



Robert Taylor Bray Collection (C4397)

Collection Number: C4397

Collection Title: Robert Taylor Bray Collection

Dates: 1897, 1974, 1985-1989

Creator: Bray, Robert Taylor, 1925-1999

Abstract: Architectural elevation drawings of the Sanford F. Conley house; photographs and negatives, and correspondence relating to the house area excavations and lab work; University Academy grade book, owned by M.R. Conley.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(7 folders, 5 oversize architectural drawings)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at contact@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Robert Taylor Bray May 28, 1993 (Accession No. CA5284).

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Historical Note:

Robert Taylor Bray was born on January 23, 1925, in McCracken, Christian County, Missouri.

He was an associate professor of anthropology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Bray joined the university staff in 1959 and served as director of UMC's Lyman Archaeological Research Center near Marshall, Missouri, for 20 years. His specialty was historical American archaeology. He conducted research in Missouri, Iowa, Montana, Georgia, Arkansas, and Illinois. He studied the contact and historic period Oneota Indians, the nineteenth century Mormon period, and nineteenth century salt industry in central Missouri.

Robert Taylor Bray died on February 16, 1999, and is buried in Sparta, Christian County, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Sanford F. Conley House
Oversize

Scope and Content Note:

Sanford F. Conley House

This series contains materials related to the archaeological excavation of the area surrounding the Sanford F. Conley House, located on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. The materials include photographs, correspondence, and two copies of the *Missouri Archaeological Society Quarterly*, Volume 3, Number 2, April-June 1986, and Volume 6 Number 4, October-December 1989. There is also a University Academy grade book, owned by M. R. Conley, dated 1897. The years included are 1896, and 1985-1989.

Oversize Material

The oversize material consists of five leaves of architectural elevation drawings of the Sanford F. Conley house, 1974.

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