Beck-Cole-Mason Letters
(C0215)

Collection Number: C0215

Collection Title: Beck-Cole-Mason Letters

Dates: 1854-1877

Creator: University of Missouri. Library, collector

Abstract: Letters from Joseph M. Beck, Chester C. Cole, and Charles Mason, all of whom were Chief Justices of the Iowa Supreme Court.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic feet
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Legislation in 1838 to form a territorial government of Iowa included the establishment of a supreme court. Charles Mason served as the first Chief Justice from 1838 to 1847. Chester C.
Cole served on the court from 1864 to 1876 and was Chief Justice for one year. Joseph M. Beck served on the court from 1868 through 1891 and was Chief Justice for five years.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains letters from Joseph M. Beck, Chester C. Cole, and Charles Mason, all of whom were Chief Justices of the Iowa Supreme Court.

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