Cook, David Gillaspy, (1821-1896), Papers, 1874-1908

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INTRODUCTION

The papers of David Gillaspy Cook consists of books pertaining to the Valley Spring School located in Boone County, Missouri, of which Mr. Cook was a director, as well as some personal papers.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Mrs. Paul C. Elliott on 5 May 1972 (Accession No. 936).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

On April 15, 1821, David Gillaspy Cook was born in Kentucky, the son of Henry Y. Cook (1797-1865) and Nancy Stuart Brown Cook (1799-1871). He was the second of ten children. On October 17, 1843, he married Mary Ann Wood Cook (1825-1861). Together they had six children, three of whom preceded him in death. David G. Cook worked as a farmer, was a landlord, and was active in his community. From 1874-1877 he served as the first director of the Valley Spring School in Columbia, Missouri. David Gillaspy Cook passed away on June 23, 1896, at the age of 75 and is buried in Valley Springs Cemetery in Columbia, Missouri.

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f. 1 Valley Spring School Attendance Book 1893-1900
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