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## **INTRODUCTION**

This collection includes correspondence, business records, and legal papers, and genealogical information pertaining to two early families of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. The Ellis family came from Georgia about 1805; the Ranneys from Indiana about 1825. Other names represented in the collection are Beckham, Cobb, Giboney, Ogle, Waters, and Wathen (Warthen-Worthan).

The Ellis and Ranney families collection contains many items dating to the territorial and early statehood periods of southeastern Missouri. Family members were prominent in the Cape Girardeau area as town founders, businessmen, and government officials. Their papers represent several members of each family, the principal lines being those of Charles G. Ellis ( -ca. 1830), and Robert G. Ranney (1849-1916). The lines were joined through marriages with the Wathen family.

Charles G. Ellis came to southeastern Missouri about 1805 from Columbia County, Georgia. His brothers Erasmus, a physician, and Solomon, an attorney, came with him or joined him shortly thereafter. Quickly influential, Charles was appointed co-assessor of the Cape Girardeau District with Abraham Byrd. He was among the first to purchase lots when Cape Girardeau was platted in 1806, and was instrumental in its incorporation in 1808. Ellis was one of several commissioners appointed in 1818 to preside over the dispersal of the large estate of Louis Lorimier. Also a prosperous businessman, he began with the establishment of a mercantile operation with Garah Davis and William Ogle around 1808, and was an organizer and first president of the Cape Girardeau Mill Company, established in 1826. For many years he operated a well-regarded hotel in the city, afterwards the site of the Cape Girardeau Academy, founded in 1843.

Charles's son, Alfred Pinkney Ellis (died ca.1841), was a county constable and leading merchant in Cape Girardeau. His home, known as the Ellis-Wathan-Ranney home, stood until 1958 as a good example of the homes built by families prospering from the Mississippi River steamboat trade prior to the Civil War. Alfred's daughter, Maria R. Ellis (1822-1902), married Ignatius R. Wathen in 1837. A native of Kentucky, Wathen moved to Missouri in 1834. He succeeded to the management of the large Ellis estate after his marriage to Maria Ellis and the death of her father. Wathen was president of the Cape Girardeau branch of the State Bank from 1853 to 1857.

Ignatius and Maria Wathen had four children who lived to adulthood. Of these, Emma Agnes Wathen (1861-1916) provided the link between the Ellis and Ranney families through her marriage in 1894 to Robert Giboney Ranney (1849-1916). The latter was the son of William Caton Ranney and Elizabeth Giboney. William C. Ranney (1815-1898) was a native of New York, whose family came to Cape Girardeau in 1825 via Jeffersonville, Ind. Reading law under his brother, Solomon Ranney, he was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1840. After private practice, he was named first judge of the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas, then was elected to the Missouri Senate in 1871.

Robert G. Ranney followed his father in the study of law. He began a practice with Louis Houck in 1875, an association which lasted until Houck undertook his railroad enterprises in 1880. He also served as judge of the Court of Common Pleas, being elected for the first of two terms in 1908. He died and was buried in Cape Girardeau in 1916.

The Ellis-Ranney papers represent many individuals and touch on a number of topics. They are arranged in groups of correspondence, personal papers, business records and receipts, legal documents, and genealogical data. Three early account ledgers are available on microfilm. Registers of the material and a surname index are available for the collection.

The largest and earliest group of papers is the family correspondence. The earliest items are letters between members of the Beckham and Cobb families of Kentucky and Georgia. There are also several early letters to Charles G. Ellis from his brother, Allen Ellis, written from New Madrid, Ste. Genevieve, and New Orleans. Ranney family members first appear in the correspondence in 1814, in letters between Elizabeth Ranney in New York and her sister in Massachusetts.

The papers continue through 1860, when a thirty-year gap occurs to 1890. Apparently a significant portion of the collection has been lost. Later correspondence, 1890-1948, includes letters between Robert G. Ranney and Emma Wathen before their marriage in 1893, and data from genealogists concerning the Ranney, Wathen, and Cobb families.

