



## Hutchison Family Papers (C3713)

**Collection Number:** C3713

**Collection Title:** Hutchison Family Papers

**Dates:** 1831-1890

**Creator:** Hutchison family

**Abstract:** Personal correspondence of Benjamin F. Hutchison, steamboat captain residing in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; his wife, Eliza J.; and their son, William B. The letters describe daily life, behavior at school, relatives, and friends, including illnesses and deaths. Also tax records, primarily from St. Louis County, Missouri, and legal documents, including land grants, deeds, and notes.

**Collection Size:** 0.18 cubic feet  
(9 folders)

**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](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-columbia). If you would like more information, please contact us at [columbia@shsmo.org](mailto:columbia@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Historical Note:**

Benjamin F. Hutchison was married to Eliza J. (Israell) Hutchison and they had a son, William B. Hutchison.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains correspondence from the Hutchison family. Almost all of the letters were written by Eliza J. Israell Hutchison and William B. Hutchison between 1851 and 1857. There are some letters sent by Benjamin F. Hutchison from various river ports and cities and a few letters from friends and relatives. Only four letters were written during the Civil War. The tax receipts from 1853 to 1884 pertain to property owned by the Hutchison's and others, including Samuel V. Wilson, James D. Clarkson, Charlotte Clarkson, and Charles S. Clarkson, Jr. The legal documents consist of land grants, deeds, promissory notes, contracts, indentures, paid receipts, a sale bill for an 1856 horse sale, and an 1862 government contract made with a steamboat company for transporting troops, horses, mules, wagons, etc.

**Container List:**

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