Justus Post Letters (C0388)

Collection Number: C0388

Collection Title: Justus Post Letters

Dates: 1816

Creator: Post, Justus, 1780-1846

Abstract: Photostat copies of letters from St. Louis, Missouri Territory, to his brother John Post in Vermont commenting on land prices, condition and availability.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic feet
   (1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The letters were donated to the University of Missouri by O.D. Evans on November 29, 1955 (Accession No. CA3215).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Justus Post Letter can be found in the following collections:

Justus Post Letter, 1817 (C1976)
Eliza G. Post Papers, (C0540)

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Biographical Note:

Justus Post was born in 1780 in New Jersey. His parents were Lois and John Post. They moved to Addison County, Vermont, when he was a young child. He married Eliza Randolph (1788-1876). They had three sons, Marcus, Alexander, and Justus.

He graduated from United States Military Academy in 1806. At the onset of the War of 1812 he was promoted to Colonel. At the end of the war, he resigned from the Army.

He moved to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1815. He bought a large amount of land and he founded the town of Chesterfield. He was one of the first directors of the Bank of St. Louis. A few years later when the Bank of St. Louis folded and the land bubble burst, he came close to bankruptcy.

Post also had a career in politics as a judge in the St. Louis County Court and then as a state senator in the 1820s. In 1830 when his state senate term expired, he moved to an Illinois town at the mouth of the Ohio River. He died on March 14, 1846.

The State Historical Society of Missouri reference collections in St. Louis and Columbia contain a book by Elizabeth Gentry Sayad that contains more of his correspondence from 1807-1821 with John Post.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Letters

Scope and Content Note:

Letters

This series includes photostat copies of letters from St. Louis, Missouri Territory, to his brother John Post in Vermont commenting on land prices, condition and availability.

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