Munday-Henderson Papers
(C0144)

Collection Number: C0144

Collection Title: Munday-Henderson Papers

Dates: 1827-1891, 1946

Creator: Henderson, David P., 1810-1897

Abstract: Personal letters, business papers, and newspaper clippings pertaining to members of the Munday family. Letters to David P. Henderson about the ministry, the Civil War, and Christian University at Canton, Missouri, which he founded in 1856.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet

(18 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Perry Munday was born June 24, 1846, in Lewis County, Missouri. He lived in St. Louis (1864), Boise City, Idaho (1867), and Middleton, Idaho, where he was a merchant and engaged in wagon making, ferrying, and heavy teeming until 1879. In 1888, he moved to Canton, Missouri, to farm and educate his children. He owned 1500 acres, was an active member of the Odd Fellow of the Encampment and of the Christian Church. He married Kate E. Ligon, the daughter of Daniel Ligon, in 1871.

David P. Henderson was born in Fayette County near Lexington, Kentucky, on May 18, 1810. At the age of 17, he was given a certificate of qualification and in January 1829 became a teacher. In 1831, he settled in Jacksonville, Illinois. The next year he joined the Church of Christ and devoted his life to building up the church. He served four years as judge of the probate court. He married Eliza Smedley in 1837. In 1841, Henderson was partner and associate editor of Christian Messenger. In 1848, he visited and preached in four Missouri counties, and accepted pastoral charge of Christian Church, Columbia, Missouri. In 1853, he secured charter for Christian Female College in Columbia, then moved to Canton, Missouri, where he founded Christian University in 1856. Henderson devoted his life to raising funds and served fifteen years as President of the Board of Trustees. The Civil War swept away prospects of the endowment and left only buildings, apparatus, and the campus, which later became Culver-Stockton College. Henderson also served as pastor in Louisville, Chicago, St. Louis, Oakland, and San Francisco, California. He died on February 11, 1897.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Munday Family
Henderson Letters

Scope and Content Note:

Munday Family
This series contains business letters miscellaneous papers, newspaper clippings and personal correspondence.

Henderson Letters
This series mostly contains letters written to Henderson.

Container List:

- f. 1-4 Business papers, 1827-1871
- f. 5-7 Miscellaneous papers on speeches and letters to editors, undated, 1883
- f. 8 Newspaper clippings: one from Richmond, Virginia, 1861, "Our Peril and Our Duties;" one from Georgia, October 1895, giving petition to President Johnson for release of Jeff Davis; Senator Vest's comments
on Southerners pensions; and historical sketch of family residence, September 5, 1946.

f. 9-11 Miscellaneous personal correspondence, 1828-1891

**Henderson Letters Series, 1838-1884**

f. 12-18 1838-1884. Numerous letters written to Elder David P. Henderson at Jacksonville, Illinois, Canton and Columbia, Missouri, regarding Civil War controversy, ministry and founding of Christian University at Canton, Missouri, which was later called Culver Stockton College

f. 14 Letter written on August 9, 1852, at Athens, Georgia, from James Shannon, President of University.


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