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883 Chadwell/Leavenworth family papers, 1837-1944. Five folders, photocopies.

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Gideon and Lucinda (Whittemore) Chadwell, natives of Davidson City, Tennessee, came to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, in 1839. By the time of the Civil War, Gideon was a successful merchant and head of a family that included five children: Alexander, Nancy, Martha, Mary, and Richard. Franklin Leavenworth and his family were also residents of Ste. Genevieve. The two families became connected with the marriage of Joseph H. Leavenworth and Martha Chadwell. The Chadwell/Leavenworth collection contains correspondence and business papers reflecting both families and multiple generations. The earliest correspondence is addressed to Gideon Chadwell and concerns family and estate matters in Tennessee. Likewise, the business papers in folders 4-5 pertain mostly to Gideon Chadwell’s business affairs. Later correspondence was addressed largely to Nancy Amanda (“Aunt Mandie”) Chadwell at Ste. Genevieve. The principal correspondents are Gideon Chadwell’s oldest son, Alexander Henderson Chadwell; Joseph H. Leavenworth and his wife Martha (Chadwell) Leavenworth; and Joseph’s brother, N. H. Leavenworth. Later correspondents include George and Mattie Leavenworth, children of Joseph H. Leavenworth, who attended schools in Columbia and St. Charles, Missouri, in the 1890s.

Alexander Henderson Chadwell served in the Missouri State Guard at the beginning of the war, and later was commissioned lieutenant in Company E of the 2nd Missouri Cavalry (CS). His letters to his family from Bloomfield and New Madrid, Missouri, Vicksburg, Buck Hill, and Wyatt’s Ferry, Mississippi, contain a wealth of information on family and friends from the Ste. Genevieve area who served first in the Missouri State Guard and, later, in the 2nd Missouri Cavalry (CS). Following the war, Alexander H. Chadwell was a surveyor and schoolteacher. By August 1881, he was teaching school in Conway County, Arkansas. Later he moved to St. Louis where he engaged in the grocery business, including the sale of apples from the family farm near Ste. Genevieve. The collection also includes wartime letters to Gideon Chadwell from J. Bellissime, a Ste. Genevieve man at Memphis, Tennessee, and Joseph Brooks of the 76th Ohio Infantry at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Brothers Joseph H. and N. H. Leavenworth operated sawmills and engaged in the lumber business at Lake Washington, Leota Landing, and Greenville, Mississippi, in the 1870s and 1880s, buying logs from Cypress Bayou and from rafts brought down from the mouth of White River. Sawed lumber went to new homes and buildings around Leota, Mississippi. In their letters home, the brothers noted the scarcity of laborers in some parts of Mississippi, the “Negro
Exodus” to Kansas and elsewhere, the health of Joseph’s children (at Ste. Genevieve with Nancy Chadwell), the sawmill and lumber business, the health of the country (he mentioned a smallpox scare on 24 February 1882), stages of the Mississippi River, and business and property matters in both Missouri and Mississippi.

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1843 Jan. 22  Gideon and Lucinda Chadwell  John H. Whittemore,
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1878 Sep. 28  J. H. Leavenworth  N. H. Leavenworth, St. Louis, Mo.
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1879 Apr. 01  J. H. Leavenworth  N. H. Leavenworth, Lake Washington, Miss.
1879 Jul. 22  N. A. Chadwell  A. H. Chadwell, Courtland, Miss.
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1883 Sep. 24  N. A. Chadwell  J. H. Leavenworth, Greenville, Miss.
1883 Nov. 23  Nancy A. Chadwell  Abram Whittemore, Paragon Mills, Tenn.
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1886 Mar. 31 “Dear Wife & daughters” ? Red Bend, Ill.
1888 Dec. 13 Amanda Chadwell Alice Chadwell, 3838 Texas Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
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1902 Mar. 13 Amanda Chadwell Antioch, Davidson County, Tenn.
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1944 May 12 Mattie Leavenworth Alfred, Hawthorne, Nev.

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