

Missouri State Archives

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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Eliza Morrison Letter

Abstract: One personal letter written by Eliza Morrison, wife of Missouri State Penitentiary Warden John Morrison.

Extent: 1 item

Physical Description: Paper

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

John L. Morrison (1829-1902) was appointed Warden of the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1889 by Governor Francis. His wife was Eliza Thompson (1833-1917), and she is the individual who wrote the letter in this collection. John was “born in Fayette, Howard County, Mo., August 7, 1829, and educated in the schools of his native county; he never knew any military service, but held the civil offices of sheriff and collector from 1867 to 1870; he is a farmer and married; Mr. Morrison is a son of the late Hon. Alfred W. Morrison, who was State Treasurer of Missouri

from 1851 to 1860.” (quoted from the Official Manual of the State of Missouri 1891-1892, p. 351)

Eliza and John had a daughter named Sadie who shows up in the letter. Sadie married John F. Shafroth and the couple eventually moved to Denver, Colorado. Shafroth is mentioned in the letter as well. Eliza died at her daughter’s home in Denver and was removed to Fayette, MO for burial.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

RG114 Department of Corrections
RG213 Missouri State Penitentiary

Additional External Resources

Unknown

LETTER, 1891

Arrangement: N/a

Scope and Content

This is a letter written by Eliza Morrison on letterhead belonging to Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) Warden John Morrison. The letter is addressed to Newton Elliot of Estill, Missouri. The letter is of a personal nature, and the only mention of the MSP is that an inmate is helping the Morrisons with their garden.

The letter is also available as a PDF on Manuscript DVD #1 in the Reference Room.

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