

Liberty (Mo.) Tribune Papers

This collection contains items submitted to the *Liberty (Mo.) Tribune* to be published in the newspaper. These items date from 1832–1880s and cover a variety of topics.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: *Liberty (Mo.) Tribune*, Robert A. Miller, editor
Title: *Liberty (Mo.) Tribune* papers
Dates: 1800-1880s, bulk 1830s-1860s
Size: 2 boxes, 44 folders
Location: SC34

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Terms governing use and reproduction: Where photocopies are available, use in place of originals.

Publication note: Many items contained in collection were undoubtedly published in the *Liberty Tribune* which is available on microfilm in Missouri Valley Special Collections covering the dates of April 15, 1853 – April 17, 1903.

Related collections in other repositories: Alvord, Clarence W. (1868-1928) and Idress Head (1873-1962), collection, 1759-1962, Missouri History series, *Liberty Tribune Papers*, 1794-1885 (C970), Western Historical Manuscripts Collection-Columbia, Mo.

Acquisition information: Unknown.

Custodial history: Believed to have been separated from the Missouri Valley Historical Society Records (SC7) at some time.

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Collection Description

Biographical/Historical note

The *Liberty Tribune* newspaper began under the title, *Liberty Weekly Tribune*, debuting as a Whig paper on April 4, 1846. Robert A. Miller was the editor in the paper's early, formative years. Still in publication in the beginning of the twenty-first century, it is thought that this newspaper is the longest continuous weekly newspaper in the state of Missouri operating under the same name.

The newspaper has been bought and sold several times over the years and is currently (2007) owned by the Greater Kansas City Community Newspaper Group which is owned by the News-Press & Gazette Company.

Liberty, Missouri, is situated in Clay County, just north of the Missouri River and 15 miles from downtown Kansas City. It became a county seat town in 1822 and was incorporated in 1829. William Jewell College is located in Liberty and was founded in 1849.

Scope and content note

This collection contains all manuscript items which apparently were submitted to the *Liberty Tribune* for publication. All were written in the nineteenth century with the bulk containing dates from the middle part of that century. A handwritten note on the back of stationary belonging to the Kansas City Historical Society and found with the collection reads: "These papers were published in the Liberty Tribune between the years 1847 and 1865, and cover many subjects. It also contains commercial advertisement including sale of slaves, market quotations, obituary notices, poetry, essays on different subjects such as temperance religion, statesmanship, politics and all classified under appropriate headings – also legal notices." (Unsigned)

Because of the stationary heading, it is believed that this collection eventually became part of the holdings of the Missouri Valley Historical Society which followed the Kansas City Historical Society. It was probably separated from the department's SC7 (Missouri Valley Historical Society records) at some point and was retained as a separate collection. It is not known who received these papers from the *Liberty Tribune* and deposited them elsewhere or at what time. Obviously this collection does not represent all of the newspaper's submissions and holdings for the time period. These items were probably pulled out or represent what may have been left after other material was taken.

The collection contains a wide variety of items submitted to the newspaper for publication. These include: minutes of political meetings, obituaries, court proceedings, notices including sale notices of slaves, announcements, city and government related items, letters, receipts, social organization news, marriage announcements, poetry, railroad and riverboat items, lost and found, name lists, ads, patent documents, reports, essays, etc.

Because the papers were not in any order when processing began, it was decided by the processor to arrange the items in date order since the bulk did contain a date. Within each date arrangement can be found many different types of material on various subjects. The finding aid for each folder lists the type of material included, locations, names mentioned, and various notes.

For those items that contained no date, they have been arranged by topic. These folders are listed at the end of the finding aid and are arranged by the following topics: ads; court related proceedings; letters related to education, gambling, temperance, response to published articles; trail experiences; miscellaneous; notices; obituaries; poetry; political items; reports; and sermons/religious related.

There were a few loose pages that could not be identified clearly and these can be found in Folder 9. Several tissue pages that contain reporting from New York in 1851 are located in Folder 10. These pages have been photocopied.

During processing no effort was made to check these items against the published newspaper. It is assumed that most of them were published, but many may have been edited in some way. Thus there is value in being able to see and study the original manuscripts.

