



Benjamin Benson Cahoon Papers (C0081)

Collection Number: C0081

Collection Title: Benjamin Benson Cahoon Papers

Dates: 1842-1889

Creator: Cahoon, Benjamin Benson, 1846-1923

Abstract: Papers and correspondence of a Fredericktown, Missouri, lawyer dealing primarily with his business as a land agent. He paid taxes, made collections, sold land and furnished abstracts of title. Also a few cases involving collection of debts for merchants

Collection Size: 0.8 cubic feet
(67 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Benjamin Benson Cahoon was born at Smyrna, Kent County, Delaware, on July 7, 1846. He worked on his father's farm and attended public school. During the Civil War, he served with the First Regiment of Delaware Volunteer Infantry. After the war, he studied law and upon passing the bar, moved to Fredericktown, Missouri, in 1868. In 1869 he married Belle Le Compte of Ste. Genevieve. He grew his practice and became a circuit attorney. In 1896 he ran as a republican for governor of Missouri but lost the nomination at the convention. Cahoon died on November 9, 1923.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

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Legal Papers

Scope and Content Note:

More complete series descriptions are located in the container list.

Correspondence Series

- f. 1-5 1869-1877. Letters in connection with collecting notes, taxes on land and settling estates.
- f. 6-11 1878-1885. Some of these letters refer to politics. One dated September 15, 1880, from a teacher at Mine La Motte asks Cahoon to give a political speech to the colored people; one, July 27, 1880, asks him to address a meeting organizing a Garfield and Arthur Club at De Soto, Missouri. A letter, September 14, 1880, from Rev. Kearney of St. Vincent's College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, asks him to canvass for students. Another, undated, is in reference to money to be spent for schools for colored children.

Legal Papers Series

- f. 12 Abraham, John B., 1866-1876. Taxes on Madison County land.
- f. 13 Braun, A. G., 1873. Land in Iron County.
- f. 14 Colburn, F. M., 1872-1875. Land in Polk township, Madison County, Mention of granite and mineral on property. Chart of the land.
- f. 15 Drake, Josiah, 1872-1875. Regarding selling land in Madison County.
- f. 16 Frazer, J. F., 1871-1875. Land in Madison County.
- f. 17 Gray, C. E., 1887, Waukesha, Wisconsin. In connection with abstract

- of title for land.
- f. 18 Grindon, A. S., 1870-1875. Taxes on Madison County Land.
- f. 19 Hardesty, G. W., 1879-1884. Regarding land in Shelby County and note due Hardesty (Cahoon's brother-in-law).
- f. 20 Hardman, A. W., 1880. In connection with land in Bollinger County for which Hardman, a real estate agent of New York, was executor.
- f. 21 Heitkamp, B.J., grocer of St. Louis, 1887-1889. In regards to collecting debts for him.
- f. 22 Higdon, William H., 1868-1873. Regarding land sold at tax sale at Fredericktown.
- f. 23 Janis, Jules F., 1875-1888. Abstracts of title and other papers for land in Madison County in which Firmin Desloge had an interest.
- f. 24 Jayne, J. J. M., 1860-1879. Deeds, surveys of land sold by Jayne to Charles D. Hauk of Clark County, Ohio.
- f. 25 Johnson, B. R., 1873-1874. Johnson was on the faculty of the University of Nashville, Tennessee. Letters about paying taxes on property owned by him in Carter, Shannon, St. Francis, Perry, and Madison Counties. Mention of possibility of minerals on land. Some letters are written on University of Nashville stationery listing faculty, departments, terms, and general information.
- f. 26 Kennett, Julia, 1873-1877. Deed certificate of redemption in connection with land in Jefferson County.
- f. 27 Lacombe, Minerva, 1877-1881. Land in Arkansas near the Boston Mountains.
- f. 28-31 Langlois vs. Buckner, 1874-1875. Suit over ownership of land in Madison County, Missouri, between John W. Langlois and Aylette Buckner. Land formerly owned by Ezekiel Able. Letters from United States Recorder of land titles in St. Louis. Copy of an act for confirmation of claims to land in the Western district of Louisiana and the territory of Missouri, 1816. *Central Law Journal*, St. Louis, 1875. *The Peoples Tribune*, Jefferson City, Missouri, July 24, 1878.
- f. 32-33 Letherbury, Claude, 1881-1883. Correspondence concerned with property owned by Letherbury of Cincinnati, Ohio in Madison County, Missouri.
- f. 34-35 Missouri Tin Company, 1870-1872. Concerned with case of Hasse vs. Missouri Tin Company. Regarding building a station house at Mine La Motte. Pamphlets; Communication to St. Louis Board of Trade concerning Productive Tin Mines in Missouri, 1870; Charter Constitution and Bylaws of Missouri Tin Company, 1870.
- f. 36 Moiers, David, 1842-1875. Deed, 1842, for land in Madison County from David and Ann Moiers to Martin Cotner. Land deed, 1869, Collier to Anthony. Notice of assignees sale of real estate, 1875.
- f. 37-38 Moody, Michel and Company, 1873-1874. In connection with claims of Moody, Michel and Company, wholesale grocers of St. Louis, against J. R. Sullivan.
- f. 39 Moss, John T., 1869-1874. Concerning taxes on land in Madison

