

C Paxton, William McClung (1819-1916), Papers, 1839-1892  
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#### INTRODUCTION

The papers of William McClung Paxton contain letters concerning the Paxton and Marshall families, including letters to George Forman of New Orleans, Paxton's brother-in-law, and to Paxton from members of the Marshall family containing genealogical information for his book, *The Marshall Family* (1885).

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Mrs. J.T. Stephen on 26 November 1968 (Accession No. SUNP0585).

#### FOLDER LIST

- f. 1 Undated letters to Paxtons, Formans and Marshalls. Most of the letters give genealogical information.
- f. 2 Matilda and Joseph Forman to George Forman, 1842-1852
- f. 3 John Samuel Forman to George Forman, 1844-1847
- f. 4 Business letters to George Forman from various people, 1842-1843. Mention of Missouri hemp crop.
- f. 5 William Paxton to George Forman, 1847-1850. Letters deal mostly with the hemp crop in Missouri. Mentions traveling to Kentucky, condition of the mail, business potential of northwest Missouri.
- f. 6 John C. Bull to George Forman, 1840-1848. These are all business letters.
- f. 7-15 Forman Family Letters, 1839-1863
  - f. 7 Discusses medical training of the time, including and 1840 cure for gonorrhoea.
  - f. 8 Mentions conditions of the mails, travel.
  - f. 10 Some discussion of current politics, methods of business; the isolation of living in the Missouri wilderness
  - f. 11 Attempts to sell a slave south; slaves running off
  - f. 15 Cholera epidemic in Kirksville, Missouri
- f. 16-33 These letters pertain entirely to genealogical information for Paxton's book, *The Marshall Family* (1885). They were written in response to Paxton's inquiries, and contain little else than genealogy.

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