The strength of the collection can be found in the reporting on major historical events of the time period. This includes letters from those who were a part of the Gold Rush, 1849-1850 (including a letter from Robert James, father of Jesse and Frank James, Box 1, Folder 7), and the trails leading to the West (See Box 1, Folder 6). There are also letters mentioning Utah, the Mormons, and the Great Salt Lake. Political discussion, in letters and found in political party minutes, especially that of the Whig Party, is included. These discussions were on both a

national and statewide level. One of the Whig Party minutes is signed by Alexander Doniphan (Box 2, Folder 5). The place of slavery in Western Missouri can also be seen with several notices for the sale of slaves.

Overall, the collection presents the researcher with a glimpse of what life was like in the small, river oriented town of Liberty as well as the surrounding area, all located in the middle and western part of Missouri near the edge of the then frontier.

Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1 – Short, handwritten explanatory note regarding collection written on the back of a Kansas City Historical Society form letter, n.d.

Folder 2 – Miscellaneous items not related to *Liberty (Mo.) Tribune*

- Handwritten will dated May 3, 1800, Robert Smith, including names of Mary Smith, Rebecca Smith, Ephraim Steel, and Andrew Porter.
- Handwritten paper/speech, “The Bonnet Show at Big Shoal Meeting House in Clay County, Missouri” by D.C. Allen, of Liberty, Mo., n.d.
- Handwritten paper/speech, “James Bridger” by W. L. Webb, n.d.

Folder 3 – 1830s

- February 27, 1832 – Notice of fresh garden seeds and lost saddle bags – Garlicher Hale.

Folder 4 – 1847, April 1, 1847 – December 13, 1847

- **Items included:** Settlement of estate, partnership dissolution, circuit court divorce record, for sale ads for sheep, entertainment notice, public sale, letter (bounty land warrants), and Clinton Circuit Court record.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Liberty, Missouri; Buchanan County, Missouri; Clay County, Missouri; Plattsburg, Missouri; Fort Leavenworth, Missouri.; and Clinton County, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** Ryland **Shackelford**, Benjamin **Riley**, James **Christy**, Pousouly **Kyle**, Augusta **McNally**, Bill **McNally**, A.H.F. **Payne**, L.C. **Easton**, Richard M. **Young**, John **Thornton**, John F. **Duncan**, **Livingston** Family, **Buckridge** Family, and **McKown** Family.

Folder 5 – 1848, January 3, 1848 – October 29, 1848

- **Items included:** Settlement of estates, public and real estate sales, Clay County court paper concerning the sale of slaves, ads for dry goods and for recruitment of drivers to deliver supplies between Fort Leavenworth and Santa Fe, New Mexico, and letters.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Gallatin, Missouri; Plattsburg, Missouri; Fort Leavenworth, Missouri; and Richmond, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** Martin J. **Aker**, W. C. and Thomas **Birch**, Robert H. **Brooks**, James **Christy**, L. C. **Easton**, Henry **Morgan**, James N. **Netherton**, George and James **Roades**, Edward M. **Samuel**, Fielding **Stephens**, William E. **Stephenson**, Mary **Terry**, John M. **Wilkerson**, and Thomas J. and William **Young**.

Folder 6 – 1849, June 10, 1849 – December 21, 1849

- **Items included:** Letters, partnership dissolution, estate settlement, public sale notice, entertainment notice, poetry, paper on “Equality of Taxation,” real estate sale, and letters.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Camp No. 38, North Platte River; Fort Laramie, Nebraska Territory; Richmond, and Sacramento City, California.
- **Names associated with items:** Henry **Payne**, William W. **Woods**, Greenup **Bird**, Simpson **Searcy**, Zadock **Martin**, Dandridge **Holladay**, Robert L. **Scearce**, William A.. **McCarty**, J. M. **Wood**, G. W. **Toney**, Fanny **Richardson**, N. P. **Carpenter**, John T. **Hughes**, James H. **Birch**, and Stephen R. **Shrader**.
- **Note:** Folder contains several letters pertaining to the California Gold Rush as well as a description of the trail experience along the Platte River in western Nebraska.

