INTRODUCTION
The papers of the Staples family consist primarily of correspondence to and from the family, as well as legal documents relating to the purchase of land.

DONOR INFORMATION
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Born in 1790, Abner Ford Staples and his wife, Elsie, moved their family first from Georgia to Tennessee, then to Independence, Missouri. The Staples were farmers and owned a number of slaves. Abner Staples passed away in 1868.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The papers have been arranged into the following two series:

Correspondence
The Correspondence series consists of letters written to and by the Staples family. The letters are addressed to family members as well as other acquaintances and the topics include news from home, death notices in the family, marriages, and births. The letters span from 1814 to 1865.

Oversize
The Oversize series consists of legal documents relating to land purchases by the family.

PREFERRED CITATION
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f. 1  Correspondence, 1814-1865
f. 2  Oversize, 1833-1847

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