



“A Little Dab of History Without Embellishment” (C1113)

Collection Number: C1113

Collection Title: "A Little Dab of History Without Embellishment"

Dates: 1906

Creator: Gregg, William H.

Abstract: William H. Gregg's "A Little Dab of History Without Embellishment," written in 1906, is a memoir of his service under Confederate guerrilla William Clarke Quantrill from December 1861 to 1864, and includes a description of the sack of Lawrence, Kansas.

Collection Size: 0.35 cubic feet
(1 volume, also available on 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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Donor Information: The State Historical Society of Missouri purchased the Gregg manuscript from Frank Glenn, Bookseller, 101 W. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, on July 23, 1943.

Alternate Forms Available: The volume is available online in SHSMO's American Civil War in Missouri digital collection: <https://digital.shsmo.org/digital/collection/amcw/id/27327/rec/1>.

Related Materials: Additional materials related to "A Little Dab of History Without Embellishment" can be found in the following collections:

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Historical Note:

William H. Gregg was born February 8, 1838, to Jacob and Nancy Lewis Gregg in Jackson County, Missouri. He married Elizabeth Eleanor Hook of Odessa on November 1864. They had five children. Gregg served under William Clarke Quantrill from December 1861 through the winter of 1863/1864. He left Quantrill's band near Sherman, Texas, at which time he joined General Joe Shelby and was made a captain in Shanks's Brigade. After the war he returned to his farm in Jackson County, and served as deputy sheriff during which time he wrote of his experiences with Quantrill. Captain Gregg died April 22, 1916.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following series:

Reminiscence

Scope and Content Note:

Reminiscence

The series includes a memoir written in 1906, of Gregg's service under Confederate guerrilla William Clarke Quantrill from December 1861 to 1864, and includes a description of the sack of Lawrence, Kansas.

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