Folder 7 – 1850, January 17, 1850 – June 30, 1850

- **Items included:** Notice, ad (directed to California emigrants), poetry, and letters.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Sacramento City, California; Plattsburg, Missouri; Independence, Missouri; Richmond, Missouri; Fort Laramie.
- **Names associated with items:** John T. **Hughes**, Jasper M. **Hixson**, S. **Dolanowski**, Robert **James (Jesse James father)**, **Van Asdell**, **McCoun**, Charles E. **Bowman**, and Daniel S. **Mosby**.
- **Note:** Folder contains several letters pertaining to the California Gold Rush including the trail experience.

Folder 8 – 1850, July 18, 1850 – December 30, 1850

- **Items included:** notices, ads, circular letter (American Livestock Insurance Co.), election results, letters, reports/proceedings, court records, essay on marriage, sale ads, and poetry.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Plattsburg, Missouri; South Fork of American River of Sacramento River, California; Oregon, Missouri; Kirksville, Missouri; Jefferson City, Missouri; Ft. Leavenworth; Nevada City, upper California.
- **Names associated with items:** Anthony **Warsell**, Edward M. **Samuel**, John T. **Hughes**, W. R. **Franklin**, Jasper M. **Hixson**, Nathaniel **Vincent**, Jerome **Franklin**, Mary E. **Beckwith**, Hiram **Beckwith**, S. R. **Shrader**, and U. F. **Millionth**.
- **Note:** Folder contains several letters pertaining to the California Gold Rush and trail experiences. Also a Liberty Female Seminary advertisement.

Folder 9 - 1851, January 7, 1851 - May 31, 1851

- **Items included:** letters, ads, political reporting, notices (including to haul military goods), lodge meeting minutes, poetry, death announcement, sale of public lands, and incorporation document for savings and loan.
- **Locations sent from if given:** New York; Lower Liberty Landing; Jefferson City, Missouri; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; St. Louis, Missouri; Liberty, Missouri; Plattsburg, Missouri; Blue Mills Landing; Great Salt Lake, Utah.
- **Names associated with items:** John **Bastin**, E. A. **Ogden**, Ryland **Shackelford**, H. E. **Van Osdell**, A. **Lightburne**, F. R. **Long**, L. **Brown**, John S. **Duncan**, J. T. **Hughes**, Alexander **Tod**, W. A. **McCarty**,

Madison **Miller**, David **Roberts**, James **Moss**, Edward M. **Samuel**, Andrew **Robinson**, Robert **Adkins**, William H. **Lane**, Eugene B. **Allen**, and Simpson **McGaughey**.

- **Note:** Mormon Utah activities noted in letter of May 31, 1851. Also ad for storage and commission warehouse on Upper Liberty Landing with railway to Missouri River and Clay County Savings Institution.

Folder 10 – 1851, June 5, 1851 – October 13, 1851

- **Items included:** ads including a slave sale ad, letters, notices including real estate, estate settlements, and law notices.
- **Locations sent from if given:** St. Louis, Missouri; Plattsburg, Missouri; Liberty, Missouri; Fort Bridger, Utah; Saint Bernard; Richmond, Missouri; Kansas; Lexington, Missouri, and Parkville [Missouri]
- **Names associated with items:** Wiley C. **Snail**, A. **Lightburne**, E. C. **Hale**, A.B. **Everett**, S. B. **Simmons**, W.H. **Lane**, J. R. **Keller**, T. R. **Dale**, G. L. **Hughes**, James H. **Birch**, R.V. **Kennedy**, A.V.C. **Schenck**, L.C. **Topping & Co.**, Elisha **Todd**, Zattie **Todd**, and George W. **Ash**.
- **Note:** Subjects include: temperance, Liberty Female School, Utah happenings, and Liberty Female Institute.

