

C Watson-Westlake Papers, 1813-1949
186 .7 cubic feet

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INTRODUCTION

Correspondence, receipts, legal documents, and miscellaneous items of the Watson family of Boone County. Memoir by Thomas W. Westlake of his Civil War and post-Civil War experiences.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were deposited with the University of Missouri by Ruby Westlake Freudenberger on 26 October 1944 (Accession No. 163). An addition was made by Indiana University on 4 December 1991 (Accession No. 5123).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Watson Papers are arranged chronologically and span the years 1813-1947, with undated material filed at the end. The papers consist of correspondence, receipts, legal documents, and miscellaneous items of a Boone County family that migrated from Albemarle County, Virginia, in the 1820s. The correspondence includes letters from Walter Watson of Albemarle County to his son, Benjamin N., in Boone County. Among the legal documents are the will and estate papers of William Norris and the will of James Rundell.

The collection also contains of an undated memoir written by Thomas W. Westlake about his Civil War experiences and post-Civil War experiences in Mexico with General Joseph O. Shelby.

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 1813-1829. Indenture for land in Albemarle County, Virginia; account book of Benjamin N. Watson, 1821-1844, including travel expenses and genealogical notes; and tax receipts.
- f. 2 1830-1839. Survey for Benjamin N. Watson of land in Boone County; land grant to John Norris; deed between Watson and Norris for land in Boone County; letters from F.F. Kirby and J.B. Watson regarding death of Benjamin N. Watson's mother and plans to move to Missouri from Albemarle County; indenture for land in Boone County; will of William Norris and bill of sale from Norris' estate; and miscellaneous tax receipts.
- f. 3 1840-1842. Letters from F.F. Kirby to Benjamin N. Watson concerning land in Missouri and Virginia; annual settlements of the William Norris estate; letter from Walter Watson to his son, Benjamin, giving family news; land grant to Benjamin N Watson for

- land registered at the Fayette land office; lease for land between Benjamin N. Watson and John Norris; and tax receipts of Benjamin N. Watson.
- f. 4 1843-1849. Will of James C. Rundell; letter from Walter Watson to his son, Benjamin, with family news; subscription list to build a school near the Brick Chapel in Boone County; and tax receipts of Benjamin N. Watson.
- f. 5-21 1850-1949, n.d.
- f. 5 Petition for partition of land and tax receipts
- f. 6 Medal awarded to Ruby Westlake at declamation contest at the University of Missouri, 1891; program of the First Shakespearean Contest and correspondence of Ruby W. Freudenberger to Library of Congress re the War of 1812 military record of James B. Watson.
- f. 7 Miscellaneous receipts; appraisement bill of estate; and two articles by Ruby W. Freudenberger: "The Covered Bridge," the bridge which spanned Perche Creek near the Brick Chapel, and "The Brick Chapel: A Brief History of the Locust Grove Methodist Church at Midway, Boone County, Missouri."
- f. 8-11 Photocopy of Thomas W. Westlake's memoirs as a Confederate soldier and his post-Civil War experiences with General Joseph O. Shelby in Mexico, 1861-1865. [original in folder 21] **[DIGITIZED]**
- f. 12 Covered Bridge, Brick Chapel, Locust Grove Methodist Church at Midway, Boone County, 1808-1951, includes photographs.
- f. 13 Application, Lineage claim, Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Daughters, Ruby Westlake Freudenberger, 1926, 1941.
- f. 14 Watson family genealogy, 1822-1933
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