

Information Sheet

R Rubey, Charles W., 1836-1914.
200 Papers, 1857-1914.
Fourteen folders.

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Charles W. Rubey was born in Cooper County, Missouri, in 1836. He was reared and educated in St. Louis, where he married Mary J. Nesbitt in 1858. He was engaged in the grocery and general merchandise trade there until 1860, when he moved to Lebanon. Mary Nesbitt Rubey died at Lebanon in 1863.

Charles Rubey had an active career during the Civil War. He served, first, as a courier for the U.S. Army, and, then, entered the 73rd Regiment, Enrolled Missouri Militia [EMM], as a captain in 1862. He was, respectively, captain of Company B of the 73rd Regiment, EMM, captain of Company L of the 6th Provisional Regiment, EMM, and captain of Company L of the 16th Missouri Volunteer Cavalry. Special assignments included appointments as Commissary of Exemptions for Laclede County, 1863-1864, and as an aide to Gen. John B. Sanborn at his headquarters in Springfield. Rubey was injured when his horse fell on him during the pursuit of Sterling Price's Confederate forces in 1864, and he was wounded at Newtonia, Missouri.

Rubey married Elizabeth L. Duval of Macon City, Missouri, in 1865. After mustering out of service in July 1865, he continued his mercantile business at Lebanon, which he had operated with former fellow officer Josiah Ivey during the last year and a half of the war. Rubey later engaged in livestock and real estate trading. He was clerk of the circuit court and recorder of Laclede County in the 1870s and 1880s. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. He died in Lebanon in 1914.

About a third of the Rubey papers consist of family correspondence, business records, and personal papers. Most of the early correspondence is connected with the Duval family through his second wife, Lizzie Duval. Rubey's own papers are generally from the post-war period and concern his business ventures with Josiah Ivey. There is also a small group of items from the Lebanon post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Connected with his membership in the Loyal Legion are letters to Rubey from John B. Sanborn regarding a paper on Price's expedition into Missouri in 1864. The paper, unfortunately, is not included in the collection.

The largest part of the collection concerns Rubey's Civil War service in several different Missouri units. There are two folders of letters and orders from district headquarters in Springfield and from the Adjutant General of Missouri at St. Louis. They concern enrollment of militiamen in Laclede County, dates of active service and furloughs, and creation of the Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia from the standing Enrolled Missouri Militia. As Commissary of Exemptions, Rubey oversaw compliance of Laclede County with Missouri ordinances requiring military service. His papers contain three folders of certificates of enrollment, exemption, and commutation issued by Rubey at Lebanon.

Twenty-one muster rolls complete the collection. They include those of an unofficial company of Laclede County citizens who volunteered for U.S. service in June 1861; Companies A and B, 73rd EMM, 1862-1864; and several companies and platoons of Missouri Militia organized by state ordinance of April 1865. Companies of the latter force, although never called into active service, were enrolled as late as January 1867.

There are also 35mm color slides of selected items from the Rubey papers in the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Rolla's office slide collection.

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