



Meredith Tarlton Moore Papers (K0202)

Collection Number: K0202

Collection Title: Meredith Tarlton Moore Papers

Dates: 1906-1908

Creator: Moore, Meredith Tarlton, 1827-1911

Abstract: The collection consists of a transcript, trip accounts, and notes written from an interview taken of Meredith Tarlton Moore by William E. Connelley, a Kansas City historian, focusing on Moore's service in the Mexican American War and his two trips to and from California.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic foot
(3 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Meredith Tarlton Moore was born on May 25, 1827, in Ham's Prairie, Missouri. After his birth, Moore was sent to live with his grandmother in Kentucky, where he lived for over ten years, until both he and his grandmother moved to Cedar City, Missouri.

At the start of the Mexican-American War, Moore enlisted in Company F of the 1st Missouri Infantry Regiment under Colonel Alexander W. Doniphan. Moore fought until the end of the war and was mustered out in New Orleans, and then returned to Missouri.

In 1849, Moore decided to make his first trip to California, with the hopes of taking a sawmill with him to make a profit in construction. Once at Fort Kearney, Moore was convinced to sell his sawmill to the soldiers there, but Moore continued on to California and stayed in Sacramento for a length of time working with cattle. In 1852, Moore returned to Missouri via Panama, but would return to California once more with a herd of cattle.

Once Moore was settled in Missouri, he married Martha Hannah Ramsay in 1856. Together they had seven children, three of which reached adulthood. When Martha died, Moore married Eliza Ramsay, Martha's sister. In 1882, Moore moved to Jefferson City and operated a ferry on the Missouri River. Moore died in 1911.

Arrangement:

The papers have been arranged into three folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The Interview Transcript folder contains the record of the interview taken of Meredith Tarlton Moore by William E. Connelley, which Connelley then wrote out into a narrative format. The interview discusses Moore's extended family, his service in the Mexican American War, and his thoughts and impressions on individuals he met and on places and experiences he had throughout his life.

The California Trips folder contains detailed descriptions of Moore's first and second trips to California. The route of travel, hardships of the journey, locations and individuals encountered are all described in detail in these accounts.

The Interview Notes folder consists of typed notes on subjects discussed by Moore and Connelley during the course of the interview. Additionally, this folder contains a piece of correspondence from Moore to Connelley confirming factual items of the interview that Connelley conducted.

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