

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
K0296 (KA0590, KA1361)
JOHN CALVIN MCCOY COLLECTION
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Introduction

Approximately 0.25 cubic foot.

The collection consists of a scrapbook of newspaper clippings pertaining to John Calvin McCoy's writing for the *Kansas City Journal* and various other newspapers. The scrapbook also contains a biography, obituaries, and memorials of McCoy, which were published after his death in 1889. The scrapbook includes an index compiled by the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City. Additional materials include correspondence and typescript copies of writing by McCoy and his daughter, Nellie McCoy Harris.

John Calvin McCoy, Sr. was born on September 28, 1811, in Vincennes, Indiana, to Isaac and Christiana Polke McCoy. Between 1826 and 1827, McCoy studied at Transylvania College in Lexington, Kentucky. He moved to Kansas City, Missouri, with his family in 1830 and began work as a surveyor. McCoy married his first wife, Virginia Christiana Chick in Westport, Missouri, and married his second wife, Elizabeth Meade Woodson in 1850. McCoy was a founder of Westport, Missouri, and helped to establish the Town Company of Kansas, Missouri, which, later became Kansas City, Missouri. He died on September 2, 1889, in Kansas City, Missouri, and is buried at the Union Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

Donor Information

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Box List

Box 1

Volume 1 Index to scrapbook, 1950

Volume 2 Scrapbook, 1871-1950

Nellie McCoy Harris

John C. McCoy

McCoy, Isaac, and Christiana (2 folders)

"Reminiscences of Pioneer Days," by Nellie McCoy Harris (3 folders)

"Reminiscences of Pioneer Days," by Nellie McCoy Harris, Volume II

"Tales of an Old Timer," by John Calvin McCoy (3 folders)

Women of note buried at Union Cemetery

Box 2

Correspondence, 1863

Index to scrapbook (3 folders)

Scrapbook, photocopy of microfilm (2 folders)

Microfilm

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