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Papers, 1586-1959
117 Folders

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Margaret Wallace Flower Blumenhorst, the granddaughter of Laura Watts Wallace and James Craig Wallace, donated the Blumenhorst papers to the State Historical Society of Missouri in March 1984.

The marriage of Laura Holloway Watts (1854-1940) and James Craig Wallace (1840-1916) in 1877 united five Missouri families. Laura Watts descended from the Watts, Lewis, and Woodson families, and James Craig Wallace from the Craig and Wallace families. Members of the five families settled along the Chariton and Missouri Rivers in Howard and Chariton Counties of Missouri in 1817-1820.

Early ancestors of the five families came to Virginia from England, Ireland, and Scotland. There they became planters and intermarried with the Smiths, Harrises, Washingtons, Jeffersons and Mortons. During the Revolutionary War most fought for independence, including Major Andrew Wallace (1748-1829), great-grandfather of James Craig Wallace, and Obediah Smith (1749-1810) and Jacob Woodson (1748-1839), great-grandfathers of Laura Watts Wallace.

After the Revolutionary War, Major Andrew Wallace received a land grant from the State of Virginia in the Kentucky territory. In 1782 Andrew Wallace and his wife Catherine Parks Wallace (1749-1825) moved to Lincoln County, Kentucky. Samuel Wallace (1770-1852), their oldest son, married Anna Snoddy (1778-1861) of Kentucky, in 1798 before migrating westward to Missouri. According to a family legend, Indians in Kentucky captured Anna Snoddy's youngest sister, Libby, in the early nineteenth century. The oldest son of the Samuel Wallace's eleven children, John Snoddy Wallace, married Idress Craig in 1833. Her father, Colonel Hiram Craig, came to Missouri from Kentucky in 1819. John and Idress became the parents of James Craig Wallace in 1840.

Laura Watts Wallace's grandmother, Mary Burke Smith (1781-1866), married William Watts (1779-1840). Their son, James J. Watts (1818-1894), married Martha Woodson Lewis (1820-1907) in 1840. Martha's parents Henry Lewis (1782-1873) and Elizabeth Woodson Lewis (1790-1857), moved to Glasgow, Missouri from Virginia in 1817, along with Elizabeth Woodson Lewis' parents. Henry Lewis, a judge, settled on a farm called Hackleberry Grove, and became active in the educational and cultural institutions in Glasgow. Reverend William Henry Lewis, Henry's son, established the Montecello Male and Female Seminary in the late 1830s.

James Jordan Watts became a doctor in Fayette, Missouri. James Craig Wallace attended the University of Missouri and became a lawyer. John Snoddy Wallace and Robert Bruce (b. 1844) became doctors. James and Robert Wallace participated in the Civil War as members of the Confederate Army. John Snoddy Wallace (1849-1916) also served as a member of the

Missouri Senate.

Laura Watts Wallace and James Craig Wallace had three daughters, Idress Elizabeth (1878-1959), Agnes Stanford (1879-1945), and Margaret Cotilde (1882-1914). Agnes and Margaret never married. In 1915 Idress Elizabeth Wallace married William E. Flower of St. Louis. Their daughter, Margaret Wallace Flower (b. 1918), later married Karl Blumenhorst of St. Louis.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Blumenhorst papers document the histories of the Craig, Lewis, Watts, Wallace, and Woodson families from 1586-1959. Genealogical records trace family roots back to the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in England and eighteenth century settlement in America. However, the bulk of the material consists of letters (1821-1959) written by the Lewis, Watts, Wallace and Woodson family members who migrated westward during the nineteenth century. The letters, along with legal papers (1790-1892), and a 1849 Gold Rush Diary document the work, social activities and travels of the Lewis, Watts and Wallace families who settled in the Missouri counties of Howard and Chariton in the 1820s. The collection also reflects social and political conditions in Missouri and the United States during the nineteenth century, including westward expansion, slavery, and the Civil War. Personal papers include a narrative describing the capture of Anna Snoddy Wallace's sister, Libby, by the Indians in the early nineteenth century.

The collection contains copies of the original papers which were returned to the donor. Four series comprise the collection. Series 1 includes correspondence, 1821-1959. Series 2 contains legal papers and accounts, 1790-1892. Personal papers, including family genealogies, comprise Series 3, and Series 4 includes newsclippings, 1832-1945.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

SERIES 1 - CORRESPONDENCE, 1821-1959, FOLDERS 1-84

Grouped alphabetically by author and arranged chronologically. Principal authors include: James Craig Wallace (65 letters), James Jordan Watts (64 letters), Martha Lewis Watts (48 letters), Judith Lewis Bigelow (12 letters), Laura Watts Wallace (8 letters), and Will F. Carter (6 letters). Other authors such as Millard Watts, Mary Elizabeth Watts, Charles S. Morton, and L. W. H. Lipscomb contributed at least 3 letters to the collection. Topics cover family matters and include: births, deaths, marriages, land sales, medical school in Louisville, Kentucky, slavery and family finances.