Folder 11 – 1852, January 1, 1852 – May 23, 1852

- **Items included:** printed ads, court/legal proceedings, newspaper clippings, letters, postal list of names, political meeting minutes, and price list for commodities.
- **Locations sent from if given:** St. Louis, Missouri; Ridgely (Platte County), Missouri; Richmond, Missouri; and Savannah, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** **Twitchell** and **Mogridge**, Samuel **Hadley**, **Cockrell** family, Susan Mary **Trimble**, John and Elizabeth **Evans**, R. H. **Miller** and Company, **Ridgely** Academy, C. T. **Gamer**, Edward M. **Samuel**, and F. B. **Locke**.
- **Note:** Post office list contains over 200 names only for letters not picked up and headed for the dead letter file. Whig Party meeting records also.

Folder 12 – 1852, June 4, 1852 – August 23, 1852

- **Items included:** ads/notices, law suit, letters, postal list of names, political meeting and temperance meeting minutes, request for proposal, proclamation, and contract for corn (Fort Atkinson).
- **Locations sent from if given:** Liberty, Missouri; Richmond, Missouri; Weston, Missouri; Plattsburg, Missouri, Fort Leavenworth; and Jefferson City, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** Judge **Birch**, Thomas Hart **Benton**, Mordecai **Oliver**, William **Austin**, John **Estes**, John T. **Hughes**, Hiram **Sneed**, E. A. **Ogden**, C. **Gamer**, Ephraim B. **Ewing**, Luther **Leonard**, B.N. **Smith**, G. W. **Ash**, and Robertson **Ewing**.
- **Note:** Includes post office list which contains over 200 names and Liberty Female Institute ad.

Folder 13 – 1852, September 12, 1852 – date (1852) only

- **Items included:** slave sale ads, proposals, ads/notices, church minutes, reward notice for runaway slave, and poetry.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Weston, Missouri; Fort Leavenworth; St. Louis, Missouri; St. Joseph, Missouri; Fulton, Missouri; Liberty, Missouri; Plattsburg, Missouri; and New York.

- **Names associated with items:** David **Groomer**, Samuel **Finch**, W. **Cunningham**, Madison **Miller**, John T. **Hughes**, James William **Morrow**, Howard **Everett**, and W. **McCoun**.
- **Note:** Synod of Old Presbyterian Church minutes included.

Folder 14 – 1853, January – February 26, 1853

- **Items included:** poetry, state Congressional proceedings, letters, ads, newspaper clippings, administrator's sale, riverboat notice and other notices.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Liberty, Missouri; Jefferson City, Missouri; St. Louis, Missouri; Ft. Leavenworth; Liberty Landing.
- **Names associated with items:** A. P. **Bowman**, Pomeroy, Benton & Co., Charless, Blow & Co., Mr. **Vincent**, W. H. **Lane**, D. R. **Parsons**, Charles L. **Carthrow**, L. C. **Easton**, R.H. **Miller & Co.**, E. C. **Hale**, Webster, Marsh & Co., L. A. **Welton**.
- **Note:** Contains election of bank officers and mention of Missouri River Packet *Ben West*.

Folder 15 – 1853, March 1, 1853 – June 6, 1853

- **Items included:** *Robert Campbell* riverboat passenger list, ads including slave ads, receipt, poetry, insurance company notice.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Smithville, Missouri; Liberty Landing.
- **Names associated with items:** Ambrose **Reeder**, James **Breckinridge**, James H. **Adams**, Samuel **Allen**, E. C. **Hale**, Lemuel **Watson**, Robert **Gilmer**, A. W. **Doniphan** (Liberty Insurance Company).
- **Note:** Riverboats mentioned include: *Robert Campbell*, *Ben West*, and *F.X. Aubrey*.

Folder 16 – 1857-59, February 6, 1857 – September 5, 1859

- **Items included:** letters, real estate deed, notice, poetry, obituary, bank notice (Farmers Bank of Missouri), school notice (Carrol School District located three miles east of Liberty), meeting minutes (Clay County Agricultural & Mechanical Association)
- **Locations sent from if given:** Platte City, Missouri; Montgomery County; Liberty, Missouri; Plattsburg, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** George **Quimby**, Shubael **Allen**, Mary Bridgett **Hopkins**, Francis **Chouteau**, Mary Bridgett **Chouteau**, Ashley **Hopkins**, Edmund F. **Chouteau**, Joseph **Guinotte**, Lot **Coffman**, Rice B. **Davenport**, Isaac **Wood**, Maggie **Hammett**, William **Doniphan**, Col. A. **Doniphan**, Michael **Arthur**, and A. D. **Brooks**.
- **Note:** Items include runaway slave notice and Chouteau family deed.

