

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.317]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Duke Diggs Jefferson City Photograph Collection

Abstract: Photographs of Duke Diggs and his businesses in Jefferson City; African-American history

Extent: 7 images

Physical Description: Photograph & Negative Copy Prints

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: TIFF

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Notable Jefferson City resident Duke Diggs (1872-1943) was well-known in town for being a respectable businessman. He began working as a cook but soon in the late 1890s he opened his own business as a “transporter” moving furniture and other goods for the public with his horses and wagons. His moving company flourished and he bought a house on Lafayette Street around 1918. Diggs married Estella Branham on September 20, 1893. The couple had no children.

In 1918-1920 Diggs served as the Grand Secretary of the United Brothers of Friendship and the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten. He was active in politics and would occasionally show up at the

General Assembly advocating for African-American rights and for Lincoln University, the historically black public university in Jefferson City.

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MS426 Jefferson City News Tribune Photograph
MS433 Joseph Summers Collection
MS463 Jefferson City Photographs by Kendal Mertens
MS467 Wilmer Ott Sterling Construction Company Photograph Collection
RG110 Department of Natural Resources National Register of Historic Places

Additional Resources

RG104 Department of Health and Senior Services Department of Vital Statistics, Missouri Death Certificates, certificate no. 28027, dod 08/08/1943, Cole County.
http://www.sos.mo.gov/images/archives/deathcerts/1943/1943_00028019.PDF

SERIES

Photographs, c1890-1930s

Scope and Content

The seven photographs in this collection are copies made from originals loaned to the Archives. They feature African-American Jefferson City resident Duke Diggs, his family, his business, and his church. This series consists of 5"x7" copy prints with 4"x5" copy negatives. The negatives have been digitized and are on Manuscript DVD #3 in the Reference Room.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	103	67	Duke Diggs Moving Company with their wagons and horse teams, located behind Diggs' home at 526 Lafayette St.	c1920
	103	68	The home of Duke Diggs, 526 Lafayette St., built in 1918	c1920
	103	69	The Second Baptist Church at the corner of Monroe and Miller Streets	c1920
	103	70	The congregation of the Second Baptist Church (corner of Monroe and Miller Streets)	c1920
	103	71	Duke Diggs (back row, second from right) with his five brothers William, Nathaniel, Arthur, Marion, and John and his father Duke Diggs, Sr. Probably taken in Cooper County.	c1895
	103	72	Portrait of Duke Diggs	1930s
	103	73	Portrait of Estella (Branham) Diggs (Duke's wife)	1890-1900?