



Odon Guitar Collection (C1007)

Collection Number: C1007

Collection Title: Odon Guitar Collection

Dates: 1836-1906

Creator: Guitar, Odon, 1825-1908

Abstract: The Guitar collection is comprised of correspondence, military papers, accounts books and ledgers, and a scrapbook of Union Army General Odon Guitar.

Collection Size: 1.33 cubic feet
(14 folders, 13 oversize volumes)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Odon Guitar was born on August 31, 1825, in Richmond, Kentucky, to John Guitar, a French immigrant, and Emily Gordon Guitar, daughter of David Gordon and the niece of Kentucky Chief Justice John Boyle. The Guitar family moved to Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, in 1827 where John Guitar continued his mercantile business.

Upon graduation from the University of Missouri in 1843, Odon Guitar joined a freight expedition transporting goods from Columbia to Chihuahua, Mexico. Suffering a broken leg in a wagon accident, Guitar was transported to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, until he could walk on crutches and was then sent home by steamboat. After volunteering for service with the 1st Missouri Regiment in the Mexican-American War (1846-1848) under Colonel Sterling Price, Guitar was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1848.

Guitar served with the Union Army during the Civil War, commanding the 9th Regiment, Cavalry, Missouri State Militia and later the Northern Missouri District in Macon as a brigadier general. He resigned his commission on August 18, 1864, and married Kate Leonard, the daughter of Judge Abiel Leonard, on December 25, 1865, in Howard County, Missouri. He practiced law in Columbia until his death in 1908.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Correspondence
Account Books and Ledgers
Scrapbook

Scope and Content:**Correspondence**

This series contains letters that focus primarily on the Civil War in Missouri including southern sympathizers, guerilla bands and raids, the emancipation of slaves, problems associated with protection of freed slaves and their enlistment in the Union Army. Interfiled with the correspondence are military papers, they concern routine organizational matters, the stationing of troops, requests for supplies, troop movements, unit reports, lists of Confederate prisoners, and lists of soldiers court martialed. Combined together with the military papers, the correspondence provides insight into life in Missouri during the Civil War, from both the civilian and military viewpoints.

Account Books and Ledgers

This series contains twelve volumes, dating from 1849 to 1884, contain lists of personal and traveling expenses, travel descriptions, business accounts from Guitar's law practice, trade good purchases, and miscellaneous notations and receipts.

Scrapbook

This series contains a single scrapbook containing newspaper clippings pertaining to the political conventions of 1896 and the attempt by certain parties to switch the United States from the gold standard to the silver standard.

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