Folder 17 – 1860, April 1, 1860 – July 30, 1860

- **Items included:** notice, letter, travel letter (Mammoth Cave), obituary, and printed receipt.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Williamsburg, Kentucky; Boston.
- **Names associated with items:** George **Phelps**, F. B. **Harber**, A. D. **Brooks**, James **Love**, and Francis **Thorpe**.

Folder 18 – 1861-1865, January 5, 1861 – n.d. (Civil War related)

- **Items included:** obituaries, political minutes, trustee sale notice, notices, minutes of Clay County Bar meeting, receipt, public sale notice, and letters.

- **Locations sent from if given:** Liberty, Missouri; Flemming County, Kentucky.
- **Names associated with items:** Richard **Barnes**, Sol. **McCurdy**, James H. **Adams**, Ann M. **Adams**, Samuel **Hardwick**, E. M. **Samuel**, Thomas M. **Chevis**, J. W. **Soper**, Dan **Carpenter**, James M. **Strade**, and Carrie **Strade**.
- **Notes:** Contains Constitutional Union Convention minutes. Also the Farmers Bank at Liberty is mentioned.

Folder 19 – 1866, January 3, 1866 – 1866 (no month or day)

- **Items included:** notices, letters, printed flyer, printed form, printed ad, and obituary/lodge resolution.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Jefferson City, Missouri; St. Louis, Missouri; Missouri City, Missouri; and Lexington, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** Jesse E. **Bryant**, Thomas C. **Fletcher**, Pink **Hamilton**, G. S. **Elgin**, J.A. **Berry**, John **Chrisman**, Daniel H. **Maret**, O. P. **Moss**, B. **Bailey** and James **Love**.
- **Note:** Contains items for William Jewell College and the Southern Relief Association.

Folder 20 – 1867, January 1, 1867 – April 22, 1867

- **Items included:** Bank ad, notice of public sale of land/property, letters, school notice, resolutions, court edicts, notices.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Liberty, Missouri; Salem, Oregon; Missouri City, Missouri; Barry, Missouri; and Kansas City, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** D. J. **Adkins**, A. J. **Calhoun**, D. D. **Miller**, W. S. **Garvey**, H. L. **Routt**, O. P. **Moss**, G. M. **Gosney**, Sol **Levi**, David **Roberts**, A. C. **Courtney**, Frank **Elgin**, David L. **Ferrell**, Jesse E. **Bryant**, William H. **Edwards**, G. **Lowther**, T. K. **Gash**, Charles **Kearney**, Thomas B. **Wallace**, G. W. **Thompson**, Dan **Carpenter**, and Howard **Everett**.
- **Note:** Commercial Savings Bank, description of Oregon, resolutions on road building, city of Liberty receipts, grasshopper history in Clay County.

Folder 21 – 1867, June 11, 1867 – 1967 (no month and day)

- **Items included:** court proceedings, letters, ads, fire insurance rates, notices, sale ads, obituary notice, minutes/resolutions.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Jefferson City, Missouri; Liberty, Missouri; Liberty Landing; and St. Louis, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** Dan **Carpenter**, James **Roan**, T. **Lidwith**, John **Baxter**, William H. **Woodson**, D. C. **Allen**, C. H. **Nall**, Jim **Edda Watkins**, Stephen G. **Cato**, E. H. **Norton**, Mrs. J. **Lykins**, John and Elizabeth A. **Foley**, William A. **King**, and James A. **Griffith**.
- **Note:** Mentioned: bonds for Kansas City and Cameron Railroad Co., Kansas City, Barry and Smithville McAdamized Road Co., classroom needs in county schools, General Phil Sheridan celebration in St. Louis and description of the city, Clay County Bar, *Baptist Journal*, and Widows and Orphans Society of Missouri.

