INTRODUCTION

The Taggart Family Papers consists of correspondence between various members of the Taggart family and friends between the years 1825-1913. Henry Taggart lived in Linn County, Missouri.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Martha A. Taggart on 9 November 2001 (Accession No. 5909).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

David G. Taggart (1809-1900) settled with his wife, Sarah Perry (1815-1899), in Bronson, Michigan, where they had seven children: John Taggart (1840-1926), Frederick William Taggart (1842-1862), Benjamin Perry Taggart (1843-1918), George David Taggart (1845-1916), Henry Clay Taggart (1848–1928), and Sarah Maria Taggart-Bushnell (1850-1950). The majority of the letters are addressed to Henry Taggart who moved to Linn County, Missouri, sometime between 1870 and 1880. He married Josie Lee Moore (1857-1950), the daughter of Joseph C. Moore (1793-1877) and Sophia Root (1799-1867). Henry and Josie were childless. For a time Henry lived with Josie and her two sisters, Ann Nebraska Moore (1853-1897) and Martha Kansas Moore (1855-1942). Ann marry Henry’s brother, George D. Taggart, though she would unexpectedly die of an illness at a young age, leaving behind a small son, Herman D. Taggart. Henry was a farmer, and the letters seem to indicate that he had a close relationship with his extended family. He died in 1928 and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Linneus, Missouri.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection contains letters of the Taggart family as well as a few letters to the Moore family. The majority of the letters are addressed to Henry Clay Taggart or his wife Josie (Lee). Most of the letters are written by Benjamin Perry Taggart and his wife, Ella; Sarah Maria Bushnell; and Henry’s parents, David G. Taggart and Sarah Perry. The letters discuss the everyday happenings of the Taggart family and their neighbors. Of significance is a letter containing an eye witness account of the 1838 burning of Pennsylvania Hall in Philadelphia. The letters are arranged chronologically.

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