

C Lynch Family, Papers, 1765-1929
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INTRODUCTION

The papers of the Lynch Family of Howard County, Missouri, contain correspondence, photographs, land records and other legal papers, financial documents, genealogical data, and Civil War service papers. The correspondence within this collection is primarily between members of the Lynch family.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Harold M. Lynch on 10 May 2002 (Accession No. 5917).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Lynch Family records begin in Cumberland County, Virginia, with John Lynch (1728-1766) and Mary Lynch (1732-1773). The son of John and Mary, Henry Lynch (1763-1849), married Sarah Farris (1765-1858) and together they resided in Cumberland County and Buckingham County, Virginia, before moving to Madison County, Kentucky. Henry and Sarah had a fourteen year old son, John Lynch (1798-1875), when they settled in Madison County.

John moved to Missouri and married Elizabeth (Tilford) Quisenberry (1791-1868) in Boone County, Missouri, in 1821. Elizabeth was the mother of five from a previous marriage with the deceased Aaron Quisenberry; their five children were Tilford Brockman, Margaret Ann Lee, James Hendison, Delila Ann, and Jackson Tandy. Together, John and Elizabeth would have a sixth child, Joseph H. Lynch (1822-1851). Joseph married Lydia Ann Settle in 1844. Both Joseph and Lydia passed away early, leaving their three children to be raised by John and Elizabeth.

In January 1862, John Lynch joined the 9th Regiment Cavalry, Missouri State Militia. He was later discharged in June 1862, due to chronic bronchitis and general disabilities. His grandson, John W. Lynch (1845-1922), joined the 9th Regiment on May 21, 1863. On September 15, 1864, John W. was discharged from the 9th Regiment and reenlisted on September 20, 1864, in the 14th cavalry of Missouri volunteers. He was discharged from his second enlistment in 1865.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Lynch Family Papers contain photographs, letters, land records and other legal papers, and financial documents from various family members. The papers are arranged into three series: **Legal Documents**, **Civil War**, and **Correspondence**.

The **Legal Documents** have been arranged by topic, which contain photographs, land records and other legal papers, financial documents, and genealogical data. The land records include documents from the 1760s in Virginia to the 1880s in Howard County,

Missouri. Other legal documents include a number of receipts largely concerning military, state, and county taxes. The series also contains genealogical documents for the Lynch family, including birth, death, and marriage records, as well as family photographs.

The **Civil War** series contain correspondence, legal papers, and financial documents regarding John Lynch (1798-1875) and John W. Lynch's (1845-1922) military service. The letter is addressed to John's grandmother, Elizabeth Lynch, in 1865, regarding the health of his grandfather John, and his predictions of the war's end. This series contains the discharge papers for both men, as well as miscellaneous documents including a National Union Republican Ticket to President Grant and ribbons regarding the reunions of the 9th Cavalry. Additionally, the financial papers include the pensions received by John W. and his wife Sarah.

The **Correspondence** series consists entirely of letters between members of the Lynch family between the years of 1837 and 1906. The letters are sent from the states of Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Washington D.C., Kansas, and Virginia. The majority of the letters are written by Jackson Quisenberry, concerning issues regarding education and the health of the family. Other topics include land, farming, and family matters. This series is arranged chronologically.

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