

## Information Sheet

**R**        **Williamson, R. T.**  
**860**        **Receipt, 1829.**  
              **One folder.**

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This is a receipt dated 2 September 1829 and signed by R. T. Williamson at New Madrid in New Madrid County, Missouri, for the tuition of Polly and Isabella Belson. The payment was made by Seavers & McFaddin for the account of Fanny Belson, guardian.

This holograph receipt appears to have been initially dated 1828 and then corrected to indicate 1829. No biographical information is available on R. T. Williamson, but according to Goodspeed Publishing Company's *History of Southeast Missouri ...* (Chicago, 1888; pages 1182-1183) Fanny Belson and her husband Mathias were natives of Germany who settled in colonial New Madrid around 1794. Seavers & McFaddin was probably a legal or mercantile firm. Nicholas Seavers was an early settler in Cape Girardeau, ca. 1790s, while Charles Seavers served as Sheriff and Collector of New Madrid County in the 1830s.

The reverse side of this document contains another holograph receipt in which the widow of Douglass Johnson accepts the settlement of her interest in his estate. A large "X" has been drawn across the document, with the notation "Filed Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1829, O. [Fayley?] Clk." No biographical information is available for these persons.

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## Index Cards

Belson, Fanny.  
Belson, Isabella.  
Belson, Polly.  
Johnson, Douglass.  
New Madrid (Mo.).  
New Madrid County (Mo.).  
Seavers & McFaddin.  
Williamson, R. T.