

Collection Summary

ID Number: MSS 025

Title: George S. Clifford Collection

Extent: 1 Box

Span Dates: 1920s

Language: English

Geographic Location: Indiana

Abstract: The George S. Clifford Collection consists of a biography about George S. Clifford from 1927.

Historical Notes: George Sonntag Clifford (1858-1927) was born on April 8, 1858 in Evansville, IN. His parents died when he was young, and he and his siblings were raised by their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Sonntag. Clifford graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1879. He worked in his uncle's hardware business, but upon the uncle's death, he founded Clifford Hardware Company, which became one of the largest wholesale hardware houses in Southern Indiana. He retired in 1913 and was the manager of the James L. Orr Investment Company later in his life. He was called "The Father of Evansville College" because he convinced the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church to move Moore's Hill College to Evansville in 1916. The Clifford Memorial Library portion of University Libraries was named in his honor in 1957. He was also active in the merger of two Presbyterian churches that formed the current First Presbyterian Church in 1926. He was married to Emily Orr, granddaughter of the founder of the Orr Iron Company, and had two sons, James and George. Clifford passed away on December 10, 1927.

- **Sources:** George S. Clifford Biography

Selected Search Terms

Keywords: Local History; Local Publications

Related Materials: Arts and Entertainment; Business and Industry; History; Publications; Regional History; Related Materials -- 1901-1950

Administrative Information

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