

C Payne-Broadwell Family, Papers, 1803-1903
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INTRODUCTION:

The Payne-Broadwell Family Papers contain the business, personal, and legal papers of Moses U. Payne and his nephew Moses M. Broadwell. Moses U. Payne resided in Boone County, Missouri, from 1823 to 1895. Payne was an astute businessman, a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church and in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a philanthropist for educational and religious organizations in Missouri and its neighboring states. After his death in 1895, Payne's Rocheport home was sold to O. C. Roby. Also present are miscellaneous papers of the Oliver C. Roby family.

DONOR INFORMATION

The Moses U. Payne Record Books and the Moses M. Broadwell Letters were purchased by the State Historical Society of Missouri from Oliver C. Roby in 1936 and were processed as collection nos. 1057, 1199, 1200, 1201, 1213. The Moses U. Payne Papers (Collection no. 983) were donated to the University of Missouri by A. W. Uren in October 1943 (Accession No. 49). The University of Missouri Library transferred material to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection on 31 July 1946 (Accession No. 2862), and George Russell donated material on 3 September 1954 (Accession No. 3205). The papers were reprocessed in 1995/1996 when the State Historical Society of Missouri material was transferred to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection and combined into this single collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

The Payne Family

Moses U. Payne was born in Versailles, Kentucky, on 25 October 1807, to Moses and Mary Payne. The Payne family included four other children: Jacob U., Andrew Miller, Elizabeth (Broadwell), and Marie Harriett (Wood). Moses Payne was a shoemaker and a businessman, operating a store and a cotton yarn spinning factory in Woodford County, Kentucky. Mary was evidently a wealthy woman who invested and loaned money upon several occasions.

After Moses Payne's death, the family moved in 1823 to Boone County, Missouri, where Moses U. Payne retained a permanent residence for the remainder of his life in the small town of Rocheport. In June 1829 Moses married Mary D. White of Fulton, Missouri. They had two children: Jacob A. (c.1843) and Emma (c.1849). Emma died in New Orleans in 1854 at the age of five. Jacob A. attended Moore's Hill College and later worked on the family farm in Iowa. In approximately 1866 he married Bettie (no maiden name revealed) and had a daughter, Mary (c. 1868).

In 1858 Mary D. Payne died in Rocheport. At the age of 60, Payne married Sarah ("Sallie") H. Patton of Howard County, Missouri, on 12 September 1867. This union also produced two children: Sarah Martha ("Mattie," c.1868) and Moses Miller. Mattie married S.P.

Cresaps in 1900 and resided in Payne, Iowa, after her father's death in 1895.

Moses U. Payne began his business career in Missouri as a partner with his brothers, Jacob and Andrew ("Miller"), in J.U. Payne & Brothers. Throughout his life Payne ventured into a variety of business dealings including mercantile firms, wagon trains, livestock, and farming. Rather than direct the daily operations of business, Payne often invested his capital in ventures with the provision that his partner(s) oversee these procedures. (For names and dates of various business operations see the Payne & Broadwell Businesses list following this inventory.)

One of Payne's major investments included land. By the late 1860s Payne owned land in Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, and Iowa, totaling almost 60,000 acres. By 1886 the *St. Louis Globe Democrat* listed Moses U. Payne as one of Missouri's wealthiest farmers. He maintained much of the Iowa land for his own use to raise mules to sell in the South. Payne's farm in Fremont County, Iowa, ("Valley Farm") became his permanent home in 1890. By this time the area was known as Payne, Iowa.

In 1828 Payne became a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church and later in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He played a key role in the development of the church in Missouri, giving generously to small communities struggling to erect meeting houses. His business acumen combined with his religious lifestyle earned him the nickname, "the millionaire minister." Payne's philanthropy extended far in Missouri and elsewhere in the country with estimates of his gifts totaling as much as \$1 million. Payne's involvement in the growth of Columbia, Missouri, entailed the establishment of the Methodist Church; the retention of the town's only newspaper; participation on the Board of Trustees for the Columbia Female Academy (the town's first female school); and the construction of the town's first brick church.

Higher education received much of Payne's charitable attention. He was one of only sixteen people to pledge over \$1000 in 1839 in order to establish the new state university in Columbia, Missouri. Payne donated money to help open one of the first colleges to educate African-American Methodists: Paine College in Augusta, Georgia. In 1868 he saved Howard Female Academy in Fayette, Missouri, by paying off the school's debts so that it might reopen. In 1892 the school changed its name to Howard-Payne College in honor of its rescuer. During the 1920s Howard-Payne College merged with Central College to become Central Methodist College. In his will Payne left endowments and scholarship provisions for Tabor College in Iowa; for Central College in Fayette, Missouri; and for Park College in Parkville, Missouri.