The earliest business records in the collection are several items concerning transactions of Edward Wathan in Kentucky in the late eighteenth century. There are also several pieces concerning business dealings of William Ogle in Virginia and Maryland. Ogle, later a business partner of Charles G. Ellis and Garah Davis in Cape Girardeau, attained notoriety in Missouri by provoking a duel with court clerk Joseph McFerron in 1807. The dispute brought the Ellis-Davis-Ogle partnership to an abrupt end when Ogle fell dead with McFerron's bullet in his brain. Ellis evidently inherited Ogle's financial records, which included his account of fees collected for John Ritchie, collector of Carroll or Frederick counties, Maryland, 1794-1795. This volume is available on microfilm, as are two account ledgers attributed to the store of Alfred P. Ellis at Cape Girardeau. Beginning in 1808, the accounts were probably those of Charles G. Ellis, assumed by his son at a later date. Other business papers in the collection are a list of town lots in Cape Girardeau owned by Alfred Ellis, circa 1825; minutes of meetings of the directors of the Cape Girardeau Mill Company, 1825-1826; and a draft of a petition to establish a branch of the State Bank in Cape Girardeau, 1838.

Legal papers in the collection include documents from the estates of William Beckham, Charles and Alfred Ellis, Thomas Waters, and Maria Wathen. Land transfer papers evidence the family connections with the Waters and Giboney lines. There are several items concerning slave transfers among the Ellises, 1805-1819. One by Erasmus Ellis in 1809 engendered a suit by creditors attempting to attach the slaves in debt proceedings. Miscellaneous business papers include an inventory of goods belonging to the firm of Frisel & Daugherty, Jackson, Missouri, a quit-claim deed to the Iron Mountain Tract, 1839, and a "List of Hands" prepared for the overseer of the Jackson-Greenville road in 1840.

Genealogical materials comprise the remainder of the collection. There are newspaper clippings and obituaries, notes on the Wathan-Waters family connections and excerpts from *Middletown Upper Houses* (New York: Grafton Press, 1908), containing the Ranney genealogy.

## FOLDER LIST

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**[The following are on microfilm]**

Volumes 1-3: Business records, 1794-1831.

Volume 1: Cashbook, 1794-1795.

William Ogle for John Ritchie, Collector, Carroll or Frederick counties, Maryland (17 pages).

Volume. 2: Account ledger, 1806-1809.

Attributed to the store of Alfred P. Ellis, Cape Girardeau, Mo. (185 pages).

Volume 3: Account ledger, 1808-1831.

Part 1: Accounts of Franklin James Smith, a physician, 4 March - 21 July 1808 (13 pages).

Part 2: Account ledger attributed to the store of Alfred P. Ellis, Cape Girard-eau, Mo., January 1810 - April 1824. A note to "Maj. Bullinger" by A. P. Ellis, 4 August 1831, is on the endsheet of the volume (126 pages).

**Folder 1: Correspondence, 1787-1823**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Correspondents</u>
15 Sep 1787	Orange Co., VA	Thomas Weltch [sic] to "Friend"
16 Apr 1790	[Kentucky]	E. Welch to William Beckham
29 Jun 1798	Louisville, KY	J. L. Dixon to "Wife"
03 Jul 1798	Louisville, KY	J. L. Dixon to "Sir"
20 Jul 1798	Louisville, KY	J. L. Dixon to "Sir"
05 Oct 1799	Madison Co., VA	W. Welch to "Sister"
10 Oct 1802	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
08 Apr 1803	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
18 May 1804	n.p.	James Freeman to Thomas Cobb
09 Jun 1804	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
23 Jul 1804	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham, Columbia County, GA
19 Jan 1805	Lexington, GA	[unsigned fragment]
25 Mar 1805	Liberty Hall	Charles G. Ellis to William Beckham
26 Oct 1806	Cape Girardeau District, Louisiana Territory	Lewis Cobb to Mr. & Mrs. William Beckham
27 Oct 1806	Cape Girardeau District, Louisiana Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to William Beckham
20 Dec 1807	n.p.	John C. Harbison to James Worthington
20 Jan 1807	Louisiana Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to "Son" Thomas W. Cobb
02 Feb 1807	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
02 Feb 1807	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to William Beckham
29 Mar 1807	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Charles & Elizabeth Ellis to William Beckham
20 Jul 1807	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Charles & Elizabeth Ellis to William Beckham
16 Oct 1807	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to Catharine Beckham
12 Dec 1807	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham

