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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Samuel Montgomery contain letters, military documents, and family genealogy information from copied pages and the bound genealogy “My Ancestors and Kinfolk.”

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Marion C. Nelson on 24 January, 2017 in honor of Martha Marion “Phillips” Sobel and Myrtella Josephine “Sobel” Nelson (Accession No. CGA0014). An addition was made 28 July, 2017 (Accession No. CGA0014.1).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Major Samuel Montgomery was born November 1, 1810, in Gallatin County, Kentucky, and he died December 30, 1885, in Bloomfield, Missouri.

Montgomery’s first marriage, to Susan H. Bacon, produced seven children. He married his second wife, Martha Myrtella Owen Walker, on October 18, 1863, in Bloomfield, Missouri. This marriage produced five children.

Major Montgomery served in the Union Army, during the Civil War, assigned to the Second Battalion of the Sixth Calvary, Missouri Volunteers. In 1863, he commanded the military post at Bloomfield, Missouri, where he met and married his second wife.

In October of that year, several lower-ranking officers under Montgomery’s command attempted to remove Montgomery and assume command of the post. These acts led to the officers being court-martialed for mutiny and other acts unbecoming an officer. All of the men charged were found guilty and Montgomery remained in command of the post. The collection contains the telegram sent by the Major, to his wife, advising the trial is over and the results were in his favor. A full account of the proceedings can be found in *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* held in the State Historical Society of Missouri reference section or online through Cornell University’s digital library of primary sources, “[Making of America](#).”

After the Civil War, Samuel and Mattie Montgomery remained in Bloomfield where he was a member of the public school board, mayor, and county court judge.

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