Jacob U. Payne, Moses' older brother, supported the family after his father's death by acting as Deputy Sheriff for Woodford County, Kentucky, collecting taxes and fees. One of his first business ventures was in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, with the firm Payne & Sering (c.1826-1828). In 1831 Jacob and William Broadwell (Elizabeth Payne's husband), established the mercantile company of Payne & Broadwell in Fulton, Missouri. By the 1840s Jacob had moved to New Orleans and entered into cotton factoring and various other endeavors, including the buying and selling of slaves.

When the Civil War seemed imminent, Moses liquidated much of his southern holdings. However, Jacob remained in New Orleans and supported the Confederate States of America. The Confederate Government asked him to act as the advising agent for the completion of the New Orleans & Texas and Texas & New Orleans railroads. When Union troops captured New Orleans, they confiscated Jacob's home and property. Despite this setback, Jacob resumed his business practices after the war.

Miller Payne also remained in the South during the Civil War. After entering business with Moses and Jacob in Columbia during the 1830s, Miller Payne moved to Alabama to oversee

the operation of the family-owned cotton factory staffed by slave labor. He spent time in Alabama prior to his permanent move there and in 1829 he married Henrietta Maria Wilson.

The Broadwell Family

Moses M. Broadwell was Payne's nephew. He was the son of William A. and Elizabeth Payne Broadwell (sister to Moses U. Payne). Three other sons and four daughters comprised the family: William A., Samuel, Jacob P., Mary E. (Wood), Henrietta (White), Ann Maria (Laws), and Lizzie.

Moses, William, and Jacob all entered into business with their mother's brothers at some time. Moses became a partner in the St. Louis firm of Humphreys, Terry & Company in the early 1860s. By 1862 he had traveled to New York City where he became a Commission Merchant working with large amounts of money while dealing primarily in gold. In May 1866 Moses married Virginia Wood of Kansas City, Missouri. A son, Willie, was born in March 1867. By 1869 the Broadwells moved to Wyandotte, Kansas. Here Moses became a director and a vice-president of the Kansas State Savings Bank.

William A. Broadwell worked in New Orleans until the outbreak of the Civil War. In August 1861 he was appointed brigade quartermaster to procure supplies and transportation for Missouri and Arkansas troops. By August 1863 William achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was promoted to the position of Chief of the Cotton Bureau for the Trans-Mississippi Department. As chief he instructed all Confederate government agents regarding the collection, purchase, or dispersion of cotton owned by the Confederate States of America. After the war ended, William fled to Mexico with generals Price and Shelby and worked with former Tennessee Governor Islam Green Magruder. With the assistance of James S. Rollins, Moses U. Payne played a key role in obtaining a presidential pardon for William after the war. Eventually he returned to the United States and entered into business once again.

Information on Moses Broadwell's other siblings is less complete. Lizzie was the youngest of Moses' sisters and died unmarried in December 1863 or January 1864. Jacob P. Broadwell was an 1856 graduate of Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. He worked as a merchant with his family before and after the Civil War. His role in the Confederate forces is unclear but he also received a presidential pardon after the war.

Ann Marie married Samuel Spahr Laws who served as president of the University of Missouri from 1875 to 1889. She stood by her husband during his three month incarceration in St. Louis' Gratiot prison on charges of disloyalty. S. S. Laws and Moses Broadwell had business dealings together in New York City during the Civil War. Ann Marie cared for her father, William Broadwell, in his elderly years.

The Roby Family

Oliver C. Roby worked for Moses U. Payne at Lynn Bluffs, his Rocheport home. After Payne's death in 1895, Roby purchased the farm and raised his family there. The house still stands and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Payne-Broadwell Family Papers are divided into three series: the papers of **Moses U. Payne**, the papers of **Moses M. Broadwell**, and the miscellaneous papers of the **Oliver C. Roby** family. There are six subseries within the Payne papers: Correspondence, Legal, Business, Maps, Religion, and Miscellaneous. There are three subseries within the Broadwell papers: Correspondence, Legal, and Business.

