



McDaniel Family Papers (K0626)

Collection Number: K0626

Collection Title: McDaniel Family Papers

Dates: 1812-1940

Creator: McDaniel, Samuel John, 1844-1926

Abstract: The collection contains genealogical papers related to the Samuel McDaniel family. Included are five volumes of family history written by Samuel McDaniel and photocopies of obituaries, land records, and muster rolls for various members of the McDaniel family. In addition, there is one volume of religious musings by Samuel McDaniel written during his time as a minister.

Collection Size: 0.75 cubic foot
(2 folders, 1 oversize folder, 6 volumes)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Samuel McDaniel on August 14, 1990 (Accession No. KA0595).

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Historical Note:

Robin McDaniel, sometimes called Robin McDonald, immigrated to the United States from Scotland, with his wife Jean, and settled in South Carolina. McDaniel fought in the Revolutionary War for the United States. After the war, Robin McDaniel moved to Kaskaskia, Illinois, where his son William was born.

In 1808, William married his first wife, Jane, and the two set off for New Madrid, Missouri. After the New Madrid Earthquakes of 1811, the couple had to flee for their lives and abandon most of their belongings as they traveled up the Mississippi River and eventually settled in Illinois.

During the war of 1812, William McDaniel regularly participated in military exercises for the protection of frontier settlers. It was during this time that Robin and Jean had their only child, Joseph; Jean passed away not long after the birth of her son. Joseph was then sent to live in St. Clair County, Illinois, with his grandmother for several years.

In 1815, William McDaniel moved to Cooper County, Missouri, and married Kate Carver, who had a son of her own. McDaniel retrieved his son from Illinois, and brought him back to Missouri. Shortly after Joseph's return, the whole family settled near Boonville, where they would remain.

Joseph McDaniel married Elizabeth in 1836, and the two built a cabin not far from his father's property. The two had nine children: William, Watson, Elizabeth, Samuel, Joseph Robert, Henry Harrison, Lucinda Jane, John, and Emmett, all of whom lived to adulthood.

During the Civil War, Samuel enlisted with the Southern Confederacy. After the war, Samuel went to Illinois and for the first time attended formal school at the Chester Academy, and then later McKendree College.

Samuel McDaniel married Eleanor Jane Wood in 1866, and the two lived in Pettis County, Missouri. Samuel initially worked as a teacher and a farmer, but as the need for pastors in the frontier was great, Samuel felt that was his true calling and became a preacher for the Disciples of Christ.

Samuel and Eleanor had nine children of their own, as Samuel moved throughout Arkansas and Missouri preaching. Samuel died in 1926, and Eleanor followed in 1938.

Arrangement:

This collection has been arranged chronologically by material type.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of genealogical material related to the McDaniel family, compiled primarily by Samuel McDaniel. Included are muster rolls, land records, obituaries, and newspaper clippings related to the Samuel McDaniel line. In addition, there are five volumes of handwritten family history, written by Samuel McDaniel. McDaniel begins with his great-grandfather, and tells his family's history chronologically. McDaniel also includes small anecdotes to give a better understanding of his family, and of frontier and pioneer life in the

United States. There is a typed transcription of these volumes included in the collection. In addition, there is a single volume of religious essays. These essays are on various religious subjects from McDaniel's time as a minister.

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