



Elizabeth Remay Dabbs Thompson Papers (R0671)

Collection Number: R0671

Collection Title: Elizabeth Remay Dabbs Thompson Papers

Dates: 1850-1932

Creator: Thompson, Elizabeth Remay Dabbs, 1831-1880

Abstract: The Elizabeth Remay Dabbs Thompson Papers contain the personal and family papers collected by Elizabeth Remay Dabbs Thompson from 1850 to 1932. This collection includes photocopies of family correspondence, legal documents, military papers, and business papers for the Dabbs and Thompson families of Greene County, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.25 cubic foot
(5 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Elizabeth Remay Dabbs was born March 27, 1831, in Virginia, to Abner and Mary Ann Dabbs. The family moved to Missouri in 1844. Elizabeth married James M. Thompson in 1854, in Greene County, Missouri. James was born February 23, 1826, to Edward M. and Elizabeth (Dollison) Thompson in Henry County, Tennessee. James and Elizabeth ran cattle on their farm outside of Springfield, Missouri. James did business with both the Confederate and Union armies, selling them cattle. Together James and Elizabeth had four children: Abner D., James P., Mary L., and Betty O. James died near his home after being shot off his horse and robbed on October 5, 1864. Elizabeth died in the Marshfield cyclone in April 1880.

Abner D. Thompson, the oldest child of Elizabeth and James was born July 28, 1855, in Greene County, Missouri. He continued working in the family cattle business. Abner married Susan Jane in 1879. He also owned stock in railroad and mining interests in Missouri and Colorado.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Family Papers
Correspondence

Scope and Content Note:

Family Papers

This series contains the personal and family papers of Elizabeth R. Dabbs Thompson. These papers include land records, business records, military records, wills, and property tax information. Perhaps the most notable wartime documents are those which relate to business dealings of Abner Dabbs and James M. Thompson with both Confederate and Union forces. The military records include official documents such as a certificate of discharge from the Missouri State Guard and a muster out document from a camp on Sac River. There are also documents authorizing payments for supplies for secession forces at Camp Price, Missouri, and from the forage master of the 6th Missouri Cavalry at Springfield, Missouri.

Correspondence

This series contains correspondence to James J. Thompson from his wife, Elizabeth and brother-in-law W.P. Dabbs. There are personal letters written to Elizabeth, mostly from her brother, W.P. Dabbs; her sister-in-law, Hanna M. Dabbs; her father, Abner Dabbs; Maria Thompson Lair, and Elizabeth Thompson Fulbright. Several of the letters discuss the Civil War in southwestern Missouri including the burning of the courthouse at Forsyth, Missouri and activities of bushwhackers in the area. Other significant items include correspondence from a Confederate prisoner of war at Fort Delaware, Delaware, seeking release from confinement. Also included are letters to Elizabeth and James' son Abner D. Thompson from family and business associates.

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