The **Moses U. Payne** correspondence, 1821-1891, is arranged chronologically. It consists of the personal and business letters received by Payne. Several letters from the 1820s and 1830s belong to Payne's brothers, Jacob and Miller. Moses's primary correspondent represented in this collection was his brother Jacob. However like most of Payne's correspondence, the content of most of these letters concerns business with brief references to family affairs. These discussions included the various partnerships in which Payne was involved: collecting debts, renting land, raising mules, and outfitting wagon trains to travel west. There are letters requesting his financial assistance but otherwise there is little regarding his philanthropic activities. There is also little on the events of the Civil War with the exception of a letter requesting James S. Rollins to intervene in obtaining a presidential pardon for his nephew Colonel William A. Broadwell. Despite its mostly business nature, the correspondence reveals that Payne communicated often with his sisters, nieces, nephews, and some friends. Many of these people are identified by their initials and last name only, therefore, they were not included in the index entries prepared for this collection.

The Payne legal documents, 1803-1871, are arranged chronologically. The earliest documents include a Kentucky land grant, slave bills of sale, and business agreements made by Moses U. Payne's parents. There are depositions and letters from the case of Long vs. Payne regarding a dispute about a loan Mary Payne made to Reuben Long in Kentucky. Many of the documents are land titles, promissory notes, or disclose the terms involved in the various business enterprises undertaken by Payne. The items from the 1820s concern Jacob's business deals while the remainder of the documents belong to Moses.

The Payne business subseries, 1803-1889, is arranged chronologically. It consists of account statements, bills of lading, receipts, and nine financial volumes. The majority of these records fall between 1828 and 1834, while the Payne brothers were conducting business in Columbia, Missouri. Volume 8 is a journal from Valley Farm in Iowa, which was not kept by Payne, recording not only the financial records of the farm but also the daily activities.

The Maps subseries contains sets of township maps with parcels marked. These evidently show land owned by Payne, however, the state, town, or county are not identified.

The Religion subseries is arranged alphabetically by topic. Most of the material is dated after the Civil War or is undated. Located here are Payne's handwritten notes on Bible passages and notes from an 1833 meeting of the Cedar Creek Circuit. Other topics include Payne's views on religion and slavery, baptism, and temperance. There are scattered issues of newspapers published by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Miscellaneous subseries is arranged alphabetically by type of material. The subseries contains clippings about the Civil War and other subjects, miscellaneous position letters on currency and politics, a phrenology of Moses U. Payne, various publications, school work which appears to have been done by Moses Miller Payne, and reports and catalogues from several schools.

The **Moses M. Broadwell** correspondence, 1842-1871, contains personal and business letters received and written by Moses M. Broadwell. Much of the correspondence concerns

business but there is a significant amount of personal correspondence. This series is particularly rich in views on people and events in which the Broadwell family participated during and after the Civil War.

During the Civil War Moses M. Broadwell resided in New York City and was an active dealer in gold. His correspondence during these years revealed the economic climate created by the war, often offering his own forecasts for market increases and declines. A friend in Washington, D. C., sent alpha-numeric coded telegrams to Broadwell during November and December 1864. These messages discussed the latest Union troop movements in the South, particularly those of General Sherman. To what ends Broadwell used this information is not disclosed but he often alluded to the most recent military news in his market predictions.

Moses Broadwell's brothers, William and Jacob, served as officers for the Confederate States of America and both refused to sign the loyalty oath. They followed generals Price and Shelby to Mexico and enlisted Moses' assistance in securing capital and supplies. Moses also acted as a liaison with the families and the business contacts of the men in Mexico, forwarding letters to a mutual friend so that their whereabouts would remain unknown. There are several letters present discussing these arrangements in 1865 and 1866.

In the fall of 1864 Moses M. Broadwell was given permission to conduct a trade between the United States and the Confederate States of America. Broadwell proposed this idea to General Grant and then obtained permission to travel in the South from Robert E. Lane. In this trade the South was to turn over goods (e.g. cotton) in exchange for warm blankets and clothing for Confederate prisoners held in the North. These letters have survived and are located in the correspondence for September through November 1864.

There are other letters discussing the secession and war events. Broadwell's business friends, S. S. Laws, and Louis Broadwell (a cousin traveling in Europe) shared their personal views on the impending war. Louis Broadwell reported the European feelings about slavery and the war. Ann Marie Laws wrote of the skirmishes and loss of life in and around St. Louis. After the war Jacob P. Broadwell wrote of the effects it had had on various members of the family, like his uncle Jacob U. Payne and his brother William.

