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**WILLIAM GLEN  
COLLECTION, 1880-1951**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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COLLECTION: 2 manuscript folders

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

William Glen was born in 1848 in Indiana to Scottish parents, Robert and Agnes (Kirkwood) Glen. The Glen family was originally from Paisley, Scotland. They moved to Indiana in the 1830s. There they had seven children, including William and Robert. During William's life, he resided in Jefferson and Switzerland Counties in Indiana. He was a farmer who never married. Robert Glen, William's brother, born in Indiana in 1845, moved west. By 1880, he lived in McCune, Kansas. Robert Glen died in 1881, while William lived until 1935.

### Sources:

Materials in the collection

Records from Ancestry Library Edition. Accessed online January 2024.

Records from Newspapers.com. Accessed online January 2024.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection contains the diary of William Glen, which he kept during 1880. A brief description of the contents of the diary can be found in the collection's calendar on page four of this guide. Additionally, there is a folder with two letters from Robert Glen to his brother William Glen in March of 1880 and one newspaper clipping. The clipping is the obituary of David M. Thompson. Before moving to Kansas, the Thompsons lived in the same general area in Indiana as the Glen family. Robert Glen lived close to where David M. Thompson died in Kansas as well. Robert Glen's letter in the collection mentions a person by the name of Thompson. Thompson's parents were from Scotland so that is another possible connection to the Glens. The last document is a public sale poster of William Glen in the early 1900s.

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## CALENDAR

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Diary of William Glen, January-December 1880

Folder 1

He wrote this location, Moorefield, Switzerland Co, Indiana, at the beginning of the diary. He mentions Robert, James Culbertson, Dr. S. Culbertson, Mr. Bishop, Miss. Nettie Witherspoon and others. He writes on November 16<sup>th</sup> that his sister Lizzie died. The diary also includes a memoranda and cash account.

Letter from Robert Glen, to brother William Glen, March 24, 1880. McCune, Kansas. 1p.

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He arrived in Kansas and talked to Ms. Casy. The snow is almost gone. The wheat is fine but "not as fresh as it is back there." He stopped by Mr. John McGuire after leaving Girard (probably Girard, Kansas). People are sowing oats. There is a recent migration to Girard, so changes have happened to real estate and the roads. North Missouri had a dry winter. Those at Johnys and Jane McKay's are well. Those at Robert Kirkwood's are well but Johnny has rheumatism. He went to Clarence on Thursday and stayed at Robert Kirkwood's one night. He left Clarence (probably Clarence, Missouri) on Monday and went to Kansas City. He came to Girard yesterday. The wheat in Missouri is bad due to the dry weather. Wheat is \$1 per bushel and corn is 20 cents per bushel.

Letter from Robert Glen, to brother William Glen,  
March 26, 1880. McCune, Kansas. 1p.

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He mentions taking a letter to Girard for William. He wants to go to Jims and Thompson today and stop in Jacksonville. He will not bother William about sending back a harness. He got his "box of baggage" and a plow in Girard. He wants to go to work soon. He will tell of his trip later.

Public Sale poster, March 9, 1904

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Poster contains the date and time, location (close to Caledonia church), a list of the private property being sold, and terms of sale. "WM. GLENN." is printed on the poster. 1p.

The Parsons Sun, David M. Thompson, Obituary,  
Newspaper clipping, May 17, 1951

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