



Wesley S. Davidson Papers (K0167)

Collection Number: K0167

Collection Title: Wesley S. Davidson Papers

Dates: 1858-1984, bulk 1858-1888

Creator: Davidson, William S.

Abstract: The Wesley S. Davidson Papers consist of photocopied genealogical research materials concerning the Davidson family compiled by William S. Davidson. Records within this collection include family and research correspondence, family bible records, cemetery internment listings, death certificates, probate records, newspaper clippings, miscellaneous receipts, and a photograph. Additional materials include military documents related to the accusation that Wesley Davidson was a Confederate sympathizer during the American Civil War.

Collection Size: 0.08 cubic foot
(6 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-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by William Davidson on November 8, 1985 (Accession No. KA0319).

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Historical Note:

Wesley Samuel Davidson was born on December 13, 1828, in Lawrence County, Kentucky, to Joseph A. and Nancy Shannon Burgess Davidson. The 1850 United States Federal Census lists the family as living in Green, Missouri, which was a small township in Platte County. On October 26, 1860, Davidson married Sarah M. Burns in Buchanan, Missouri.

During the American Civil War, Davidson was accused of being a Confederate sympathizer and was forcibly removed from his home in Platte County, Missouri. After the war, Davidson moved his family to a farm in Alexandria, Kansas.

Wesley S. Davidson died on June 28, 1915, in Allen, Kansas, and is buried in the Davidson family plot at the Allen Cemetery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into six folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers contain photocopied genealogical materials concerning the Davidson family. These materials include family and research correspondence, family bible records, compiled cemetery internment listings, death certificates, and probate records. Additional materials include newspaper clippings, military documents related to the accusation that Wesley Davidson was a Confederate sympathizer during the American Civil War, miscellaneous receipts, and a photograph of Cornelius M. Davidson.

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