Two letter books containing personal, business, and war-related correspondence have been dismantled for preservation purposes. Letter book I contained letters received by Moses Broadwell while conducting business in New York City. The letters were numbered and were arranged in reverse chronological order with an index appearing at the back. These letters have been rearranged with the index appearing at the beginning and with the letters arranged chronologically/numerically in f. 108-119. All of the letters have matching entries in the volume's index. Missing numbers represent letters missing from the original volume.

Letter book II contained Broadwell's outgoing correspondence written on tissue paper with an iron-based ink. These letters have been photocopied for preservation and the originals have been discarded. Due to the faded condition of the originals, more than one copy of a single letter has been placed in the folders in order to facilitate reading the documents in their entirety. These letters were indexed by number and arranged chronologically and this arrangement has been retained in f.120-134. Any numbers missing in these folders did not appear in the original volume. (*NOTE: All names appearing in Letter book I-II have **not** been entered into the WHMC index, please check the Letter book indices in f.108 and f.120.)

The Broadwell legal documents, 1858-1871, are arranged chronologically. The earliest document is a slave title while the remainder concerns Moses Broadwell's business interests. He joined John B. Hatch and John M. Chrysler in Chrysler & Hatch, a general milling business

which used the Wyandotte (Kansas) City Mill. Also present is the Charter of the Wyandotte Gas, Light and Coke Company. However, Broadwell's interest in this company is not clarified in the collection. The final document is a draft of a deposition given by J. P. Broadwell concerning a patent dispute between S. S. Laws, E. A. Calahan, and H. N. Baker.

The Broadwell business subseries, 1856-1876, is arranged alphabetically by type of material and then chronologically. Account statements and gold receipts comprise most of this series. The bulk of the items are from 1864 and 1865 and reflect Broadwell's gold dealings while in New York City during the Civil War. There are two volumes listing individuals to whom and from whom gold was delivered and received.

In January 1869 Moses M. Broadwell began working with the Kansas State Savings Bank. The records from 1869 to 1876 belong primarily to this bank with some of Broadwell's personal receipts and accounts scattered among them. At the end of the accounts/receipts appears the financial records from the Wyandotte City Mill, c.1864-1865, which include individual accounts and monthly trial balances.

In order to provide a complete history of Moses M. Broadwell's financial affairs, checks are included in the Business subseries. These pertain only to Broadwell and his personal and business finances. The checks span the years 1863 through 1871.

The miscellaneous **Oliver C. Roby** materials are arranged alphabetically by type of material. Included in this series are clippings and advertisements; correspondence between Roby's daughters, their mother, and friends; and the children's school lessons and two report cards for Eva and Carrie Roby from Linden School.

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c.1828-1831	J.U. Payne & Brothers Columbia, MO	J.U., M.U., and A.M. Payne
1831	Payne & Broadwell Fulton, MO	J.U. Payne, William A. Broadwell
c.1833	M.U. Payne & Brother Columbia, MO	M.U. Payne, A.M. Payne, James H. Woods
c.1835	Payne & Woods Rocheport or Columbia, MO (?)	M.U. Payne, James H. Woods (?)
1837	James H. Woods & Co. Rocheport or Columbia, MO (?)	M.U. Payne, James H. Woods, (?)
c.1840	Payne, Harrison & Co. New Orleans	J.U. Payne, (?)
1841	J. K. Wright & Company Rocheport, MO	M.U. Payne, J. K. Wright
c.1845	Payne & Prather	M.U. Payne, Prather (?)

(held land in Arkansas)

c.1850-1870	Payne, Huntington, & Co. 52 Union Street AND Nos. 64 and 66 Baronne St. New Orleans	Payne, Huntington, & Co. Cotton Factors and Commission Merchants
c.1852	Broadwell & Payne No. 40 Union Street New Orleans	M.U. Payne, William A. Broadwell
c.1855	Payne & Bennett (held land in Arkansas)	M.U. Payne, Bennett
c.1862	Humphreys, Terry & Co. St. Louis, MO	G. D. Humphreys, L. H. Terry, J. N. Harrison
c.1866	Broadwell, Hatch & Co. Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants Levee, Railroad Buildings Wyandotte, Kansas	M. M. Broadwell, John B. Hatch
c.1867	Broadwell & Haynes New Orleans	Wm. A. Broadwell, A. F. Haynes
1871- (?)	Payne, Dameron & Co. Nos. 64 and 66 Baronne Street New Orleans	J.U. Payne, W.H. Dameron, and H.M. Payne
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