Bealmear Family Papers
(C4493)

Collection Number: C4493

Collection Title: Bealmear Family Papers

Dates: 1844-1896, bulk 1850-1870

Creator: Bealmear family

Abstract: Correspondence between various members of the Bealmear family and one leather notebook with farming account information.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(3 folders)

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@shs.mo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

William Bealmear and Elizabeth Blood were married in 1817 and had eleven children between 1819 and 1839: Alfred (1819-1880), Mary Ann, Harriett, John Daniel, William, Susan, Henry Louis (1827-1873), Samuel, Sarah Elizabeth, John Francis, and James Marion (b. 1839). The family settled in Macon County, Missouri, in the early 1800s, then spread to Boone County,
Missouri; Howard County, Missouri; Caseyville, Kentucky; and Benton County, Arkansas. The
occupations of family members included farming and preaching.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Correspondence
Account notebook

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Correspondence**

This series contains letters and envelopes sent to members of the Bealmear family between 1844
and 1896, with the bulk of materials written in 1850-1870. The letters provide a glimpse into the
daily lives of a family in the nineteenth century, as many letters discuss illness, money, long
travels between states, hardships, livestock and crops, and family events such as marriage and
death. Many of the letters sent to Henry and Daniel Bealmear were written by their brother
Alfred Bealmear, who wrote about updates on family members, thoughts on Christianity and
baptism, traveling, and health matters. A separate folder includes letters written to James Marion
Bealmear from 1868-1870. Letters were primarily from his brothers, as well as a niece and
friends. Topics included updates on family and friends, weather, crime, farm crops, and requests
for more frequent letters.

**Account notebook**

The pocket-sized account notebook features the names of buyers and quantities of goods sold by
a member of the Bealmear family, such as wheat and oats, as well as payment totals. The
notebook also includes math notes, small doodles, and a home remedy for a sore shoulder. The
owner and dates of the notebook are unknown.

**Container List:**

f. 1  Correspondence, 1844-1896
f. 2  James M. Bealmear correspondence, 1868-1870
f. 3  Account notebook, n.d.

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