

The Argo-Keiser Family Collection

Collection Summary

Title: The Argo-Keiser Family Collection

Dates (Inclusive): 1885-1985

Creator(s): Keiser, Irene Argo (1883-1972)

Language: English

Abstract: The collection contains photographs, film negatives, glass plate negatives, and print plates of the Argo-Keiser family and river related subjects. Also included in the collection are a number of documents related to the Argo-Keiser family.

Collection Number: P-32

Size: 1.0 linear feet

Location:

Pott National Inland Waterways Library
St. Louis Mercantile Library at UM – St. Louis
Thomas Jefferson Library Building
One University Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63121

Biographical Note: Captain Elias (Ike) Lambert Argo was a steamboat captain from Ironton, Ohio who worked primarily on the upper Ohio and was associated with such lines as the Bay Line and the Greene Line. His daughter, Irene Estelle Argo Keiser (1883-1972) moved from Ironton, Ohio to St. Louis with her husband Frank Keiser in 1911. Mrs. Keiser and her husband ran the Tavern Hotel, a motor hotel located in the West End neighborhood. Mrs. Keiser was an active member of the Sons and Daughters of Pioneer Rivermen until her death.

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of one record box (1 linear foot) of photographs, film negatives, glass plate negatives, print plates, and related documents of the Argo-Keiser family from the period 1880-1985. There are two series in the collection; Photographs and Related Documents. These series are divided into sixteen folders.

Series 1 contains photographs, film negatives, glass plate negatives, and print plates from approximately 1880 to 1985. Most of these are related to the Argo-Keiser family, but some depict early 20th century steamboats.

Series 2 contains documents related to the Argo-Keiser family including: cemetery plot purchase receipts, correspondence, bills, receipts, and DAR application materials.

Restrictions:

Access Restrictions: Some of the material in Pott Inland Waterways Library Collection P-32 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.

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Subject Headings:

River Steamers

Steamboats

Steam-navigation—Ohio River

Argo family

Keiser family

Hotels—Missouri—St. Louis

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Related Documents	Family papers, correspondence, ephemera.	2	14
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Folder 12 Contents:

1. Negative, Captain Elias (Ike) Lambert Argo, early 20th century.
2. Photograph, view of river, unknown date.
3. Photograph, Family photo (unknown if Argo family) on steamboat, early 20th century.
4. Photograph, Steamboat Joseph B. Williams, 1907.
5. Photograph, Steamboat Henry M. Stanley, early 20th century.
6. Photograph, Steamboat Fleetwood, early 20th century.
7. Photograph, Captain Elias (Ike) Lambert Argo, early 20th century.
8. Same as above, enlarged and cropped.
9. Photograph, Inland Marine, 1988.
10. Photograph, Mark Largent, M/V Amoco Missouri, 1984.
11. Photograph, Steamboat Indiana, early 20th century.