

C Butler, George M. (-1846), Papers, 1829-1846
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INTRODUCTION

Papers of George M. Butler, a surveyor, owner of the Lexington, Missouri *Telegraph*, and officer in the 1st Regiment, Missouri Volunteers. The papers consist of surveyor's notes, correspondence, military commission certificates, and financial records.

DONOR INFORMATION

The George M. Butler Papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Muriel Cleverdon for the estate of John Wallace on 28 June 1994 (Accession No. 3020).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George M. Butler surveyed lands in Lafayette County and bought the Lexington *Telegraph* on October 18, 1845. With the outbreak of the Mexican War, he raised a company of infantry and was commissioned as a First Lieutenant on June 1, 1846, for the Lafayette County Volunteers, a company of cavalry attached to the 23rd Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Division of the Missouri Militia. On July 1, 1846, Butler was appointed as Adjutant of the 1st Regiment of Missouri Volunteers, an office which he filled until his death from typhus fever on November 25, 1846, one hundred and twenty-five miles south of Santa Fe.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The George M. Butler Papers consist of survey notes, correspondence, military commissions, and financial records. The papers are arranged into two sections: a survey record book and personal.

The survey record book provides the results of Butler's survey work. The personal material comprises two military commission certificates and correspondence relative to his military service in the Mexican War. Butler's financial records, most of which were receipts for the payment of accounts to different companies that he conducted business with, loans he paid back, and court costs he owed to the Lafayette County Court make up the rest of the section.

FOLDER LIST

- f.1 Survey record book, c. 1840
- f.2 Military records and correspondence, 1846
- f.3 Financial accounts, 1839-1846
- f.4 Court accounts, Lafayette County Court, 1829-1834
- f.5 Financial accounts, 1841-1845

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