



Philip A. Reilly Papers (R0084)

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Collection Title: Philip A. Reilly Papers

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Abstract: The Philip A. Reilly Papers contains photocopies and annotated typescripts for the Civil War letters written by Philip A. Reilly and Dr. Samuel M. McAnally. Reilly served in operations at Jackson and Vicksburg, Mississippi, and was captured at Ringgold, Georgia. Dr. Samuel M. McAnally describes conditions in southeast Missouri in 1870.

Collection Size: 0.04 cubic foot
(4 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Existence and Location of Originals: The Philip A. Reilly correspondence were photocopied and transcribed by Jane Reilly Purcell from the originals in her possession.

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Biographical Note:

Philip A. Reilly was born in Liverpool, England, in 1828. He was the son of John Reilly and Elizabeth McCloskey. He immigrated to the United States in 1852, and came to Missouri in 1857. He settled in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and married Bridget Duffy on April 25, 1860. Together they had two children, Hugh and Martin. Martin died in 1864, at the age of three. In September 1862, Philip joined the 29th Regiment, Missouri Infantry Company B under the command of Captain Alexander Hart, Captain Edmond Garaghty, and Captain Henry Justi in August 1862. After initial service at Cape Girardeau, the regiment moved south on the Mississippi River to participate in the operations that culminated in the surrender of Vicksburg on July 4, 1863. After the fall of the city, the 29th Missouri was assigned to General William T. Sherman's command. As part of the 15th Army Corps, the regiment led the advance on Ringgold, Georgia. The Confederates took advantage of their strong defensive position and routed the Federal column. Philip Reilly was among the Union troops captured. He was sent to Richmond, Virginia and then to Andersonville Prison near Americus, Georgia, where he died on May 24, 1864. The cause of death was listed as rheumatism. He was interred in the prison cemetery, which is now a National Cemetery cared for by the National Park Service.

Dr. Samuel M. McAnally was born on February 6, 1837, the son of William McAnally and Jane McMullin. He served in the United State Army during the Civil War, enlisting in the 6th Illinois Cavalry and serving throughout the war. His brother fought for the Confederacy. After the war, McAnally married Melissa Thompson on June 6, 1867. After the death of his first wife, he married Isophene Cruse on April 12, 1898. McAnally was a resident of Bollinger County, Missouri, for much of his life. In 1894, he moved his pharmacy business from Laflin, Missouri, to the Conrad Building in Marble Hill. He was also elected city marshal of Marble Hill that same year, and was appointed a member of the Marble Hill Board of Pension Examining Surgeons in 1898, filling a vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. J.C. Cabbage. Dr. McAnally built a new stone building in Marble Hill in 1901, and moved his office into the building. He opened a drug store to supplement his medical practice and operated it until his death in 1913.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into two series.

Philip A. Reilly Papers
Samuel M. McAnally Correspondence

Scope and Content Note:

Philip A. Reilly Papers

This series consists of letters written by Philip A. Reilly. Reilly's letter describes the campaigns against Vicksburg, Jackson, Corinth, and Iuka, Mississippi. He also commented on the army to which he belonged, claiming that the troops were generally Democratic politically, with "Black Republicans" enjoying little favor. He wrote frankly, and wondered if his letters were reaching their destinations. Reilly's last letter was written from Waterloo, Alabama, just three weeks

before his capture at Ringgold. This series is organized by accession and then arranged chronologically.

Samuel M. McAnally Correspondence

This series contains a letter written by Dr. Samuel M. McAnally to his brother John W. McAnally in which he describes conditions in southeast Missouri in 1870. This series is arranged chronologically

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