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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Matthew Rankin Walker consist of correspondence between Walker and several other people between 1830 and 1860.

DONOR INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Matthew Walker was born in Ohio on June 17, 1810, to William and Catherine Walker and grew up among the Wyandotte Indians. He married Lydia Brown Ladd and had seven children with her. Walker came to Kansas in 1843 and settled in what would later be Wyandotte County. In addition to being a farmer, Walker also served as a judge for Leavenworth County and was a member of the first Territorial Legislature and the Lecompton Convention. Walker was also a member of the Masonic Order and became the first territorial governor of Kansas and Nebraska. Walker passed away in 1875 and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is comprised of letters written to and by Matthew Walker and arranged chronologically. He maintained contact with several people, though the prominent recipient is his brother William. There is also a letter to Walker's wife, Lydia, from his sister, Elizabeth. The letters span from 1830 to 1860.

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