Joseph T. Keyte Papers
C4422

Collection Number: C4422

Collection Title: Joseph T. Keyte Papers

Dates: 1865

Creator: Keyte, Joseph T., 1838-1922

Abstract: Civil War diary, memoir, and miscellaneous papers of Joseph T. Keyte of Brunswick, Missouri. A Union soldier, Keyte served with the 49th Missouri Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Sketches are included in the diary.

Collection Size: 0.01 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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Related Materials:

James Keyte Collection, 1818-1876, (C1011)

Alternate Forms Available: Diary entries discussing emancipation of “Uncle Monroe” and Ann have been digitized and are available in the Missouri Slavery Documents digital collection: https://digital.shsmo.org/digital/search/searchterm/c4422.
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Historical Note:
Joseph T. Keyte was born in Brunswick, Missouri, in 1838. His father, James Keyte, was the founder of both Keytesville and Brunswick, Missouri, located in Chariton County. Joseph remained in Brunswick and married Alice McAshan in 1859 and had six children. In 1865, he joined the Union and fought in the Civil War. After the war, he returned home and remained in Brunswick up until his death in 1922. He is buried in Brunswick Township.

Arrangement:
The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Papers

Scope and Content Note:
Papers

These papers include the diary and reminiscence of Union soldier Joseph T. Keyte of the 49th Missouri Volunteers. The diary was written on the battle grounds and describes the daily weather of Alabama and Louisiana, along with descriptions of Joseph’s travels while serving in the Union during the Civil War in 1865. The reminiscence transcribes part of the diary and continues where the diary left off. The papers describe his journey from Brunswick, Missouri, to Alabama with the 49th Missouri Volunteers, in the 3rd Division, 16th Army Corps. There is also a brief description of his time on a steamboat and Dauphin Island, Alabama.

The other reminiscences discuss family and childhood. Included is a description of how his brother freed an enslaved person Joseph called Uncle Monroe, who was previously owned by his family. Joseph’s brother then bought the freedom of Uncle Monroe’s wife and the couple went to work on a steamboat. The other reminiscence is written under the title, “When I was a boy” and describes two main events: The New Junior Circus of Brunswick, and “National Day” of 1850. These are followed by photocopied versions of the same documents. The last two items in the collection are photocopied papers which briefly talk about Joseph’s father, James Keyte, and the founding of Keytesville and Brunswick, Missouri.

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