

R Kaskaskia Commons, Papers, 1911
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INTRODUCTION

The Kaskaskia Commons papers contain information about the efforts of the people of Kaskaskia, IL to sell the commons to provide a school fund for their children. The collection contains a pamphlet detailing the history and qualities of the land as well as the plan and reasons for its sale. An abstract of title of the land is also included in the collection.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Roger L. Martin and Judy Martin Worley on 26 July 1988 (Accession No. 417).

INFORMATIONAL SKETCH

Kaskaskia Village is a small town in Illinois located between the main channel of the Mississippi River and a small remnant of an older channel. The town is only accessible from Missouri. Today the town has around 10 residents; however, it was once an important outpost in the West. The town began as an Indian village and then became the center of British Quebec as European settlement moved into the area. After the founding of the United States, Kaskaskia was the capital of the Illinois territory. The town declined through the 20th century and is often flooded by the Mississippi River.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Some of the original accession was sent to more relevant repositories. Documents dealing with Illinois railroad companies were sent to the Illinois State Historical Society in Springfield. Maps of Michigan in the 19th century were sent to the Michigan Historical Collections in Ann Arbor. Pamphlets about Edward Lewis Baker were sent to the Morris Library at SIU Carbondale.

FOLDER LIST

f. 1 Sale of Kaskaskia Commons, 1911

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