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INTRODUCTION

Correspondence, legal papers, bills, receipts, and other miscellaneous items of the McGready Family of Potosi, MO.

DONOR INFORMATION

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FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 Undated, 1817-1850
 - f. 1 List of Names, n.d.
 - f. 1 Castleman, Lewis, Estate of, n.d. In account with W.E. McGready. Itemized account.
 - f. 1 Tax List, n.d. "A list of assessed tax payers."
 - f. 1 Tax List, n.d. List of names "on the land list but not on the personal list."
 - f. 1 Stone, C.R., n.d. Brief note to Mrs. McGready in regard to hiring "Jane."
 - f. 1 McGready, Israel, 1817 November. Deed to John S. Brickey. Deed of trust on a certain tract of land, in consideration of \$200 paid to Israel McGready by John S. Brickey.
 - f. 1 Caldwell, David. Russellville, (Kentucky), 1825 March 29. To Doctor Israel McGready, Potosi, Missouri. Regarding the title to a certain tract of land adjoining Russellville, (Kentucky), entered in the name of William Russell, sold by Israel McGready, sheriff of Logan County, (Kentucky), February 10, 1802, by virtue of an execution in favor of Hart & Company vs. Hendley Russell, and purchased by Robert McReynolds and Ninian Edwards and later purchased by David Caldwell. A copy of certificate of sale and also Ninian Edwards' release of January 28, 1817 are included. Affairs explained in detail and various names and dates mentioned.
 - f. 1 Caldwell, Robert P.B. Russellville, Kentucky, 1826 February 7. To Dr. Israel McGready, Mine á Burton, Missouri. "As a signee of Samuel Caldwell I hold certain claims against you." States claims and asks payment.
 - f. 1 McGready, Israel, Potosi, Missouri, 1826 February 19. To Dr. Robert P.B. Caldwell, Russellville, Kentucky. In regard to claims against himself, replies that he is certain that he owes Samuel

- Caldwell nothing and, therefore, said claims are unjust.
- f. 1 Tripell, Mason, 1837 October 2. Bond. Mason Tripell's agreement in regard to the purchase of Israel McGready's interest in a certain tract of land in St. Louis county. Sum of \$50 payable to Andrew Roi.
- f. 1 Covington, John W.B. and James M., Washington County, Missouri, 1841 September 4. Bond for \$3000 payable to Israel McGready, Sr., in consideration that he has relinquished to John W.B. and James M. Covington his part of the estate of John Byrd, deceased father of Mary Covington, wife of Israel McGready, on condition that he be released from all "responsibilities on account of the said Mary McGready."
- f. 1 McGready, Israel, 1838, October 6. Promissory Note. Promise to pay Israel McGready, Jr. \$1200 for value received.
- f. 1 Springfield Furnace, 1842 June 10. Itemized account.
- f. 1 Frissell, Mason, 1843 December 3. In account with W.E. McGready. Itemized account.
- f. 1 Haefner, (J.W.), 1850 April 13. Receipt. Received \$53.78 of E. McGready.
- f. 2 1853-1869
- f. 2 McGready, William E., 1853. Tax receipt. Received \$17.66 for both state and county taxes for the year 1853. Signed by Samuel A. Reyburn, collector of Washington County, Missouri.
- f. 2 McGready, W.E., 1853 March 10. Certificate regarding Master Mason. Potosi Lodge No. 131 of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons. Statement of membership as Master Mason and recommendation "To the Craft in whatever County his lot may be cast."
- f. 2 McGready, Ed, 1853 April 28. In account with J.W. Haefner. Itemized account.
- f. 2 Van Doren, J. Livingston, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1853 June 23. Statements in regard to J. Livingston Van Doren, declared a Bankrupt, pursuant to the act of Congress entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of Bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved August 19, 1841.
- f. 2 McGready, E., 1854 March 18. In account with J.W. Haefner. Itemized account.
- f. 2 Dunklin, S.T., 1854 October 23. Check for \$200 signed by Page, Bacon & Co., bankers, St. Louis Mo.
- f. 2 Dunklin, Mrs., 1855 March 15. In account with McClelland, Scruggs & Company. Itemized account. Total: \$111.78.
- f. 2 Sullivan, P. Drytown, 1855 July 16. Statement of indebtedness of Edward Gallaher. Statement regarding labor, amounts due, etc.
- f. 2 McGready, Edward. Washington County, 1856. Tax receipt. "Received of S.T. Dunklin for Edward McGready" \$20.85, state