SERIES 2 - LEGAL PAPERS AND ACCOUNTS, 1892, FOLDER 85-98

Arranged alphabetically. Folders 86-89 consists of bills of sale. Folder 86 is for the sale of a slave in 1849. The others in the group deal with land sales. Wills comprise folders 94-98 and include those of the Craig, Watts and Harris families. Other folders contain accounts, a land survey, a military record, and incorporation of the Lewis family cemetery in Glasgow, Missouri.

SERIES 3 - PERSONAL PAPERS, 1586-1916, FOLDERS 99-116

Genealogies of the Lewis, Watts, Wallace and Woodson families comprise 5 folders (105-

109). Folders 101-104, and 113 include eulogies or memorial addresses of the various families. Folder 100 contains John S. Wallace's 1849 Gold Rush Diary. A narrative documenting the legend of Libby Snoddy's capture by the Indians comprises folder 111. Material in other folders consists of DAR applications, school reports, a Mason membership receipt, and poems and songs.

SERIES 4 - NEWSCLIPPINGS, 1832-1945, FOLDER 117

This series contains newspaper articles, obituaries, and wedding announcements of the Lewis, Watts, Wallace and Flower families.

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3. Judith Lewis Bigelow to Henry and Elizabeth Lewis, 11 letters, Oct. 1844 - Aug. 1855
4. Judith Lewis Bigelow to Martha Lewis Watts, c. 1850s
5. Louisa Burlinson to Idress Wallace Flower, Sept. 18, 1955
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7. Will f. Carter to James C. Wallace, 4 letters, Sept. 1912 - Dec. 1913
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10. A. F. Davis to Martha Lewis Watts, May 2, 1887
11. Mattie Ellis to Martha Lewis Watts, 4 letters, 1873 - 1877
12. Margaret W. Fristoe to Margaret C. Wallace, Dec. 26, 1882
13. Elizabeth Hughes to James J. Watts, March 10, 1837
14. John A. Jones (Cate) to James Jordan Watts, 2 letters, June 1840; June 1842
15. W.H. Kinley to Laura Watts Wallace, June 1, 1916 Roberta Houston to Laura Watts Wallace, April 25, 1927
16. Christian Boyd Lewis to Martha Lewis Watts, Dec. 1864 Louis (servant) to Martha Lewis Watts, Dec. 1864
17. Henry Lewis to James Jordan Watts and family, Nov. 14, 1870
18. Henry Lewis to Martha Lewis Watts, Jan. 20, 1865

19. Martha Burd Lewis to Martha Lewis Watts, March 18, 1845 Thomas Fristoe to Martha Lewis Watts, Dec. 21, 1849
20. Richard Lewis to James J. Watts, 2 letters Feb. 4, 1847; Nov. 13, 1847
21. Richard K. Lewis to Martha Lewis Watts, c. 1850
22. Rev. William H. Lewis to Martha Lewis Watts, 2 letters, Dec. 17, 1890; May 27, 1891
23. Library of Congress to John S. Wallace, Jan. 7, 1905
24. L.W.H. Lipscomb to Martha L. Watts, 3 letters, Sept. 1863 - Aug. 1864
25. W. Sud Martin to Martha L. Watts, c. 1890 Cousin Bernice (?) to Martha L. Watts, c. 1890
26. Dr. James Miller to James Jordan Watts, Jan. 24, 1840 John F. Wright to James J. Watts, Sept. 30, 1882
27. Charles S. Morton to Martha Lewis Watts, Feb. 19, 1883 Charles S. Morton to John Lewis, March 23, 1883
28. Charles S. Morton to Laura Watts Wallace, Oct. 2, 1901
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30. Margaret W. McNaul to Idress Wallace Flower, 2 letters, Sept. 29, 1953; Feb. 9, 1959
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33. E.W. Price to James Craig Wallace, July 25, 1904 Eleanor McClelland to James C. Wallace, Aug. 1915 Hiriam C. Wallace to James C. Wallace, May 1921
34. Dr. Carr Pritchett, Dec. 31, 1890; S.E. Forster, Dec. 1890; Cousin "M," Jan. 22, 1891 to James and Martha Watts re Golden Anniversary
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