

James Love Collection (SC16)

Introduction

This collection consists of circulars, correspondence, petitions, and other miscellaneous documents accumulated by James Love, a prominent educator in Missouri before and through the Civil War. The circulars focus on the Clay Academy for Young Ladies and other early educational institutions in Missouri at which Love worked. Other items include a Temperance Pledge signed by Love, correspondence regarding the Iowa Indian War, racial separation, and other political issues of Love's time.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: James Love
Title: James Love Collection
Dates: 1840-1911 (bulk 1840-1864)
Size: 0.2 linear feet, 1 box, 4 folders
Collection Number: SC16

Donor Information

Found in collection.

Citation Note

James Love Collection (SC26), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

See also: Withers, E. M. (1922). Education in Clay County, Missouri. In Daughters of the American Revolution, Alexander Doniphan Chapter, eds. *Clay County Centennial Souvenir, 1822-1922*. The Liberty Tribune, Liberty, MO, pp. 129-139. MVSC Q977.816 D23

Biographical Sketch

James Love was born in Clay County, Kentucky in 1820 and had migrated to Fulton, Missouri by 1842 where he began his education career. Love was a member of the University of Missouri's first graduating class in 1853. In 1855 Love and his wife, Lucy, founded the Clay Academy for Young Ladies in Liberty; students of the school included Carrie Nation and Zerelda Mimms, the future Mrs. Jesse James. Love retired from teaching in 1865 to travel and run the Clay County Savings Association which was robbed by the James Gang in 1865; Love lost a significant amount of his own money in the robbery and the bank later closed due to its losses. Love died in Liberty in 1914.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of circulars, correspondence, petitions, and other miscellaneous documents primarily created by James Love between 1840-1864. The circulars focus on the Clay Academy for Young Ladies and other early educational institutions in Missouri at which Love worked. Other items include a Temperance Pledge signed by Love, correspondence between J. W. Garner and his father Col. J. W. Garner regarding the Iowa Indian War, an essay on racial separation, and writings on other political issues of Love's time.

Collection Inventory

- f. 1 Obituary for James Love (copy), Kansas City Times, 9/11/1914; Prairie High School circulars, 1850 & 1851
- f. 2 Circulars on Clay Seminary, Liberty, MO, ca. 1856-1864
- f. 3 Circulars: Fulton Academy, 1845; Missouri teachers, 1864; miscellaneous, n.d.
- f. 4 Petitions (handwritten), n.d; correspondence (handwritten), 1840-1842; "Harding's System of Stenography" (handwritten), n.d.

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