



Mary C. Marmaduke Clippings (C0791)

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Collection Title: Mary C. Marmaduke Clippings

Dates: n.d.

Creator: Marmaduke, Mary C., collector

Abstract: The collection contains newspaper clippings on the Marmaduke and Sappington families and Arrow Rock Tavern.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic feet
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The clippings were donated to the University of Missouri by Mary C. Marmaduke on March 21, 1956 (Accession No. CA3271).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Mary C. Marmaduke Clippings can be found in the following collections:

[Sappington Family Papers, \(C0159\)](#)

[Meredith Miles Marmaduke Papers, \(C1021\)](#)

[John Sappington Papers, \(C1027\)](#)

[William B. Sappington Papers, \(C1421\)](#)
[Sappington Family Papers, \(C2889\)](#)
[Arrow Rock Tavern Board Papers, \(C3087\)](#)

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Biographical Note:

Mary C. Marmaduke was the granddaughter of Meredith Miles Marmaduke and Lavinia Sappington, who were two of the pioneer settlers of Saline County, Missouri. She was born in 1874 in Alabama, and grew up in Saline County, Missouri and then St. Louis. Her parents were Zemula Crawford and Leslie Marmaduke. She died on November 19, 1957 and is buried in St. Louis, Missouri.

Her ancestor, John S. Sappington, was the first of the Sappington family to move to Saline County. He was born on May 15, 1776, in Havre de Grace, Maryland. He was the son of Dr. Mark and Rebecca Boyce Sappington.

In 1785, when John was nine, the Sappington family moved to Nashville, Tennessee. He worked on the family farm and attended school. John later studied medicine with his father, who trained John and his brothers to become physicians.

In 1804, he married Jane Breathitt. Together they had nine children: two boys and seven girls. While he lived in Franklin, Sappington met future U.S. Senator Thomas Hart Benton. The two men became close friends. Benton, an influential lawyer and politician, urged Sappington to move to Missouri Territory where large tracts of land could be purchased at affordable prices from the U.S. government.

Intrigued by Benton's glowing description of the Missouri Territory and the opportunity to make money, Sappington traveled to the Boonslick region of Missouri. Pleased by what he saw, Sappington borrowed \$950 from Benton to purchase several thousand acres of land in what is now Saline County, Missouri. In 1819, Sappington and his family settled on a farm outside of Arrow Rock.

Sappington quickly became one of the most influential men in the region by providing medical services, lending money, and importing and exporting goods like cotton and medicine. His fortune also grew due to the hard work of slaves he purchased to work his vast land holdings. By 1824, Sappington established the Pearson and Sappington store at present day Napton and later opened a second store at Arrow Rock. The stores sold goods to travelers on the Santa Fe Trail, loaned money, processed salt, and milled lumber for locals. Dr. Sappington began to rely on relatives to help manage his businesses and land. It was the beginning of a family enterprise that lasted for decades.

Meredith Miles Marmaduke was the first of the Marmaduke family to move to the area. He was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on August 28, 1791. Around 1820 he immigrated to Missouri for his health, was engaged in the Santa Fe trade for six years in Howard County, and then settled near Arrow Rock, where he became a successful farmer.

In 1826 Marmaduke married Lavinia Sappington, the daughter of Dr. John Sappington, and for a brief time became a partner in his father-in-law's enterprises.

A Democrat, Marmaduke served as Saline County surveyor and county judge, was elected lieutenant governor of Missouri in 1840, assuming the duties of governor when Governor Thomas Reynolds committed suicide in 1844.

During the Civil War Marmaduke was a fierce Union supporter. One son, Confederate General John Sappington Marmaduke, was Missouri's 25th governor (1885-1887) and another, Henry Hungerford Marmaduke, served as a gunner in the Confederate navy aboard the ironclad Merrimac. The Marmadukes had ten children. Their son Leslie was the father of Mary C. Marmaduke.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

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Scope and Content Note:

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The series contains newspaper clippings on the Marmaduke and Sappington families and Arrow Rock Tavern.

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