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#### INTRODUCTION

Papers of Harriet Newell Hutchinson (1824-1908) and Lucius Salisbury (1824-1904), founder of Salisbury, Missouri. Correspondence, typescripts, and miscellaneous items are in the collection. Many of the letters center around Hutchinson's and Salisbury's courtship.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

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#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Harriet Newell Hutchinson was born in 1824. She lived in Braintree, Vermont, until she married Lucius Salisbury in 1847. In Vermont she worked as a clerk in various general stores. Once Hutchinson moved to Missouri, she became an integral part of the settling of Chariton County. Hutchinson was often described as a daring woman due to the fact that she delivered mail during the Civil War when no one else would. She died in Ohio in 1908.

Lucius Salisbury was born in 1824. He lived in West Randolph, Vermont, until he was nineteen; then he went west to Missouri with his brothers. Once in Missouri, Salisbury worked at his brother's general store in St. Louis. He also farmed in Crawford County. Later he went to Keytesville to open a store of his own. On April 13, 1847, Salisbury married his childhood love, Harriet Newell Hutchinson, in Braintree, Vermont. Salisbury was successful in the Chariton County area and soon became a judge. He was the founder of Salisbury, Missouri. In 1892 he moved his family to Ohio. Salisbury died in 1904.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

These papers detail the courtship of Harriet N. Hutchinson and Lucius Salisbury. Many of the letters contain discussions of farming, financial affairs, travel, health, social circles, and family life of the period. Also included in the collection are some letters from Hutchinson's and Salisbury's children. In addition, there are transcripts of the letters; however, these are not letter-perfect.

The correspondence is in chronological order. A weakness of the collection is that between 1848-1858 and 1860-1866, there are no letters between Hutchinson and Salisbury or their children.

## FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 Correspondence, 1843-1844. Letters between Hutchinson and Salisbury. Mentions the beauty of Vermont. Salisbury tells of the trip to Missouri. Hutchinson worries about a lawsuit against her father.
- f. 2 Correspondence, 1845. Salisbury tells Hutchinson about the people of Missouri and that many are Methodist or Baptist. He mentions that his brother, Philander, wants him to buy land near St. Charles. Hutchinson writes of her aunt dying and of herself catching the measles. Salisbury tells Hutchinson of his desire to go to Keytesville, Missouri.
- f. 3 Correspondence, 1846. In this section Salisbury asks Hutchinson to marry him. Hutchinson does not want to marry Salisbury until he can return to Vermont to get her. Salisbury is distressed because he feels he does not have the time to fetch her.
- f. 4 Correspondence, 1847. Salisbury resigns himself to going to get Hutchinson so that they can marry.
- f. 5 Correspondence, 1859, 1862, 1867. Includes a letter written to Hutchinson's and Salisbury's daughter from her husband, C.W. Hogan, and letters from S.W. Zeigler. One of the latter describes the Civil War in Virginia.
- f. 6 Notes, undated.
- f. 7 A Confederate ten-dollar bill and a newspaper article on the Missouri Pioneers Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Salisbury.
- f. 8 Typescripts of letters, 1843-1845.
- f. 9 Typescripts of letters, 1846-1867.

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