



Moses Lax Papers (R0023)

Collection Number: R0023

Collection Title: Moses Lax Papers

Dates: 1866

Creator: Lax, Moses,

Abstract: The Moses Lax Papers contains photocopies of Moses Lax's service record. Lax served in the 62nd Regiment, United States Colored Troops during the American Civil War.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

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 - Rolla](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at rolla@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The papers were loaned for photocopying to the University of Missouri by Mrs. Rulon Maul on July 23, 1980 (Accession No. RA0027).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Moses Lax Papers can be found in the following collections:

John B. Bell Medical Records (R0119)

John H. Holman Papers (C0334)

Civil War Documents (C4274)

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Biographical Note:

Moses Lax was born a slave in Tennessee in 1844. He moved to Arkansas in the 1850s with his owner John Lax. In 1862, when Union forces moved through the area freeing slaves, Moses and his brother Solomon followed the army north into the Arcadia Valley, Missouri. He then enlisted in the army in December 1863. He served with the 62nd Regiment, United States Colored Troops during the American Civil War. The regiment was first organized in December 1863 as the 1st Missouri Colored Infantry. After its reorganization from the 1st Missouri Colored Infantry, the 62nd Regiment was assigned to the District of the Gulf. The regiment saw service in Louisiana and Texas before mustering out at Brownsville, Texas in 1866.

As did many other soldiers of the 62nd and 65th Regiments, United States Colored Troops, Moses Lax contributed money for the founding of Lincoln Institute (now Lincoln University) in Jefferson City, Missouri. After his muster out, Lax returned to Ironton, Missouri, where he was a clergyman at the Black Methodist church until his death in 1913.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order in one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains photocopies of Moses Lax's service record. Lax served in the 62nd Regiment, United Colored Troops during the American Civil War. The record is stamped "From the Rolls in Office of Auditor, War Dept., Wash., D.C." Also included as part of the photocopy is the service record of Robert Lawson, 62nd Regiment, United States Colored Troops. Background information regarding Lax is available in the administration folder. The information was provided by his granddaughter, Mrs. Rulon Maul.

Container List:

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