- and county taxes for 1856. M.A. Todd, collector.
- f. 2 Dunklin, Stephen T., 1858 February 19. Check for \$400 signed by R.F. Hastings & Company, bankers, Sacramento, California.
- f. 2 McGready, William E. Potosi, Washington County, Missouri, 1862 September 30. Discharge from E. M. M. Exempt from service in the Enrolled Missouri Militia by reason of surgeon's certificate of disability showing "Dislocation of head of Radius and Complete Anchylosis of Elbow Joint." Signed: Thos. J. Whitely and Robert A. Howard.
- f. 2 Aubuchon, C.D., Iron Mountain, Missouri, 1863 April 29. To Ed. McGready, Irondale, Missouri. In regard to hiring a Negro girl.
- f. 2 McGready, W.E., 1863 July. In account with Scott H. & Co. Itemized account.
- f. 2 McCallion(?), Jas. A. Potosi, 1863 December 1. To Mr. McGready. Tells of Mr. Dunklin's Sam recruiting and gives names of slaves that have gone. Thought it proper to let Mr. McGready know what was going on.
- f. 2 Harrison, John W., 1864. Brief note to Ed. McGready. Our case was decided, the Negroes released, and you will be released upon the presentation of your parole. Will leave your ticket for transportation at the depot.
- f. 2 McGready, W.E., 1864 March 15. McGready promises to comply with conditions set forth in his parole. Release signed by the assistant Provost Marshal General, Dept. of the Missouri, St. Louis.
- f. 2 McGready, Wm. E. Washington County, Missouri, 1864 April 4. Exemption from Service in the Enrolled Missouri Militia by reason of surgeon's certificate of disability. Signed: A. R. Eaton, Commissary of Exemption for Washington County.
- f. 2 Kendell, Benjamin, 1866. Tax receipt for the year 1866. Signed by R.T. Clore, collector.
- f. 2 Van Alen, Garrett I. Washington County, Missouri, 1867 October 14. Deed to Frank Zink, Washington County, Missouri. Deed to described lots in the town of Irondale, Washington County, Missouri.
- f. 2 "Cousin Jesse," Carondelet, 1868 February 10. To Edward [McGready]. Writes in regard to the McGready land case which he is trying to close and mentions Bill (?), Lucy Ann, Bob, Jesse and Harris in connection with the deed.
- f. 2 Conger, M. Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, New York, 1869 February 19. To William E. McGready, Potosi, Missouri. Writes of his arrival home after an absence of fourteen years and the sensation which he created. Tells of meeting at public hall "to take into consideration the propriety of presenting me with a house and lot and an office, if I would return home again."

