

R Desloge Mining, Papers, 1840-1956  
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#### INTRODUCTION

The Desloge Mining Papers consist of documents pertaining to the Desloge Consolidated Lead Company. The mining operation was located in Desloge, which is in St. Francis County, Missouri. Business documents and letters about the company, a family tree of the wealthy Desloge family, and newspaper clippings about the company are included in the collection.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Frances Dunn on 20 February 1985 (Accession No. 274).

#### ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

The Desloge family was the most prominent family of Missouri's Old Lead Belt. Firmin Desloge opened the first lead operations owned by the family in 1824 in Potosi, Missouri. The family formed the Desloge Lead Company which later merged with the St. Joe Lead Company, on the board of which a member of the Desloge family continued to serve. They later began the Desloge Consolidated Lead Company, which was a merger of several smaller companies. This was also eventually sold to the St. Joe Lead Company. The Desloge family also built several railroad lines to service their mines.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains many letters about the mines, which were eventually incorporated into the Desloge Consolidated Lead Company. The letters also pertain to the value of the mines. The letters were written by Ferdinand Desloge, C.B. Parsons, Henry Bisch, and others. A hand-drawn family tree with members of the Desloge family is contained in the collection. Articles about the day to day business of the mine, as published in the *Farmington Times*, is also included. The family became one of the richest in America at that time.

#### FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 Business Correspondence and Paperwork, 1840-1956
- f.2 Desloge Family Tree, n.d.
- f.3 Newspaper Clippings, 1883-1884

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