



Grover Family Papers (C4787)

Collection Number: C4787

Collection Title: Grover Family Papers

Dates: 1791-1907

Creator: Grover family

Abstract: The papers consist of tax records, correspondence, receipts, deeds, court records, military papers, and other documents pertaining to the Grover family.

Collection Size: 0.6 cubic foot
(12 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English and German.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. 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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Historical Note:

The Grover family was a prominent family in Warrensburg, Missouri, from 1844 and onward. This family was known for owning major real estate and property and for supporting the Pacific Railroad expansion through St. Louis to Warrensburg. Benjamin Whiteman Grover was the fifth sheriff of Johnson County in 1850 and was elected to the Missouri State Senate for four years. He was also a Colonel for the Union army in the American Civil War and fought in the 27th Missouri Mounted Infantry in 1861. He died in 1861 in the Battle of Lexington from fatal wounds. His wife, Letitia D. Grover was also very prominent when it came to public affairs in Warrensburg. She was the main person leasing their property in Warrensburg and would also deal with the financial side of leasing the properties. She also assisted with the building Maguire Bridge in Warrensburg. She died in 1901 in her home.

Their children were also widely known in Warrensburg. Their son Benjamin W. Grover was involved in the family business and the railroad expansion. He was employed by the Wabash Railroad, Denver and Ft. Worth Railroad, and the Northern Pacific Railroad. He died in 1896 in El Paso, Texas. Another son, Robert Jones Grover, was involved in the Northern Pacific Railroad as an auditor and later in life moved back to Warrensburg and entered the insurance business with his sister Elizabeth F. Grover. He died in 1936 at home. Their daughter Elizabeth F. Grover was a teacher and taught for 27 years in the public schools of Warrensburg and in the Normal School. After teaching, she then entered the real estate and insurance business for three years before dying in 1940. Another daughter, Annie G. Grover, was married in 1874 and was a housewife until she died in 1926. Their son George S. Grover was also a prominent person in the community known for his service in the Civil War. He served in 1861 with his father in the 27th Missouri Mounted Infantry and was honorably discharged for wounds received in the war. He then went on to work in the legal department for Wabash Railroad for thirty-one years. He died in 1927 from a stroke.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series

Family Papers

Scope and Content Note:**Family Papers**

These records consist of correspondence between friends and family, community members, and employers between 1833-1906. The letters from employers pertain to Elizabeth F. Grover when she was looking for teaching work. There are also letters in German that are dated from 1791 to 1870. Since this family was a prominent business family, there are many tax records from 1866-1907, and receipts and other financial documents from 1833-1906. The receipts mostly consist of purchases for lumber, coal, newspaper, and medicines. These records also consist of deeds that pertain to the selling or leasing of land and contracts for stocks and acres. These records are in Letitia D. Grover's name and range from 1848-1902. There are also court documents pertaining to a piece of land that the Grover family owned in 1890. These records also contain small standard issued military buttons and reunion brochures from the American Civil War that belonged to George S. Grover. These records are arranged alphabetically by record type, and each folder is in date order.

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