- Mentions father's illness and speaks of no hope of his recovery. Tells of the snow and the good sleighing--"I rode yesterday after a pair of horses that cost \$8,000." Sends regards to Lucy and Stephen and hopes to get letter concerning news of Potosi.
- f. 2 Linden Hall, Moravian Seminary for Young Ladies, Litiz, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1869 February 20. Circular regarding rates, instruction, etc. Rev. E.A. Frueauff, Principal (Typewritten).
- f. 2 McCready, W.E., 1869 March 31. In account with Plant Bros., Pratt & Company, St. Louis. Itemized account. Total, \$2.10. Note on reverse side from Jno. to Eliza in regard to sending asparagus roots and onion sets. Mentions aunt and Stephen.
- f. 2 Dunklin, J.P., St. Louis, 1869 April 15. Letter to Ed. [McGready]. Aunt read your letter and "said a great many things that is not in my power to communicate." "I got thunder" because you did not acknowledge the receipt of shrubs sent you. Have heard nothing from Stephen, neither has Studley & Company. "I do hope and trust Ed that if Eliza or Lucy cant take time to ack. the recpt. of what I send her for Aunt that you will do so."
- f. 2 McGready, Stephen D., St. Louis, Missouri, 1869 April 15. To Mother. Upon arrival was told by Uncle John that parents are uneasy so concluded to write at once. Visited county seats of Phelps, Dent, Crawford and Manes counties since leaving St. Louis. "Did not succeed in making any very large Bills." Tomorrow will report to Studley & Co. "Sorry to learn that you and Lucy were sick." Sends love to Pa and Lucy. Aunt Carell sends love. Uncle John wants "pa to jog Mr. Wingo's memory in regard to the payment of the notes."
- f. 3 1869-1870
- f. 3 McGready, E., Sandwich, Missouri, 1869 April 19. In account with J.T. Robinson. Itemized account.
- f. 3 Jones, A. Columbus, 1869 May 3. To Daughter, (Mrs. John Dunklin). Acknowledges receipt of letter enclosing letters from John Dunklin and Edward McGready. Has deeded all of his estate in Missouri to daughter, (Mrs. Dunklin). Gives details regarding this property, mentioning various names and places. Daughter Josephine sends her photograph to John P.
- f. 3 Arnold, Elisha, Irondale, 1869 May 24. To E. McGready, Potosi. Requests that the enclosed dollar be given to Mr. Curtis for work done on Mr. Bogie's watch.
- f. 3 Dunklin, Joe H., Libertyville, Missouri, 1869 October 7. To Ed. (McGready). In regard to buying land, tells of seeing Marion Carter at Farmington and since Mr. Sanders had agreed to take the Carter farm that father had decided to buy Frank's place. Asks that McGready attend to the particulars.

- f. 3 Daly, Edward, St. Louis, 1869 October 11. To Edward McGready. Writes, as requested by Mrs. Perry, in regard to the missing box of specimens and asks that he (McGready) inquire at the office in Potosi about them.
- f. 3 Smith, S.J. Lyons, 1869 October 19. To W.E. McGready. Was in Minnesota when your letter and the bank receipt came here. Pay taxes with enclosed P.O. order. Mentions land, value and sale of, etc.
- f. 3 Arnold, Calland, Irondale, 1869 December 3. To W.E. McGready, Potosi, Washington County, Missouri. Letter enclosing application blank for membership in the Masonic Mutual Benevolent Association of Missouri which McGready had sent to Arnold, as secretary of the Irondale Lodge, to affix seal of said Lodge. Mentions Lucy.
- f. 3 Owens, Mary, Kirkwood, 1870 January 13. To Mr. McGready. Tells of being paid \$15.00 per month for services as cook in a private home and as being better satisfied than at Potosi. When in St. Louis had part of jaw bone extracted and was very ill.
- f. 3 Detchemendy, Jno. L., Caledonia, Missouri, 1870 May 28. To W.E. McGready. Lengthy discussion of affairs in regard to G.I. Van Allen, lately dismissed attorney of Washington county court, pretending to protect the sheriff sale in St. Louis county and thereby save Washington county, its school fund and Mr. Hudgins from bankruptcy. In connection mentions Mr. Martin. Inquires to whom Alexander Craighead conveyed the title to lot No. 26 in Caledonia, which is now in possession of Mr. Carson and himself.
- f. 3 McGready, Wm. E., 1870 June-July. In account with Andrew Casey. Itemized account.
- f. 3 Brickey, Jno. S., St. Louis, 1870 June 1. To W. Ed. McGready. Julia and Susy both ill. Cornelia. Ill.; hopes Eliza will visit her. Expresses determination to buy farm land near the railroad. States that the Proffit land will not do and requests him to inquire about the Wallen or Girder land at Bismark. Feels concern for Susy, Randal and Frank. Wanted to see old friend Dunklin. Mentions owning land without improvements near John Evans'. Sends love to Liza, Lucy, Fanny and Stephen.
- f. 3 Smith, S.J. Lyons, 1870 June 20. To W.E. McGready, Potosi, Washington County, Missouri. Mentions Mr. Harrison in connection with a deed. Encloses a power of attorney appointing William E. McGready to vote as his proxy at an election to be held in Washington county, June 18, 1870, in relation to an appropriation to secure the location at Potosi of the School of Mines and Metallurgy.
- f. 3 Brickey, Jno.S., St. Louis, 1870 June 28. To W. Ed. McGready. Regarding McGready's Aunt Isabella Hord, born in Virginia in

