



Dodge-Melick Papers (C0096)

Collection Number: C0096

Collection Title: Dodge-Melick Papers

Dates: 1838-1922

Creator: Dodge, Leonard, 1805-1864

Abstract: Papers of Leonard Dodge of Bates County, Missouri, primarily pertaining to land. Copies of his will. Also papers of Wesley Melick of Horton, Missouri, a son-in-law of Dodge who was an army surgeon during the Civil War.

Collection Size: 0.18cubic feet
(9 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Dr. Leonard Dodge was the oldest child of Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Dodge. He was married to Mary Burton Choate and they had three children. Dr. Wesley Melick was born in 1832 and died on February 23, 1922.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into one series:

Personal Papers

Scope and Content Note:

The Personal Papers include family records, papers of the American Aborigines Protective Society, and muster rolls.

Container List:

- f. 1 Papers of the organization of the American Aborigines Protective Society of Little Osage, Bates County, Missouri. Nathaniel and Leonard Dodge were among the charter members.
- f. 2 Certificates of location of land, 1852 and 1857, belonging to Leonard Dodge. Grant of land in Vernon County, Missouri, 1858, to Thomas Morris, by Governor R.M. Stewart. Deeds to land, receipts, promissory notes in re-sale of land. Land plot and tax lists, 1860 and 1861.
- f. 3 Two copies of Leonard Dodge's will, 1855. Contract employing Dodge as an Army physician, 1863. Appointment of Wesley Melick as administrator of Dodge's estate, 1866.
- f. 4-7 Patents to land in Bates County, Missouri, issued to Leonard Dodge and Nathaniel Dodge by James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, and Millard Fillmore, 1845-1852.
- f. 8 Melick, Wesley, 1865. Two muster-in rolls of Melick as surgeon. One muster-out roll, and discharge paper. Instrument appointing Melick surgeon of the 6th Kansas voluntary cavalry. Letter to the Surgeon General from Melick, in which final returns of medical property were enclosed.
- f.9 Copy of the Nevada, Missouri *Herald* for March 3, 1922, containing an obituary of Dr. Wesley Melick.

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