ca. 1808	n.p.	Polly W. Cobb to William Beckham
ca. 1808	Lexington, GA	Polly W. Cobb to William Beckham
ca. 1808	n.p.	Mary S. Ellis to Catherine Beckham
ca. 1808	n.p.	Mary S. Ellis to Catherine Beckham & William Beckham
ca. 1808	Lexington, GA	Polly W. Cobb to William Beckham
05 Jan 1808	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Charles G. Ellis to William Beckham
06 Jan 1808	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Charles G. Ellis to William Beckham
20 Jan 1808	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to William Beckham
15 Feb 1808	Lexington, GA	Polly W. Cobb to William & Catharine Beckham
22 Jan 1808	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Charles and Elizabeth Ellis to William & Catharine Beckham
19 Aug 1808	Athens Co., GA	L. Sewell to William Beckham
05 Nov 1808	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to Charles G. Ellis, Cape Girardeau District, Upper Louisiana
05 Dec 1808	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
05 Jun 1809	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Catharine E. Cobb to William & Catharine Beckham
02 Sep 1809	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Catharine e. Cobb to William & Catharine Beckham
25 Oct 1809	Madison Co., [VA]	Nathaniel Welch to "Sister" Betsey & William Beckham
26 Feb 1810	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Catharine E. Cobb to William & Catharine Beckham
14 Apr 1810	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
29 Jun 1810	Fayette Co., KY	James Welch to "Brother"
08 Jul 1810	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Catharine E. Cobb to William & Catharine Beckham
22 Dec 1810	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
01 Dec 1811	New Madrid, Louisiana Territory	Allen Ellis to Charles G. Ellis
07 Jun 1812	Jefferson Co., KY	Catharine E. Scott to William & Catharine Beckham
10 Sep 1812	Cape Girardeau, Missouri Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to William & Catharine Beckham
27 Sep 1812	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to Catharine Beckham
24 Jan 1813	Cape Girardeau, Missouri Territory	Charles G. & Elizabeth Ellis to Catherine Beckham
24 May 1813	Cape Girardeau, Missouri Territory	Allen Ellis to Charles G. Ellis
21 Jul 1813	n.p.	Mary S. Ellis to Catharine Beckham
07 Aug 1813	Madison Co., VA	Nathaniel Welch to "Sister" Betsey
17 Nov 1813	Columbia Co., GA	James E. Welch to "Aunt" Catherine Beckham
31 Dec 1813	Columbia Co., GA	Nathaniel Welch to Catherine Beckham
01 Apr 1814	New Orleans, Louisiana Territory	Allen Ellis to Charles G. Ellis
20 Apr 1814	New Orleans, Louisiana Territory	Allen Ellis to Charles G. Ellis
05 May 1814	Lexington, GA	James E. Welch to Catharine Beckham
18 Aug 1814	Shawneetown [Ill. ?]	James E. Welch to Charles G. Ellis
24 Sep 1814	Salem, Mass.	"Sister" Ellen to Mrs. Elizabeth Ranney, White Hall, New York
22 Oct 1814	Iberville Parish [near Baton Rouge]	Allen Ellis to Charles G. Ellis
09 Jun 1815	Gum Spring, [VA ?]	James Donnell to Charles G. Ellis
22 Aug 1815	Lexington, GA	James E. Welch to Charles G. Ellis

