboney Houck (not filled out.) 1920

Item 6 Tax Bill. 1919

Item 7 Tax Bill. 1918

Item 8 Time Roll. 1904-1906


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Item 1 Apportionment of School Funds: Statistical information and "Statement of Apportionment" of public school funds of Cape Girardeau County. 1928

Item 2 Hurley Track Laying Machine pamphlet for the Railways. 1909

Item 3 Emerson City pamphlet, "A Map of Egypt, the World's Coal Bucket." undated

Item 4 Pennsylvania Reality Company: "Contract of Sale" for the Holbrook Building. 1923

Item 5 Steam Railroad: Request to update information in Poor's Manual of Railroads. undated

Item 6 Legal papers. 2 pp. undated

Item 7 Maps and blue prints. 3 pp. undated


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Folder 7 Print: St. Louis, by Currier and Ives. 1874
Print: Hannibal by A. Ruger. 1869

Folder 9 Maps and Photographs: Missouri Railroads. undated
MMC3.2
Folder 1  Hand drawn map of Houck Railroad system. undated
         Map of Little River Drainage District. undated
         Missouri State Road map. 1926
Folder 4  Blue prints: 60 foot deck turntable. 2 pieces. undated
Folder 6  Map: City of Cape Girardeau. 1973
Folder 10 Map: Unidentified railroad line with writing. undated
Folder 11 Drawing. State Teacher’s College Library. undated
         Gulf Coast Line System Operating Expenses. 1929
Folder 12 Electric Lighting Street plan by Ewing – Merkle Electric Company.
         Map: Unidentified railroad line with writing. undated
Folder 13 Letter. Missouri State Highway Department. 1921 May 9
         Blueprint: "Property Lines and Ownership of Land Involved in the Raising of Certain Streets and Alleys in the Main Street Business District."
         Map. Cairo, Gulf and Memphis Datum. undated
Folder 14 Statistical Statement of Freight and Passenger Earnings, 4 charts. 1911

MMC4.12
Folder 2  Galley Proofs: Railroading Manuscript, Houck. One Galley is incomplete.
         Miscellaneous: 1906 Taxes of Chester, Perryville and Ste. 1906
Folder 3  Genevieve Railroad, Statement of taxable property of Cape Girardeau and Chester Railroad (3 pieces).
         Land Commission map of Missouri. 1890
         Banner: "Welcome Veterans of 1898-1902." undated
Folder 5  Map: Pemiscot county, Southern portion of Cape undated
Girardeau Township (2 pieces, one marked).

Folder 8  Title abstracts: 1837-1903. (2 pieces).  1837-1903

Folder 15  Detail of Concrete Block for Flexible Mat, Little River Drainage District.  1925

Map of Lime Kiln Line, Cape Girardeau Southwestern Railway Company.  1889 Aug

Box 2520

Loose  Elevation map of Saline Valley Railroad.  undated