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James Lindsay (1814-18978) was a native of Orange County, Virginia. He brought his family to Madison County, Missouri, during the 1840s. He was a state representative and senator in the 1850s. He also engaged in the publishing business, founding newspapers at Fredericktown and Ironton. He was a staunch Union man and was colonel of the 63rd Enrolled Missouri Militia, 1862-1864. He was commissioned colonel of the Iron, Madison, and Wayne counties regiment of Missouri militia in 1865.

Robert L. Lindsay and Joseph Fremont Lindsay, also served in the Union army during the war. Robert was captain of Co. F. of the 50th Missouri Infantry. Joseph F. Lindsay, his youngest brother, also served in the same company. They saw action at the Battle of Pilot Knob in 1864.

The materials in the Lindsay collection were assembled by Kathryn Ray Henry of St. Louis, a granddaughter of Joseph Fremont Lindsay. Much of the material concerns the Civil War in southeastern Missouri, and the military service of the Lindsays. There is also biographical material for James and Joseph F. Lindsay. In 1873, Joseph married Abby Russell, the daughter of Theodore Russell and Emily Guild of Russellville, near Ironton.

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