

K Clay County, Missouri, History Papers, 1850-1956
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INTRODUCTION

The collection contains miscellaneous papers related to the lives of early settlers in Clay County, Missouri. These papers include newspaper clippings related to Clay County, miscellaneous papers related to important events and people in the mid-1800s of Clay County, photographs, and a large genealogical scrapbook with small autobiographies in it.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City on July 17, 1990 (Accession No. KA0590).

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

In Clay County, Missouri, pioneers began settlement in 1817. By 1822, the first public lots were sold in Liberty, Missouri, which became the county seat. The papers were likely compiled by Robert Miller, the founder and editor of the *Liberty Tribune*, as many of the papers were written, and relate to Miller and the *Liberty Tribune*.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged alphabetically into the following order.

Folder one contains **Miscellaneous Papers** pertaining to important events happening within Clay County, including choral performances and commencements for local colleges.

The second folder contains **Newspaper Clippings** related to the *Liberty Tribune* and to the history of Clay County.

The **Oversized** folder is a pencil drawing of a tree, presumably done by a resident of Clay County, or to represent the landscape of the area.

The third folder consists of **Photographs**. Most of the photographs are unidentified.

The **Scrapbook** contains genealogical information pertaining to the earliest residents of Clay County. These stories come in the form of short autobiographies placed in alphabetical order in a large account book. Additionally there are obituaries, marriage

and burial notices, public sale notices, and the correspondence for the local Democratic Party.

Note that there is a full genealogical reference list for this collection. To view this list, or to seek additional guidance, please speak to a staff member.

PREFERRED CITATION:

Specific item; box number; folder number; *Clay County, Missouri History Papers (K0445)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

CONTAINER LIST

f. 1	Miscellaneous Papers, 1869-1884
f. 2	Newspaper Clippings, 1918, 1956
o. 1	Oversized, n.d.
f. 3	Photographs, n.d.
v. 1	Scrapbook, 1850-1883

INDEX TERMS

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