- 1782, died February 2, 1856 at the age of 64 years. "Her grave is right north of your Aunt Susan's (my once adored wife) there is just room enough between them for myself." Asks that the board be put at the head of the grave when the letters are finished. Mentions Julia and Susy and sends love to Liza and Lucy.
- f. 3 Tubb, William H., 1870 July 15. To William E. McGready, Potosi. Enclosing account of repair work done on house in Potosi and stating that because of remarks made by McGready he will do no more work for him. Account receipted by Charles Ross.
- f. 3 Brickey, J.S., St. Louis, 1870 Sept. 12. To Edward (McGready). In regard to trading St. Louis property for the McClanahan farm. Gives details regarding the St. Louis property and inquires about the farm. Rendal and Frank Wallace doing well. Writes regarding their occupations. Susy and Julia both ill. Complains of rheumatism.
- f. 3 Wiatt, J., Hematite, Missouri, 1870 November 13. To W.E. McGready. "Let me congratulate you on your election--our county went Bullily." Writes regarding the sale of the Peter Henry property which was presented to his wife (Mrs. Wiatt) by Mrs. Perry.
- f. 3 Jamison, Jas. H., Steelville, 1870 November 16. To Edward (McGready). Congratulations on being elected circuit clerk of Washington county. Also congratulations to E.B. Smith, Butt Mesplay, Frank Boyd, Capt. Samuel Walker and John T. Clark. Mentions also election in the county in which he resides (Crawford) and his success in being elected assessor.
- f. 3 Flournoy, John, Executor of the estate of A. Gamble, St. Louis, 1870 November 25. To Ed. McGready, Potosi, Missouri. Regarding payment of taxes on property in Washington county belonging to Ed. Bredell and the estate of A. Gamble.
- f. 4 1871-1875
- f. 4 Brickey, J.S., St. Louis, 1871 March 12. To W.E. McGready, Potosi, Missouri. Regarding taxes, stating that there is a mistake in the amount charged him and that he intends to correct it. Writes in regard to illness. Frank and Rendal doing well in business, which is a "great satisfaction to me in my incline."
- f. 4 McGready, Mrs. Ed., Potosi, Missouri, 1873 June 18. Tax receipt for \$2.66²/₃ on lot 36, Mine au Burton. W.F. Hunter, collector.
- f. 4 Hornsey, John, Potosi, Missouri, 1874 October 2. Receipt. Received of S.D. McGready, \$32.00.
- f. 4 Casey, Andrew F., Potosi, Missouri. 1875 January 4. Receipt. "Received of W.E. McGready, late clerk of the circuit court of Washington county, Missouri; safe and undefaced, all books, records," etc. "belonging to said office."
- f. 4 McGready, Wm. E., 1875 December 18. In account with

Andrew Casey. Itemized account. Total: \$37.69. Note states that this account was sold by Jas. A. Shields, assignee of Andrew Casey, under an order of the United States district court, and purchased by Morgan J. Casey of St. Louis, Mo.

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