INTRODUCTION
The collection contains a letter to attorney John Cage and Kansas City mayor Robert T. Van Horn from David Surface regarding restitution for damaged property during the Civil War.

DONOR INFORMATION
The collection was donated to the University of Missouri as part of the collection of the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City on 7/17/1990 (Accession No. KA0590).

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
David Surface owned 140 acres of land in Jackson Co, Missouri, which was destroyed by rebels during the Civil War. He moved back to Ohio where he was raised.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The collection consists of an 1869 letter to attorney John Cage and Kansas City mayor Robert T. Van Horn from David Surface soliciting assistance in obtaining restitution for his farm and property destroyed by federal troops in Jackson County, Missouri, during the Civil War. The collection also includes a 1940 transcript of the original letter.

PREFERRED CITATION
Specific item; box number; folder number; David Surface (1827-1900) Letter, 1869 (K0539); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

FOLDER LIST
f. 1 David Surface letter, 1869

LOCATION NOTE
Materials in this collection are housed onsite.

SUBJECT TERMS