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INTRODUCTION

Papers of, and materials collected by, a Fulton, Missouri, resident relating to the history and residents of Callaway County. The collection comprises correspondence, copies of speeches and lectures given by Bell on historical topics, and documents including a typescript 1849 diary of James Tate, tax rolls for Callaway County, Callaway County Agricultural and Mechanical Society membership lists, and a regimental history and troop roster of Company B, 1st Missouri Cavalry, C.S.A.

DONOR INFORMATION

The Bell Collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Ovid H. Bell through William Parrish on 10 January 1978 (SHS Accession No. 2134). An addition to the collection was made on 20 March 1978 (SHS Accession No. 2137).

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 Correspondence, 1847-1943. Concerns the history of churches in Callaway County, settlement of the county, choosing a site for the University of Missouri, and two letters collected by Bell--one dated 1847 and written during the Mexican-American War by C. Harrison and an 1862 letter concerning the death of John J. Comer.
- f. 2-4 Speeches and Lectures, 1903-1950. Given by Bell on a variety of topics including the early history of Missouri; the history of Fulton; the Presbyterian church in that city; the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri; William Dabney Kerr, the founder of the Missouri School for the Deaf; and aspects of U.S. colonial history.
- f. 5-7 Callaway County Tax Rolls, 1824, 1861, n.d. The 1824 volume includes legal description of land; values of land, slaves, cattle, and other property; and county tax levied. The other two volumes include legal description of land and state and local taxes owed. All volumes arranged alphabetically by surname of property owner.
- f. 8 Colonel James Tate Diary, 1849. The diary describes Tate's journey from Fulton, Missouri, to Sacramento, California. Included with the diary is Tate's obituary (1850) and a letter (1 July 1849) written by Tate to Major Daniel Nolley while on the trail west. The diary, obituary, and letter are typescript copies.
- f. 9 1st Missouri Cavalry, C.S.A., Regimental History and Troop Roster, 1907. Comprises a short history of the unit's formation in 1861 and subsequent actions, a troop roster, and a very brief service history. The unit was composed primarily of men from Callaway County. Photocopy. [**DIGITIZED**]

f. 10 Callaway County Agricultural and Mechanical Society Membership Lists, 1854-1855.

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