

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.328]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Salzwedel Early Missouri Document Collection

Abstract: Original early Missouri documents, primarily concerning land. One document about the New Madrid earthquake.

Extent: 12 items

Physical Description: Paper (correspondence, certificates)

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: TIFF

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: None

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The history of land sales in Missouri is long and complicated. The records in this collection are original items of correspondence and certificates related to land purchases in Missouri.

Other Finding Aids

RG005 Secretary of State – Land
RG951 U.S. Recorder of Land Titles

RG952 U.S. Surveyor General

Additional Resources

The Bureau of Land Management General Land Office land purchase certificate database online here:

<https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>

Missouri State Archives land records database online here:

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/land/Default.aspx>

American State Papers. Multiple volumes. Reference Room Call No. 333.10973 Am3587.

Barr, Charles Butler. Townships and Legal Description of Land. Independence, MO: C.B. Barr, 1989. Reference Room Call No. 929.1 B2702.

Gates, Paul Wallace. History of Public Land Law Development / Written for the Public Land Law Review Commission. Washington, DC: US Government Printing Office, 1968. Reference Room Call No. 333.1 G2231.

Lowrie, Walter ed. Early Settlers of Missouri As Taken from Land Claims in the Missouri Territory. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1986. Reference Room Call No. 333.10973 L9552.

Missouri Land Claims / With a New Index by Patricia Chadwell and an Introduction by Anton Pregaldin. New Orleans: Polythanos, 1976. Reprint from 1835. Reference Room, no call number.

SERIES

Early Missouri Documents, 1808-1870

Arranged by size then chronologically

Scope and Content

This series contains original documents related to Missouri government. Most concern land. All items have been digitized and are available as TIFFs on Manuscript DVD #4 in the Reference Room.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	109	6	Letter from Silas Bent to Jared Mansfield, Surveyor General, recommending that Henry Elliot be selected as a deputy surveyor of the Missouri Territory	February 1, 1808
	109	7	Letter from James Stephan to Thomas F. Reddick of St. Louis, regarding a land dispute involving his son and losses he incurred by the "Indians"	October 23, 1810
	109	8	Letter from the Deputy Surveyor General William Rector to Edward Tippin Esq., Surveyor General of the United States, regarding how to deal with the land claims from citizens of New Madrid County after the 1811-1812 earthquakes	November 19, 1815
	109	9	Letter from David R. Atchison to Governor Thomas Reynolds, recommending that Capt. Achilles Jasper be appointed to the land office in Buchanan County, Missouri	April 19, 1843
	109	10	Letter from Alexander McMurtry to Mr. Graves, chairman of the St. Joseph and Hannibal Railroad Co., regarding railroad shares sold to the farmers of Shelby County, Missouri	December 14, 1847
	109	11	Defense Warrant of the State of Missouri owed to Benjamin Spickard, in the amount of 10 dollars.	February 24, 1862
	109	12	John Whitfield, "Claimant's Oath of Loyalty," of Sedalia, Pettis County, MO. Includes receipt for sixty bushels of corn for government use, dated September 18, 1862	April 6, 1866
	109	13	LaMotte Lead Company, 100 shares of Capital Stock issued to Rowland G. Hazard	April 1, 1870

Oversized documents:

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	OB39	1	United States Land Certificate issued to Joseph Diamond of Madison County, Missouri	April 15, 1857
	OB39	1	United States Land Certificate issued to James Irwin of Madison County, Missouri	January 1, 1859

	OB39	1	United States Land Certificate issued to James P. Eagan of St. Louis County, Missouri	May 15, 1862
	OB39	1	United States Land Certificate issued to Herman H. Hanrath of St. Louis County, Missouri	December 10, 1862