



THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI RESEARCH CENTER-KANSAS CITY

K0473

Mockbee-Chiles Family Papers

1842-1885

1 folder

Papers of the Thomas Mockbee and Elizabeth Ann (Eliza) Chiles Mockbee family. Includes letters, land deeds, bills of sale, documents and newspaper articles.

BIOGRAPHY:

Thomas Mockbee (1805-1864) and Elizabeth Ann Chiles (1816-1903), daughter of Richard Ballinger Chiles and Sarah Skinner Chiles, were married August 23, 1836. Their children were Sarah Jane, Cuthbert, Reuben, Franklin, Anna, Thomas, Kemp M., and James William.

On December 30, 1844, Mockbee purchased land around 78th and Holmes from Franklin Chiles, Elizabeth's brother. Their original home, a small one-story stone house, was said to have been built by James H. Boone, grandson of Daniel Boone. It was later used as a hospital during the Civil War and the stone-based barn was used by General Jo Shelby's artillery to defend the retreat of General Sterling Price into Arkansas after the Battle of Westport, October 23, 1864.

According to Civil War Pension records, Thomas Mockbee served with the B 6 Kansas Cavalry. He was killed by guerillas on February 22, 1864. His oldest son, Cuthbert continued to acquire land until the family owned all the land from Seventy-seventh to Eighty-fifth streets from Holmes to Broadway. The estate remained in the hands of the Mockbee family until 1945 when all but ten acres surrounding the historic site were sold.

PROVENANCE:

This gift was received as part of the Native Sons of Kansas City Collection KA0590, on July 17, 1990.

COPYRIGHT AND RESTRICTIONS:

The Donor has given and assigned to the State Historical Society of Missouri all rights of copyright which the Donor has in the Materials and in such of the

Donor's works as may be found among any collections of Materials received by the Society from others.

PREFERRED CITATION:

Specific item; folder number; *Mockbee-Chiles Family Papers (K0473)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

CONTACT:

The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City
302 Newcomb Hall, University of Missouri-Kansas City
5123 Holmes Street, Kansas City, MO 64110-2499
(816) 235-1543 SHSofMO-KC@umsystem.edu
<http://shs.umsystem.edu/index.shtml>

DESCRIPTION:

The collection includes original letters, land deeds, bills of sale, documents and newspaper article.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

- Folder 1. Certificate: United States Land grant to John B. Chiles, Jackson County, MO., forty acres, May 1, 1843
- Deed: Thomas Mockbee, grantor; Cuthbert, Reuben, Franklin, and Thomas Mockbee, grantees, undated, fragment
- Bill of Sale: purchase of hemp seed by John B. Chiles from W. and J. McCoy, Independence, MO. April 24, 1846
- Deed: Franklin Chiles to Thomas Mockbee, land in Jackson County, MO. October 20, 1846
- Purchases Account Sheet: Mrs. E. Mockbee on account with Warfield & Hamilton, Westport, MO., May 2-August 8, 1865.
- Letter of Notification: Mrs. Eliza A. Mockbee concerning distribution among the heirs of John Chiles of his distributive share in the estate of his mother Sarah Chiles, May 4, 1869, signed John A. and Henrietta Knight.
- Deed: Joel F. Chiles to John B. Chiles, 440 acres in Jackson County, MO. \$600. February 26, 1845
- Deed: Franklin Chiles to Thomas Mockbee, recorded in Independence, Jackson County, MO December 30, 1844, fragment

Purchases Account Sheet: Mr. John Chiles on account with Zenas Leonard, Sibley, MO May 6, 1843-January 18, 1844

Note Payable: Joel F. Chiles to Capt G.C. Were, seeking payment of debt, April 28, 1842

Correspondence: Mary Ayres Wilkinson and James Anderson, historian The Native Sons Archives, May 21 and June 12, 1958, concerning findings at the old Mockbee farm

Correspondence: Mrs. B. (Sarah J. Mockbee) Brooke and Martin ? House of Representatives U.S., Washington D.C., April 22, 1885, concerning pension for Mrs. Thomas Mockbee whose husband was killed by guerillas during Civil War