

Information Sheet

R **Giesler family.**
580 **Giesler and Spurgeon families, papers, 1865-1912.**
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The Giesler family is of Germanic origin. The name is variously spelled Geisler and Geasler. Several related branches of the family are thought to have come to Missouri via Tennessee about the time of the Civil War, settling in the High Gate community of Maries County. John A. Giesler (1830-1918), was a Union veteran. His son, John A. Giesler, Jr. (1863-1915), was the recipient of much of the correspondence in the collection of family papers. The Gieslers are related to the Spurgeon family, also of Maries County, through the marriage of Eldora F. Giesler and James N. Spurgeon. Additional information on both families can be found in Glenis L. Southard, *The First One Hundred Twenty-Five Years, 1850-1975: A Personal History of High Gate, Missouri* (Rolla, Mo.: Bixler Printing Co., 1990).

The collection is a typical family assemblage of correspondence and miscellaneous papers, with genealogical information taken from a family Bible. Many of the letters are addressed to John A. Giesler, Jr., including a letter from an uncle, a Union army veteran in Indiana, and those from young friends who left Maries County for work in Black Rock, Arkansas, Galena, Kansas, and Medora, Missouri. There are also minutes of a Sunday School class of the High Gate Baptist Church, receipts for dues in the High Gate Agricultural Wheel and the Farmers' and Laborers' Union of Missouri. From the Spurgeon (also spelled "Spurgin") family, there is a wedding invitation and correspondence concerning a widow's pension based on the military service of James Spurgin during the Civil War.

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8 Mar 1865	Giesler family genealogical information copied from a family Bible
1 Aug 1865	Uriah J. Loop, Roanoke, Indiana, to John A. Giesler
24 Jan 1870	F. M. Robeson[?], Montauk, to John A. Giesler
6 Feb 1870	Isabellen[?] McKiney, Sharp County, Ark., to "brothers and sisters"

Sep-Oct 1876 Minutes of High Gate Baptist Church Sunday School class, William E. Giesler, Secretary

26 Feb 1887 J. A. Riley, Medora, Mo., to John A. Giesler

27 Mar 1887 Nathan Peters, Galena, Kans., to John A. Giesler, High Gate, Mo.

1 Sep 1888 Receipt for annual dues, High Gate Agricultural Wheel (High Gate, Mo.). [photocopied together with receipt of 10 Feb 1890]

21 Feb 1889 James Riley, Black Rock, Ark., to J. A. Giesler

17 Oct 1889 Marriage license of George Spurgin [*sic*] and Sarah E. Kinkeade, Maries County, Mo.

20 Oct 1889 Sarah Ellen [Kinkeade], High Gate, Mo., to John and Dora Giesler

10 Feb 1890 Receipt for dues of J. A. Love, Farmers' and Laborers' Union (High Gate, Mo.)
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8 Jan 1891 Receipt for dues of R. L. Harnes[?], Farmers' and Laborers' Union

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18 May 1892 L. C. Wood, Washington, D.C., concerning claim against U. S. Government

3 Jun 1892 J. A. Riley, Medora, Mo., to John A. Giesler, High Gate, Mo.

Nov 1892 *Veteran's Patrol*, newspaper concerning claims against the U. S. for military service

6 Mar 1900 W. V. Greer, Hemple, Mo., to "Madam"

29 June 1908 J. T. Leach, Park View Sanitarium, Indianapolis, Ind., to Dora Spurgin, High Gate, Mo.

28 Oct 1909 Receipt: J. A. Giesler by L. R. Smith, High Gate, Mo.

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