28 Oct 1815	"Great Crossing," [VA?]	J. Gayle to Charles G. Ellis
17 Jan 1816	Ste. Genevieve, MO	A. S. Hempstead to Charles G. Ellis
10 Apr 1816	Georgetown, D.C.	J. Gayle to Charles G. Ellis
12 Apr 1816	New Madrid, MO	Robert G. Dawson to Charles G. Ellis
23 Oct 1816	Georgetown, D.C.	J. Gayle to Charles G. Ellis
05 Jul 1816	Spring Ferry on Missouri River, near St. Louis E.	Huntington to Charles G. Ellis
19 Jul 1816	Boston, MA	Ellen H. Bailey to Elizabeth Ranney, Jeffersonville, IN
15 Mar 1818	Salem, MA	Catharine Hathorne to "Sister" Elizabeth Ranney
16 Dec 1819	Jonesboro, IL	Nimrod Menfee to Alfred P. Ellis, Cape Girardeau, MO
20 Sep 1820	Clarke Co., KY	Seany[?]Chrisham to "Sister"
15 Dec 1820	Salem, MA	Catharine Hathorne to "Sister" Elizabeth Ranney
08 Mar 1821	Boston, MA	Catharine Hathorne to "Sister" Elizabeth Ranney
14 Dec 1821	Salem, MA	Catharine Hathorne to Elizabeth Ranney
22 Jan 1823	Washington, D.C.	Jonathan Jennings to Col. Stephen Ranney

## Folder 2: Correspondence and personal papers, 1825-1867.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Correspondents</u>
01 Mar 1825	Jeffersonville, IN	Stephen Ranney to E. Hathorne
24 May 1825	n.p.	Elinor Waite to "Brother" John Waters
22 Jan 1827	Washington, D. C.	Jonathan Jennings to Stephen Ranney
28 Sep 1828	Alexander Co., IL	B. W. Brooks to Charles G. Ellis
28 Mar 1829	Columbia, GA	William Magruder to Charles G. Ellis
27 Jan 1830	Jonesboro, IL	Mort P. Bainbridge to Charles G. Ellis
25 Mar 1830	Jonesboro, IL	Mort P. Bainbridge to Charles G. Ellis
19 Apr 1830	Boston, MA	Adam Bailey, Jr. to "Cousin"
22 Aug 1830	Kaskaskia, IL	Sidney Breese to Alfred P. Ellis
12 Aug 1831	Washington Co., MO	Benjamin Wathen to "Brother"
1832	Herculaneum, MO	John Perry to Alfred P. Ellis
07 Apr 1833	Springfield [Illinois?]	John P. Medley to "Brother"
07 May 1833	Jackson, [MO]	John Gayle to William C. Ranney
23 Dec 1833	Georgetown, D.C.	John Baker to "Sir"
03 Apr 1834	Springfield	John & Elizabeth A. Wathen to "Brother"
05 Dec 1834	Petersburg, GA	Edwin (?) White to "Friend"
20 Aug 1836	Rushville	J. L. Scripps to William C. Ranney
23 Sep 1836	Jackson, MO	John Gayle to William C. Ranney, Bloomfield, MO
30 Oct 1836	Jackson, MO	John Gayle to William C. Ranney, Bloomfield, MO
Dec 1836	Jackson, MO	John Gayle to William C. Ranney, Bloomfield, MO
21 Mar 1838	Cape Girardeau Co., MO	N. W. Wathen to John L. Miller
19 Apr 1838	Boston, MA	Bailey Adams, Jr. to "Cousin"
29 May 1839	Brunswick, GA	"Uncle" H. A. Bride [?] to William C. Ranney
10 Mar 1840	New Madrid, MO	E. H. Bennett to William C. Ranney
27 Sep 1842	New Madrid, MO	E. H. Bennett to William c. Ranney
11 Jun 1843	Bloomfield, MO	William D. Taylor to William C. Ranney
07 Oct 1843	New Madrid, MO	William S. Moseley to William C. Ranney, Benton, MO
1843	Lamar, GA	M. B. Rouns [?] to "Friend"
02 Jan 1846	New Orleans, LA	Johnson Ranney to Emily Ranney
07 Feb 1846	n.p.	Fanny Green to "Mr. Wathen"
02 Jan 1846	New Orleans, LA	Johnson Ranney to Emily Ranney
07 Feb 1846	n.p.	Fanny Green to "Mr. Wathen"
12 Mar 1846	n.p.	Fanny Green to "Mr. Wathen"
05 Jan 1847	Cape Girardeau, MO	Johnson Ranney to Jeremiah Ranney
16 Feb 1847	New Orleans, LA	Johnson Ranney to Jeremiah Ranney
07 Feb 1848	Jackson, MO	Geraro [?] W. Davis to Johnson Ranney, New Orleans, LA