Folder 22 – 1868, January 14, 1868 – May 6, 1868

- **Items included:** Obituary, letters, notices, political proceedings, ads, Liberty city receipts, railroad timetable, and patent conveyance document.

- **Locations sent from if given:** Missouri City, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri; Jefferson City, Missouri; Liberty, Missouri, Gosneyville, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** William W. **Nelson**, D. M. **Proctor**, Mrs. J. **Lykins**, John **Doniphan**, **Peake & Co.**, John D. **Hall**, John **Chrisman**, Thomas **Jaudon**, **Grady & Dillingham**, John Jackson **Spriggins**, Hiram **Robbins**, Susan **Rollins**, and Sophia **Rollins**.
- **Note:** Mentioned: Widow and Orphans Home Society of Missouri, Pacific Restaurant, Horse race notice (Huterson Race Course, south of Liberty), and Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad.

Folder 23 – 1868, June 22, 1868 – December 25, 1868

- **Items included:** Meeting minutes, administrators sale notice, essay, name list, letter, testimonials to patent medicines, marriage notice, and newspaper clipping.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Liberty, Missouri; Haynesville, Missouri; and Kansas City, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** O. P. **Moss**, John K. **Dougherty**, David **Roberts**, F. R. **Cada**, G. W. **Rogers**, James **Shields**, Walter **Moore**, Martha **Withers**, B. F. **Elston**, and Mrs. M. A. **Lykins**.
- **Note:** Mentioned: Soldiers and Sailors Convention, William Jewell College related, description of Kansas City, Widows and Orphans Home, J. M. French & Co. Great Oriental Circus and Egyptian Caravan ad.

Folder 24 – 1869, January 1, 1869 –April 1, 1869

- **Items included:** Home insurance company statement, notice, obituary, lodge proceedings, letter and sale notice.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Liberty, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** D. C. **Allen**, Margaret **Warren**, E. C. **Tillman**, O. P. **Moss**, and D. **Adkins**.
- **Note:** Mentioned: Liberty Female College Association, Odd Fellows.

Folder 25 – 1870s, April 17, 1871 – November 11, 1871

- **Items included:** Letter, notice, obituary, poetry, and newspaper clippings
- **Locations sent from if given:** Smithville, Missouri; Platte City, Missouri; Bethel; New Orleans; and St. Louis, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** J. J. **Blakley**, William **Forman**, William T. **Jenkins**, Madison **Miller**, D. C. **Allen**, John **Simrall**, Lissie N. **Fogle**, C. **Babcock**, W. W. and Mary **Dougherty**, and Lydia **Hopkins**.
- **Notes:** Mentioned: Liberty Female College Association, Chicago Fire.

Folder 26 – 1880s, September 3, 1884 – October 13, 1884, 188-

- **Items included:** Announcement, court proceedings, and mortgage bond form.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Liberty, Missouri; and Kansas City, Missouri.
- **Names associated with items:** J. D. **Park**, S.G. Sandusky, **Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage Trust Company**.

Folder 27 – n.d. – Advertisements

- **Ad subjects:** Real estate, forms, eye treatment, photography, store merchandize, medicinal products, music lessons, lawyers, new newspaper, insurance, tailoring, millinery, lumber, and entertainment.

- **Names associated with items:** Alexander C. **Cook**, I. E. **Lincoln**, G. W. **Fitzpatrick**, W. H. **Peters**, **Carpenter & Gash**, **Hall's Drug Store**, R. S. **Adkins**, **Briggs**, **Potwin & Co.**, S. M. R. **Servoss**, E. F. **Richards**, Henry L. **Routt**, Warwick **Hough**, **Plant Rosenthal & Co.**, and James H. **Compton**.
- **Locations sent from if given:** Clinton County; Liberty, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri; and Boonville, Missouri.
- **Note:** Also newspaper clippings.

