City Hotel (Boonville, Mo.) Registers  
(C1052)

Collection Number: C1052

Collection Title: City Hotel (Boonville, Mo.) Registers

Dates: 1843-1844, 1851-1852

Abstract: Hotel registers listing names of guests, their residence, destination and remarks about those registering.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet  
(2 volumes)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The City Hotel located in Boonville, Missouri, opened in 1840. It was owned and operated by Captain Edward B. McPherson and his wife Mary McPherson. This hotel played a significant part in Missouri history as the headquarters for Claiborne Fox Jackson’s renegade state government during the Civil War and General Lyon’s headquarters right before the First Battle of Boonville.
Captain McPherson ran the hotel until his death in 1869, when his wife then took over until the late 1880s. By the 1890s the City Hotel was owned by O.A. Kueckelhan. Today, the hotel is now being used as a local residence at 404 Morgan Street.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Registers

**Scope and Content Note:**

Registers

The registers list the names of guests and their residence and destination, when steamboats came in along the river, and the day’s weather remarks. Along with this information, the number of horses brought by guests is included and if they paid extra for a bath. A notable guest of the City Hotel was Duke Paul Wilhelm of Wurttemberg who stayed at the hotel on December 11, 1851, to recover from an injury he incurred while traveling west. Most other guests were from Missouri or Kansas, although, there are a few accounts of people traveling from Kentucky as well.

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