11 Jan 1850	Ste. Genevieve, MO	John Scott to William C. Ranney
15 Oct 1851	New York, NY	American Legal Association Certificate of Membership to William C. Ranney, Jackson, MO
Jun 1856	Bardstown, KY	D. W. Robinson to Emma Wathen
06 Feb 1860	Salem, MA [?]	Stephen Wheatland to William C. Ranney
19 Feb 1860	Cambridge, MA	Thomas N. Ranney to "Uncle" William C. Ranney
10 Nov 1866	St. Louis, MO	Frank Ranney to William C. Ranney
03 Nov 1867	Sulphur Springs,	John H. Ranney to "Uncle" William C. Ranney, Ellis Co., TX

**Folder 3: Correspondence and personal papers, 1890-1948.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Correspondents</u>
ca. 01 Mar 1898		Maria J. Walker to Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
09 Aug 1890	Kansas City, MO	S. S. Todd to Charles N. Mitchell
01 Oct 1893	Chicago, IL	Robert G. Ranney to Emma Wathen
30 Oct 1893	Brunswick Co., VA	Robert Sturdivant to R. G. R.
30 Oct 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
02 Nov 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
06 Nov 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
07 Nov 1893	Rose Dale [MO]	E. W. to R. G. R.
09 Nov 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
10 Nov 1893	Rose Dale [MO]	E. W. to R. G. R.
11 Nov 1893	Doyle's Station	R. G. R. to E. W.
12 Nov 1893	Rose Dale [MO]	E. W. to R. G. W.
13 Nov 1893	Cape Girardeau, MO	R. G. R. to E. W.
25 Nov 1893	Rose Dale [MO]	E. W. to R. G. R.
27 Nov 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
15 Dec 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
20 Dec 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
22 Dec 1893	Cape Girardeau, MO	S. Addison McElroy to R. G. R.
Jan 1894	Los Angeles, CA	"Cousin" Maria J. Walker to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
06 Jan 1894	Brooklyn, NY	Olivia Maples Davis to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
17 Jan 1894	Cape Girardeau, MO	Marriage Certificate to Robert G. Ranney & Emma A. Wathen
19 Jan 1894	St. Louis, MO	Minnie [?] to Robert G. Ranney & Emma A. Wathen
01 Feb 1894	[?] MO	L. E. Jenkins to Robert G. Ranney
Jan 1895	Los Angeles, CA	Maria J. Walker to Mrs. Wathen and Family
ca. Mar 1898	Los Angeles, CA	Maria J. Walker to Mrs. Elizabeth Ranney
24 Jan 1899	St. Louis, MO	Mrs. J. G. Block to Mrs. M. R. Wathen
01 Mar 1899	St. Louis, MO	"Jennie" to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
1901	Los Angeles, CA	Maria J. Walker to Mr. & Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
14 Aug 1902	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
22 Sep 1902	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
29 Sep 1902	Los Angeles, CA	Fragment to Mrs. Emmet A. Ranney
06 Oct 1902	LaJunta, CO	Maud to "Aunt" Emma
27 Oct 1902	Cynthiana, KY	S. Addison McElroy to "Miss Emma"
15 Nov 1902	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
27 Apr 1903	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Emma G. Ranney
20 May 1903	Cape Girardeau, MO	R. B. Oliver to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
12 Jan 1904	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
04 Nov 1904	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
08 Jun 1905	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
14 Oct 1905	Tallapoosa, GA	Rebe E. Punyear [?] to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
24 Oct 1905	Tallapoosa, GA	Rebe E. Punyear [?] to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
28 Feb 1906	Tallapoosa, GA	Rebe E. Punyear [?] to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney

