



James A. Gaines Papers (C0425)

Collection Number: C0425

Collection Title: James A. Gaines Papers

Dates: 1842-1876

Creator: Gaines, James A., 1823-1874

Abstract: Letters to Lou Bell and Jennie Bell Gaines from relatives and Confederate prisoner at Johnson's Island, Ohio, describing St. Louis, freed Blacks, and cholera epidemic; *U.S Army Argus-Extra* with Price-Fremont letters on exchange of prisoners and protection of civilians; biography of Mortimer Gaines. Microfilm has over 300 receipts of Dr. Gaines, 1850s and 1860s.

Collection Size: 0.06 cubic feet
(1 folders, typed copies; 1 roll of microfilm)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

Dr. James Alfred Gaines was born on May 9, 1823, to Mortimer D. and Emily Gaines of Virginia. He settled in Saline County, Missouri, in 1848, and served as a Confederate surgeon for Robertson's Regiment, Missouri State Guard, in the Civil War. He married Virginia Bell in 1870. He died in 1874.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

Folder one includes a list of Dr. James A. Gaines receipts, Marshall, Saline County, Missouri, (microfilmed but not typed); letters to Miss Virginia Bell, wife of Dr. Gaines; Dr. Gaines suit by attachment, 1860; Dr. Gaines Indenture, grape vineyard.

Folder two includes a copy of the Missouri Army Argus-Extra, 1861, Greenfield, Missouri; a published address of Maj. Gen. Sterling Price asking for more men; a published letter to Gen. Price, J.H. Eaton, Warsaw, Missouri, stating Maj. Gen. Fremont's plan for an exchange of officers, Benton Barracks, near St. Louis, Missouri; Special Order #57, authorizing men to visit Maj. Gen. Fremont's headquarters relative to exchange of prisoners; letters, D. Hunter, Springfield, to Gen. Price; a refusal to accept an agreement made between Price and Fremont; a letter, 1866, Ceachi, Louisiana, concerning droughts, cholera in Shreveport, and St. Louis, and condition of freedmen (Blacks); a list of Dr. Gaines, Marshall, Missouri, receipts that are microfilmed; letters to Miss Lou Bell & Miss Jennie Bell (wife), from relatives and Confederate prisoner of war, Johnson's Island, Ohio, and concerning St. Louis, Louisiana, freed Blacks, and cholera, indentures, agreements et. al., for Dr. Gaines; *U.S. Army Argus-Extra*, with published letters of Gen. Fremont and Gen. Price; and a biographical sketch of Mortimer Gaines, and early Saline County.

Folder three includes a biographical sketch of Mortimer D. Gaines from "Historical Notes" of J.R. Letcher; an 1876 description of early Saline County, churches, 1844 flood, neighbors, Thomas Hart Benton, crops, politics, Dr. Gaines, bill receivable, agreement, P.H. Guthery, Jos. A. Gaines, mare breeding, and Land Claim Agreement, 1869.

The microfilm reel includes receipts of Dr. Gaines from the 1850s-1860s.

Container List:

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Roll 1	Receipts of Dr. Gaines, 1850s-1860s. Originals of folders 1-3.

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