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#### INTRODUCTION

These are papers collected mostly by Elizabeth Remay Dabbs Thompson of Greene County, Missouri, covering a period from 1850 to 1932. Included are personal correspondence from friends and family, legal documents, and business papers. The collection generally concerns the Civil War in southwestern Missouri, family matters, and business affairs.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James M. Thompson was born February 23, 1826 to Edward M. and Elizabeth Dollison Thompson in Henry County Tennessee. The family moved to Greene County, Missouri in 1830. James married Elizabeth Remay Dabbs in May 1854/1844/45. They ran cattle on their farmer outside of Springfield. Elizabeth was born March 27, 1831 to Abner and Mary Ann Dabbs in Virginia. Elizabeth and her family moved to Missouri in the 1844. James and Elizabeth had four children together, Abner (1855-), James P., Mary L., and Betty O. James died near his home after being shot off his horse on October 5, 1864 in Greene County, Missouri. Elizabeth died in the Marshfield Cyclone, April 18, 1880.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The family letters contain correspondence to James Thompson from his wife Elizabeth and brother-in-law W.P. Dabbs. His brother-in-law wrote to him while imprisoned at Fort Delaware during the Civil War. Dabbs asked for correspondence and also for James to vouch for him in the hopes the Union army would release Dabbs into his brother-in-laws care. Personal letters to Elizabeth Remay Dabbs Thompson are from her brother, W. P. Dabbs; her sister-in-law, Hanna M. Dabbs; her father, Abner Dabbs; Maria Thompson Lair and Elizabeth Thompson Fulbright (presumed to be sisters of Elizabeth's husband, James M. Thompson), and others.

Several of the letters address the Civil War in southwestern Missouri, including brief references to bushwhackers, militia matters, and the burning of the courthouse at Forsyth in Taney County, Missouri. Perhaps the most notable wartime documents are those which relate to business dealings of Abner Dabbs and James M. Thompson with both Confederate and Union forces. Other significant items include correspondence from a Confederate prisoner of war at Fort Delaware, Delaware, seeking release from confinement, and official documents such as a certificate of discharge from the Missouri State Guard and a muster out document from a camp on Sac River. There are also

documents authorizing payments for supplies for secession forces at Camp Price, Missouri, and also from the forage master of the 6th Missouri Cavalry (US) at Springfield, Missouri.

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Thompson family
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