11 Dec 1909	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
08 Feb 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
10 Feb 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
14 Feb 1910	Warren, AK	Maria Lucas Swanner to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
15 Feb 1910	Harlem, GA	M. S. Williams to George Scott, Dubuque, IA
22 Feb 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
23 Feb 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
23 Feb 1910	Harlem, GA	M. S. Williams to Postmaster of Cape Girardeau, MO
08 Mar 1910	Los Angeles, CA	M. S. Walker to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
16 Mar 1910	Brinktown, MO	Thomas F. Waters to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
19 Mar 1910	Harlem, GA	M. S. Williams to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney (fragment)
27 Mar 1910	Colorado Springs	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
01 Apr 1910	Brenham, TX	-- to Mrs. Robert G., Ranney (fragments)
10 Apr 1910	Brinktown, MO	Thomas F. Waters to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
19 Apr 1910	Newberry, SC	Harry W. Dominick to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
24 Apr 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
24 Apr 1910	Dubuque, IA	George D. Scott to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
05 May 1910	Harlem, GA	M. S. Williams to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
17 May 1910	Los Angeles, CA	[M.S. Walker] to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
18 May 1910	Atlanta, GA	H. M. Milam to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
03 Aug 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
07 Aug 1910	Brinktown, MO	Thomas F. Waters to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
10 Aug 1910	Harlem, GA	M. S. Williams to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
25 Sep 1910	Brinktown, GA	Thomas J. Waters to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
18 Dec 1910	Benton, MO	Josephine Phelps to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
26 Jul 1911	Lexington, MO	Thomas W. Cobb to Mr5s. Robert G. Ranney
11 Dec 1912	Cape Girardeau, MO	Certificate of Election of Robert G. Ranney as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
24 Aug 1915	Woodruff, SC	S. H. Calvert to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
06 Dec 1948	Cape Girardeau	Unsigned letter to Dr. J. L. Jenkins, Jackson, MO

#### **Folder 4: Correspondence (Fragments no list)**

#### **Folder 5: Miscellaneous business items, 1787-1904**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
01 Jun 1787	Settlement of note by Ignatius Warthen to Miss De Drusina Ritter S. Clark[?]. Note was settled by Edward Warthings.
02 Jul 1787	Receipt to Edward Wathen for payment to Gust. Brown.
25 Jul 1787	Receipt to Edward Wathen for one hogshead of tobacco at Georgetown warehouse.
26 Nov 1789	Tax receipt to Edward Warthen.
06 Apr 1790	Promissory note by Joseph Cassion, Augusta, GA, to Solomon Ellis
02 Jul 1790	Receipt for tobacco to Edward Wathen by Samuel Hepburn
08 Feb 1791	Receipt to Edward Wathan by Edward Diggs.
12 Jul 1792	Receipt for tobacco, to Edward Wathen by Samuel Hapburn
04 Aug 1794	Receipt to Edward Warthing for the account of John Ignatus and Edward Warthing.
1794-1798	Account of Edward Warthen with Benjamin Ray
May 1795	County tax receipt to Edward Wathan.
23 Nov 1795	Account of Edward Wathan with Waring & Millars.
23 Apr 1796	Tax receipt to Edward Warthen
17 Feb 1797	Receipt to Edward Worthan for balance owed B. Beall
31 Jun 1798	Promissory note of Edward [Wathen?] to John Clarke
Oct 1798-Jul 1800	Account of William Ogle with John Stapleton
19 Apr 1799	Receipt to Edward Wathen for payment on account with Waring and Millard, Georgetown [D.C. or Kentucky]



