



Cote Sans Dessein Township (Callaway County, Mo.) Justice of the Peace Docket Book (C0966)

Collection Number: C0966

Collection Title: Cote Sans Dessein Township (Callaway County, Mo.) Justice of the Peace Docket Book

Dates: 1816-1827

Creator: Dunnica, William H.

Abstract: Record of court proceedings, marriages, and stray livestock. Cases concern settlement of debts, loan repayments, estates, land ownership, and assault and battery. Volume was begun by William H. Dunnica, the first justice of the peace (1821-1823), as a mercantile accounts record.

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:

Callaway County was organized by Act of the Territorial Legislature on November 25, 1820. Cote Sans Dessein was one of the seven small settlements in the county. Located two miles below the mouth of the Osage on the Missouri River, Cote Sans Dessein (Hill Without Design) was an early French settlement. In 1819, it had a population of about thirty families.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Docket Book

Scope and Content Note:

Docket Book

This series contains a volume that was initially used for accounts by the first justice, William H. Dunnica. These accounts, apparently for a store in Versailles, are dated 1816 and 1817 and are partially covered by news clippings. Dunnica was succeeded as justice of the peace by George King.

The docket information includes pertinent facts; names of persons involved as plaintiffs, respondents, witnesses, and jury; court costs; and decisions. At the end of the volume is a list of eight marriages performed (1822-1826), followed by four statements of persons taking up strays (1822-1825).

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