



## Ernestine Ernst Seiter Papers (C4351)

**Collection Number:** C4351

**Collection Title:** Ernestine Ernst Seiter Papers

**Dates:** 1828-1985, bulk 1828-1851

**Creator:** Seiter, Ernestine Ernst, 1904-1989

**Abstract:** The papers contain a transcription of James and Robert Aull letter books and daybooks from 1828-1851. Also includes an unidentified doctor's account ledger from Lexington, Missouri, from 1872-1875; scrapbook of Ernestine Ernst Seiter; research on Lexington homes; and miscellaneous material.

**Collection Size:** 1.75 cubic feet, 1 oversize volume, 1 oversize item  
(23 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](http://The State Historical Society of Missouri 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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**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Ernestine Ernst Seiter on September 20, 1988 (Accession No. CA2711).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Aull family business records can be found in the following collections:

[\*Aull Family Business Papers\*](#), (C0592)  
[\*Aull Family Business Records\*](#), (C3038)  
[\*Aull Family Business Records\*](#), (C3039)  
[\*James Aull Daybook\*](#), (C3043)

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### **Biographical Note:**

Alice Ernestine Ernst was born on February 29, 1904, in Albany, Missouri. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Ernst. She graduated from Albany High School and Palmer College in 1922 with a degree in music. After college she taught at Gilman City, Missouri, before going on a touring car trip across Europe in 1930. She traveled to Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, England, Austria, and Holland. She graduated from the University of Missouri in August 1932 with a Master of Arts in English. She was a member of honor society Delta Tau Kappa. She taught school in Warrensburg, Missouri, in 1935 where she was a member of the American Association of University Women. She taught college courses at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Moberly Junior College, and Wyoming University.

Ernest married John Albert Seiter on September 12, 1948, in Albany, Missouri. The couple had no children. Seiter died in 1965 and is buried in Machpelah Cemetery in Lexington. Ernestine died on January 18, 1989, and is buried in Grandview Cemetery in Albany, Missouri.

Robert Aull was born July 25, 1807, in New Castle County, Delaware. He moved to Missouri in 1825, with his brother James. They settled in Lexington and established a retail and commission business from 1825-1836. The brothers opened branches of their store in Independence (1827), Liberty (1829), and Richmond (1830). After the firm dissolved in 1836, Robert continued the Independence store with partner Samuel Owens while James ran the Lexington store. The store bought and sold items from Philadelphia and New Orleans.

Robert Aull operated the Banking House of Robert Aull in Lexington from 1849 to 1870. After this, Robert moved his family to St. Louis where he was president of Union National Bank of St. Louis from 1871-1873. Robert died on December 4, 1878, and is buried in Machpelah Cemetery in Lexington.

James Aull was murdered in Chihuahua, Mexico, June 23, 1847.

### **Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Aull Family Business Records  
Ernestine Ernst Seiter Family Papers  
Oversize

**Scope and Content Note:****Aull Family Business Records**

This collection includes transcriptions of James and Robert Aull's letter books and daybooks from their mercantile and banking business from 1828-1851. The transcriptions were compiled by Ernestine Ernst Seiter from 1980-1985, who was active in the Lexington Historical Society Museum Archives. An original cash book from 1842 to 1844 and an unidentified Lexington doctor's account and vaccination ledger from 1872 to 1875 is also included. Additionally, some material from Ernestine Ernst Seiter includes correspondence on the Aull family genealogy.

**Ernestine Ernest Seiter Family Papers**

The Ernest Family Papers contain a scrapbook of Seiter's travels to Europe and education at the University of Missouri from 1928-1935, postcard from 1941, and certificates from 1970-1974. Also included are two folders containing historical information on homes in Lexington, organized alphabetically by owner. Of interest is a Notary Public appointment commission for Joseph A. Wilson from Missouri Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson in February 1861.

**Oversize**

The oversize series contains one doctor ledger and one certificate for Joseph A. Wilson.

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**Ernestine Ernest Seiter Family Papers Series**

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- f. 22 Ernestine Ernst scrapbook, 1928-1935
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**Oversize Series**

- Item #1 Notary Public appointment commission certificate to Joseph A. Wilson.  
Signed by Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson, February 4, 1861
- v. 1 Unidentified Lexington (Mo.) doctor's account and vaccination ledger,  
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