

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Sutter, John Jacob.**  
**624**      **Collection, 1865-1871.**  
            **Two folders, photocopies.**

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During the Civil War, John J. Sutter enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Artillery and was commissioned captain of Battery B. After service with the battery at New Madrid and Rolla in 1863-1864, Sutter took part in the operations against General Sterling Price in the fall of 1864. Sutter was appointed assistant inspector of artillery in the Department of the Missouri in 1865. His duties included inspection of men, horses, and equipment of various batteries in the department. His reports were submitted to Colonel John V. Dubois, inspector general, and Colonel Nelson Cole, chief of artillery of the department. Sutter's notes of his findings were entered in a small memorandum book. The entries begin at St. Charles, Missouri, on 3 April 1865, after which Sutter visited the following posts: Macon City, Missouri (5 April), Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (8 April), Paola, Kansas (11 April), Cape Girardeau, Missouri (3 May), Springfield, Missouri (15 May), Rolla, Missouri (18 May), Paola, Kansas (16 July), and Fort Scott, Kansas (18 July). Included with notes on travel and expenses are copies of Sutter's completed reports for Macon, Fort Leavenworth, Paola, and Cape Girardeau. The reports indicate the number of men at each station, their military bearing, and the condition of the camps, public property, animals, and records. The report for Paola includes a sketch of the earthworks at that location.

In 1871, Sutter returned to Germany for a family visit and to celebrate his birthday in his native Briesgau region. His travel diary, written in German, is accompanied by notes by Gerda Adawi-White of the UM-Rolla Library staff. Sutter left St. Louis on 12 June 1871. His travel companion for the entire journey was Willi Rinkel, also a resident of St. Louis. They traveled by rail to New York, where they boarded the steamer *Donau* for Bremerhaven, Germany, on 17 June. The ship arrived in Germany on 29 June. Sutter met his parents, brothers, and sisters in Altenheim, after which he traveled extensively in the Alsace-Lorraine region. His purpose was primarily social and recreational, but Sutter also carried sums of money from friends in Missouri for their relatives in Germany, and visited tobacco factories and a meerschaum pipe factory, where he purchased a quantity of meerschaum. He also noted destruction caused by the Franco-Prussian war. Sutter began the return journey on 14 August. Accompanying Sutter and Rinkel were Sutter's sister, Lena, who was emigrating to the United States, and his father, who returned home via Cologne. At Bremen, Sutter and his sister had their travel documents approved and bought more meerschaum with their remaining German currency. They boarded the steamer *Deutschland* at Bremerhaven, and returned to the United States with an intermediate stop at Southampton, England. They disembarked at New York on 4 September. Traveling by train via Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Sutter and Rinkel arrived in East St. Louis on 7 September.

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Folder 1: Memoranda book, 3 April—18 July 1865  
(52 pp.)

Folder 2: Travel journal, 11 June—8 September 1871  
(205 pp., in German)

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**Folder 2:** Journal, 11 June—8 September 1871  
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