



## **Berry-Thomson-Walker Family Papers (C0074)**

**Collection Number:** C0074

**Collection Title:** Berry-Thomson-Walker Family Papers

**Dates:** 1830-1893

**Creator:** Berry-Thomson-Walker Families

**Abstract:** Biography of David Thomson, founder of Georgetown and Sedalia, Missouri; correspondence of his son, Milton T. Thomson, in Pettis County and California gold fields; James T. Walker and Charles W.C. Walker in Boonville, Kentucky, and North Carolina; William and Thomas Berry's California gold mining expense accounts; and miscellaneous papers.

**Collection Size:** 0.2 cubic feet  
(13 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Historical Note:**

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**Arrangement:**

The papers have been arranged into one series:

Personal Papers

**Scope and Content Note:**

This series is arranged chronologically within record groups.

**Container List:**

- f. 1 David Thomson Biography. Printed biography of David Thomson, Kentucky state senator, who was engaged for a time in transportation of goods on the Mississippi River and tributaries and was commissioned a general when he fought with Richard M. Johnson in the War of 1812. The work mentions slaves, milling, Richard M. Johnson, and family genealogy. Included are miscellaneous items from Thomson's diary such as a letter from Garner McNemar on the Shaker religion, a list of slaves, and photographs of some Thomson family members. Material concerning the David Thomson Chapter of the Daughters of 1812, Sedalia, Missouri.
- f. 2-5 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1838-1893, between members of the Walker and Thomson families in central Missouri and Kentucky. Subjects include family health, agriculture, land, politics, slavery, education, and mining trips to California and Colorado.
- f. 6-13 Miscellaneous papers, 1830-1886, including receipts, bills of sale, clippings, account sheets, marriage licenses, promissory notes, court orders, an 1844 publication prospectus for the *Bible Advocate*, Charles W. C. Walker's 1844 militia commission, William and Thomas Berry's grubstake contract with J. C. Hays for mining in California in 1851 and an account of their expenses from 1849 to 1857, an 1833 Georgetown College diploma, and deeds for property in North Carolina and central Missouri.

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