



## **John Davis and William O. Colburn Papers (C0091)**

**Collection Number:** C0091

**Collection Title:** John Davis and William O. Colburn Papers

**Dates:** 1838-1890

**Creator:** Davis, John, 1818-

**Abstract:** Accounts, legal papers, promissory notes, and receipts, of John Davis of Pleasant Hill and Warrensburg, Missouri, and William O. Colburn of Miller County and California, Missouri.

**Collection Size:** 0.18 cubic feet  
(9 folders)

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

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

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**Historical Note:**

John Davis was a merchant in Warrensburg, Missouri. He was born in Kentucky on April 23, 1818. In 1837 he emigrated to Missouri. He spent some of his time in Cass County. In 1857 he married Sallie J. Colburn and they had three sons.

**Arrangement:**

Collection is arranged into one series:

Family Papers

**Scope and Content Note:**

The Family Papers series includes medical accounts, legal papers and receipts.

**Container List:**

- f. 1 Medical accounts listing doctor's calls and prices, 1853-1868.
- f. 2-3 Store accounts listing groceries, clothing, household goods, eye glasses, caskets, 1838-1890.
- f. 4 Legal papers including deeds, licenses, leases, 1855-1882.
- f. 5 Miscellaneous material, receipts, lists of promissory notes held by John Davis, Synopsis of Phrenology, and stock in Cass County Agriculture and Mechanical Association, 1850-1876.
- f. 6 Promissory notes, 1854-1859
- f. 7 Miscellaneous receipts, 1843-1880
- f. 8-9 Tax receipts, 1843-1880

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