Folder 28 – n.d. – Advertisements, Slave Related

- **Names associated with items:** William **Mitchell**, G. S. **Story**, J. W. **Moseley**, James H. **Moss**, and Z. A. and A. P. **Spence**.
- **Locations:** Waynesville, Missouri; Liberty, Missouri

Folder 29 – n.d. – Court (legal) Related

- **Subjects –** Divorce settlement, assault charges, and sale of land on courthouse steps.
- **Names associated with items:** Nancy **Martin**, James W. **Martin**, William **Bollen**, James L. **Singleton**, John **Chrisman**, Louis **Singleton**, S. **Shrader**, and Oliver P. **Moss**.

Folder 30 – n.d. – Letters/Notices – Education Related

- **Subjects –** William Jewell College, Clay County Public Schools, Clay Seminary, Liberty Female College, Liberty Female Institute, Male Academy (Camden Point, Platte County), and essay on education.
- **Names associated with items:** William C. **Signon**, George **Hughes**, James **Love**, George W. **Ash**, and E. S. **Dulin**.

Folder 31 – n.d. – Letters – Gambling

Folder 32 – n.d. – Letters – Mainly in Response to Columns

- **Subjects:** Emigration Aid Society, Rail Road Strip Bill, Political. Description of “Our Town”, etc.

Folder 33 – n.d. – Letters – Temperance

- **Names associated with items:** E. C. **Hale**, W. H. **Lane**.

Folder 34 – n.d. – Letters – Trails Related (2 items)

- **Contains:** “A night among the mountains, concluded” by Jack Shorthead and “California & Oregon Emigrants” (Advertising Parkville as a point to cross Missouri River.)
- **Names mentioned:** Jack **Shorthead**, M. C. **Young**, R. G. **Stevens**, W. P. **Burney**, Thomas W. **Davis**, A. **Goodyear**, Dr. G. W. **Barnes**, A. H. **Scott**, and T. **Thompson**.

Box 2

Folder 1 – n.d. – Miscellaneous Items

- **Includes:** Odd Fellows information; railroad flyers with short timetables; lists including prizes, compositions, name; newspaper clippings; essays including Civil War related, Birch vs. Benton; and “Leaves from a Bachelor’s Journal.” (T. K. Gash)

Folder 2 – n.d. – Notices

- **Includes: Marriage** notices including Isaiah Walker and Marie Williams, William McIntyre and Rebecca J. Hiple, and Edward A. Groome and Alice A. Higher; **sporting** related including hunting, billiards, and racing; **social events** including balls, lectures, receptions, etc.; **political** notices, and **miscellaneous** notices.

Folder 3 – n.d. – Obituaries/death resolutions

- **Names:** Betty **Birch**, St. Clair **Dimmitt**, J. C. **Gamer**, Jesse W. **Garner**, Madison **Miller**, Robert **Miller**, and George **Wallis**.

Folder 4 – n.d. – Poetry (Includes handwritten and newspaper clippings)

- **Poets** identified: James W. **Gill**, James W. **Morrow**, and G. C. **Stapleton**.

Folder 5 – n.d. - Political, Resolutions, etc.

- Includes correspondence reporting from Jefferson City, Missouri; resolutions mainly from Whig meetings that include the subjects of the lynch law, slavery, and liquor sales. Names include N. **Vincent**, Edward M. **Samuel**, George W. **Osburn**, R. **Kelley**, and A. **Doniphan**.

Folder 6 – n.d. – Reports/notices, Civil War related

- Includes items concerning the Widow and Orphans Home Society, and Southern Aid Society of Clay County.

Folder 7 – n.d. – Reports/Surrounding Communities

- Includes reports from: Pleasant Grove, Ross Mills, Mt. Orpheus, Harlem, Baxter (Liberty Landing), and Missouri City.

Folder 8 – n.d. – Sermons, preaching, religious related

- Contains mention of Christian Church Sunday School Picnic as well as religious writings.

Folder 9 – n.d. – Loose, unidentified pages**Folder 10 – 1851, May 28, 1851 – September 12, 1851 – “Our New York correspondence”**

- All of the reports are handwritten on thin tissue paper and are signed by “Clay.” Photocopies have been made of each sheet. An effort was made to put them in the correct order, but some pages may be out of order.

Processed by Special Collections Librarian Sara Nyman, Fall 2007.