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Stamm, David, Memoir, 1903-1917

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INTRODUCTION

The one volume memoir was handwritten, from 1903 to 1917, by David Stamm, and is a biographical sketch of his life, family history, and hardships.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

David Stamm was born December 22, 1837 in Salt Creek Township, Holmes County, Ohio, in a log house on a small farm to John and Anna Elizabeth Germann Stamm. When he was five years old, the family moved to Van Wert County, Ohio, in a large wagon, in September, 1842. As a young man, he learned to clerk in various goods and book stores. He served in the Company H, 139th Regiment, Ohio National Guard, during the Civil War. David Stamm married Kate Schumm on October 31, 1867. They had 13 children – a stillborn baby boy in 1868, John Frederick William (Willie), Louisa Magdalena Elisabeth (Lulu or Lula), and Mary Juliana (Julia), Otto Louis, Henry Albert, David, Catherine, Bertha Emilie, Theresa Rosina, Paul Gerhard, Paula Gertrud, and Carl Ferdinand. The family moved to a small farm in Prairie City, Missouri in 1883. In November 1887 Stamm purchased a dry goods business and moved his family to Humboldt, Kansas. The family moved again when Stamm opened a general merchandise store in Pittsburg, Kansas, on the east side of Broadway, between 2nd and 3rd streets in 1889 and sold goods and groceries for twelve years before retiring. His wife, Anna Elizabeth, died July 17, 1907. Stamm moved to Fort Scott, Kansas in 1913 and lived there until his death on October 22, 1920. He and his wife are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Pittsburg, Kansas.

DONOR INFORMATION

The one volume memoir was donated by Dr. David and Elisabeth Gordon on December 12, 2005.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one volume, 149 page memoirs, handwritten on lined paper, from 1903 to 1917, by David Stamm, and pertains to his life, family history and hardships. The diary was transcribed by a Special Collections staff member in 2010. A family tree chart notating family names and dates was also created at the same time.

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