

Annals of Platte County, Missouri

Additional information concerning Platte County and its citizens was added by William Paxton to his own personal copy of his published Platte County history. This personal copy is found in this collection.

Creator: William M. Paxton
Title: *Annals of Platte County, Missouri...*
Dates: 1897-[1916]
Size: 1 v. in 2, 2 boxes
Location: SC67

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

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Additional physical form available: Also available on microfilm. Published addenda items available in library.

Related collections in other repositories: William McClurg Paxton Papers (A1191), Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, Missouri.

Acquisition information: Unknown.

Citation note: *Annals of Platte County, Missouri*, William M. Paxton amended copy (SC67), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Collection Description

Biographical/Historical note

William M. Paxton was born in Kentucky in 1819 and he became a citizen of Platte County, Missouri, in 1839. Early in his life he was a lawyer, later becoming a merchant. Besides writing about the history of Platte County, he also wrote and published poetry as well as family genealogy. Upon his death in 1916 at the age of ninety-seven, he was considered one of Platte County's most distinguished residents.

Scope and content note

This bound, two-part printing of the *Annals of Platte County* was the author's own modified copy. The extra leaves inserted allowed Mr. Paxton to continue to write in information on the individuals included as well as attach various newspaper clippings to the pages. These clippings do not have any bibliographic information. In the back of Part II were added, supposedly by the author, handwritten additions to the index, some diary entries dated June, 1897-March, 1899, and various clippings. Many blank pages remain at the end of Part II. As far as known, this personal printing was never reprinted as a new edition of the history.

The full title of the book is: *Annals of Platte County, Missouri, From its Exploration Down to June 1, 1897: With Genealogies of Its Noted Families, and Sketches of its Pioneers and Distinguished People*. It was printed by the Hudson-Kimberly Publishing Company of Kansas City, Missouri with a copyright date of 1897. Additional regular copies of the book are available in Missouri Valley Special Collections in the classified book section, MVSC 977.8135 P34. The library had Paxton's copy microfilmed and a copy of the microfilm was given to the Platte County Historical and Genealogical Society as well as a copy placed in the microfilm holdings of the Missouri Valley Room.

Barbara Whitters in conjunction with the Platte County Historical and Genealogical Society edited the later Paxton notations for the publication of an addendum to the book in 2001, MVSC Q 977.8135 P34 1887-1916.

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