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KATE LEILA GREGG PAPERS

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Introduction

Approximately 0.75 cubic foot.

The collection consists of Kate Leila Gregg's hand-written research notes concerning Fort Osage and the three major routes (the Santa Fe Trail, the Oregon Trail, and the California Trail) to California during the 1800s. Additional materials include personal histories, American Indian affairs, the California Gold Rush, missionaries, various wars, the Walker family, and other related subjects.

Kate Leila Gregg was born on March 18, 1883, in Lewis County, Washington, to Charles Carroll and Mary Adelia Phillips Gregg. In 1890, Gregg moved with her family to Clarkston, Washington. Between 1911 and 1912, she attended Yale University and earned a doctorate from the University of Washington in 1916. Gregg's dissertation, "Thomas Dekker: A Study in Economic and Social Backgrounds," was published in 1924. Gregg taught at public school districts in Idaho and Washington for six years and headed the English department at the University of Idaho between 1912 and 1913. Between 1913 and 1915, Gregg became a teaching fellow at the University of Washington and between 1915 and 1916 she was a Denny Fellow. By 1920, Gregg had moved to Minneapolis, Indiana, where she began working in various women's clubs. Two years later, she moved to Elmira, New York, and began working as an associate professor of English at the Elmira College. In 1924, Gregg became a faculty member of the English department at the Lindenwood College, in St. Charles, Missouri, retiring from the position in 1946.

Gregg became well known as a historian and primary source editor of Missouri's exploration and the westward expansion during the first half of the nineteenth century. Her works include, *Westward with Dragoons* (1937), the pageant *The Spirit of Blanchette* (1938), several articles written for the *Missouri Historical Review*, and *Prairie and Mountain Sketches* (1957), edited by John Francis McDermott III. Gregg was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Lambda Theta, both professional education sororities, she helped to establish the St. Charles Historical Society in 1937, and served as the first woman president of the Historical Association of Greater St. Louis. Gregg died on July 9, 1954, in Chehalis, Washington, and is buried at Claquato Cemetery in Chehalis, Washington.

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Box List

Box 1

California Gold Rush, Including lives of the emigrants

Isaac Rawlings, description of his life, and Minor notes on John Winslow, John Hay, and Robert Cochran

General John Wilson and California (Howard County) emigrants

Citations for various 19th century pioneers, description of the prairie fly

Autobiography notes of Major Stephen Cooper

Military Biographies

Dr. John Sibley

Col. Thomas Hunt

Major William Wilson of Maryland

Lt. Thomas or William Augustus Murray

Lt. Risdon H. Price

Ben Wilkinson

Cooper family history. Includes a small family tree

Evans ledgers and miscellaneous, includes description of Fort Osage

List of books Kate Gregg used in her research

Information on various people

Land transactions for Jean Richards

Indian Affairs, Fort de Chartres and Fort Adams, Information on various people involved with the Indians, Treaties, McFarland affair, Michael Immell, mammoth bones

Missions and Missionaries to the Indians

Harmony Mission

Great Osage Mission

Nez Perez Mission House

Lives of the missionaries to the Indians

Mexican War, People involved, John Sibley, Dr. John H. Robinson, and Andrew Jackson, Indian treaties

Blackhawk War, includes a citation for Oregon Colonization, Citation for treaty marking the west and north borders of Missouri Indian Country

Excerpts from the book *Missouri Historical Review*

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“Battle of Lexington as seen by a Woman”
“The Shelby Raid” 1863
General Jo. O. Shelby
John McKnight expeditions
Expeditions
 Erving Young
 George C. Yount
 Steamboat Expedition
 Western Engineer
Burr Conspiracy
George C. Sibley at Fort Osage concerning S. F. Surbey claims. Includes a physical description of Fort Osage
Santa Fe Trail
Early History of Jackson County, Includes the history of several important families,
 Large amount of information on Major Stephen Cooper
 Distillery
 Mormons
 Exploration parties
Excerpt from *Pioneer Days in the Mountains* by the Hon. John R. McBride
Joel P. Walker and family, Includes a brief family tree
Joe Walker and family including Mss. Bancroft, of Joel Walker, Includes personal property list of John M. Walker, the Town of Walker, Walker’s Mining District, *Narrative of Adventures* by Joel Walker, 1878
Walker’s family, data on Joel, Includes a brief family tree
Walker and Fremont, Various expeditions
Walker as Sheriff, Joseph R. Walker, people involved in local government, cases handled
Joe Walker and Mexican War Experiences, includes trip to Independence with Sublette
Walker at Bridger S Fort, 1845, 1841
Walker at Fort Laramie, 1844
Joe Walker general details
Fort hall ledger, 1834-1835
Walker in Arizona
Walker in California. Includes his tombstone inscription
Walker in Colorado, Fort Bent and Nevada
Joe and New Mexico, Includes reference to 1837-1838, 1862 trips into Arizona, Santa Fe Trade, Descriptions of Walker, Description of a Mexican funeral, Kit Carson in the Civil War, there are two Walkers with the same names
Walker in Utah
Bonneville and Walker, various expeditions
Citation for *A Record of two Expeditions for the Occupation of the Oregon Co.*
Miscellaneous notes on Walker
Walker, bibliography lists
Bibliographical
General miscellaneous

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Clark family and miscellaneous notes on territorial Missouri and places on route to east,
no direct application to Fort Osage