- County owned by Moss who lived in Port Royal, Pennsylvania.
- f. 40 McCrea, C. T., 1872-1874. Concerning taxes on land in St. Francois County, owned by McCrea of Cincinnati, Ohio.
- f. 41 Quinlan, A. J., 1879-1880. Concerned with trading St. Louis property for some in New Madrid County. Map of New Madrid County, compiled from official plats of United States surveys in June, 1879.
- f. 42 Remmler, John, 1872-1878. In regards to collecting taxes on land in Madison County, Missouri.
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- f. 48-49 Miscellaneous accounts, 1876-1881
- f. 50-51 Singer Manufacturing Company vs. F. W. Douglas, 1873-1875. Litigation over a sewing machine on which Douglas did not make payments. Copy of articles of incorporation of the Singer Manufacturing Company, incorporated in New York in 1863.
- f. 52 Sledd, William, 1878-1881. In regards to lands in Scott County.
- f. 53-54 Smith, Walter M., 1872-1874. Collection accounts due Smith of St. Louis from Philip Cohen and Kerr, Ackason and Grover.
- f. 55-56 Stahl, Samuel, 1871-1876. Handling real estate and collecting rent for Stahl of Sedalia, Missouri.
- f. 57 Tickell, L.A., 1879-1880. In regards to selling land owned by him in New Madrid, Missouri.
- f. 58-59 Trevor, A.G., 1869. Trevor, of St. Louis, was connected with Granby Mining and Smelting Company. Papers concerning land taxes in Madison County, the possibility of iron ore in property and selling land.
- f. 60-61 Valle, C. C., 1813-1870. Contract transferring land in St. Francois and Madison Counties to Weber, Valle, and Betten from Valle heirs, and other instruments in regards to estate of C.C. Valle of Madison County, Missouri. Petition for partition in connection with property in Mine La Motte originally granted under Spanish government to the Valle family and other papers in same connection.
- f. 62 Wagoner, Marilda, 1881. Concerning issuing a permit to purchase or homestead land in Jackson, Missouri that had been mistakenly occupied under a United States land grant in 1859.
- f. 63-64 Wheeler and Wilson Manufacturing Company, St. Louis, 1873-1876. Sewing machine manufacturers. Papers in connection with claim against Jacob Harris. Contract for renting a machine from Wheeler and Wilson.

- f. 65 Young Brothers and Company, 1868-1873. Clothing merchants of St. Louis. Papers about paying taxes on lands owned by then in Madison County and Bollinger County, Missouri.
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