19 Dec 1799	Receipt to Joseph Wathen for money received for the use of Edward Wathen
1799-1800	County tax receipt to Edward Wathen
Mar 1800-Jan 1801	Settlement of account of William Ogle with Benjamin Craycroft
21 Mar 1800	Account of William Ogle with John Wayman
Mar 1800-Mar 1801	Account of William Ogle with Ignatius West
04 Aug 1800	Land lease paper by John Benson
Sep 1800-Mar 1801	Account of William Ogle with Richard Turner
09 May 1801	Receipt to Edward Wathen for money on account for H. Martin
09 Nov 1804	Promise to pay from Edward Wathen to Christian Stoner
Nov 1802-May 1804	Account of William Ogle with Charles G. Ellis
18 Jan 1806	Account of Doctor Davies, Savannah, [MO]
13 Nov 1806	Promise to pay from James Curren to William Ogle
Nov 1806-May 1809	Statement of Morgan Byrnes to Charles G. Ellis, attorney for G. Davis
09 Apr 1808	Receipt to Solomon Ellis for horses kept for Wm. Daniels
Dec 1808-Mar 1809	Account of Capt. Charles G. Ellis with Martin & McKeever
17 May 1810	Bill of sale, money received from Charles G. Ellis for furniture
Jan-Feb 1813	Account of Alexander Wilson with George W. Goodrich
08 Apr 1813	Receipt of Charles G. Ellis for money paid to J. McFerron received by Zenas Priest.
31 Mar 1815	Account of Samuel Morrison with C. G. Ellis
Apr 1818-Jan 1819	Account of Doctor Jonas N. Menefee with Charles G. Ellis.
Feb 1819-Jul 1819	Account of Thomas Fletcher with C. G. Ellis
04 Aug 1820	Account of C. G. Ellis with Charles R. Ross
ca. 1825	A list of towns in Cape Girardeau, MO owned by Alfred P. Ellis
01 Feb 1825	Account of George Henderson with Francis Haggerty, for sale of slaves
16 Dec 1825	Minutes of meeting of the stockholders of the Cape Girardeau Mill Co., Charles G. Ellis, President.
21 Dec 1825	Minutes of meetings of the stockholders of the Cape Girardeau Mill Co., Charles G. Ellis, President
11 Sep 1826	Minutes of meeting of the stockholders of the Cape Girardeau Mill Co., Charles G. Ellis, President.
1825-1828	Wathen payment of taxes and county levy records
04 Mar 1827	Account of C. G. Ellis with S. B. [?]
Apr 1829-Dec 1830	Statement of goods bought from Ellis & Judens
20 Apr 1836	Note for bearer to receive weather boarding from Ellis & Cannon
21 Jun 1837	Account of Wathen & Bostick with McCord, Young and Co.
13 Oct 1838	Account of Ellis & Fulkerson with Doremus Luydums
29 Nov 1838	Draft of petition to establish a branch of the State Bank in Cape Girardeau, MO
Aug 1839-Jan 1840	Account of J. R. Wathen with Deane & McKnight
28 Mar 1840	Promissory note by Will C. Ranney to W. McGuire
09 Mar 1899	Letter to R. G. Ranney from Pension Bureau of U. S. Department of Interior, Washington, D. C., concerning dissolution of partnership with P. C. Cooter.
09 Jan 1904	Bill for medical services rendered Mrs. M. R. Wathen by W. J. Rolston, M. D.

**Folder 6: Legal papers, 1794-1906.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
25 Oct 1794	Receipt to Edward Wathan for settlement of suits brought by Robert Greene
1795	Bills to Edward Wathan for legal representation by J. M. Gantt
18 Feb 1805	Address by "The Farmer," concerning the administration of the court of Columbia County, Georgia
09 Jul 1805	Court judgement against Charles G. Ellis, Columbia Co., GA
06 Aug 1805	Sheriff's sale of slaves belonging to Charles G. & Elizabeth Ellis, as settlement of suit brought by Garah Davis, Columbia Co., GA
20 Sep 1805	Receipt concerning suit of William Ogle vs. William Barnett
16 Sep 1806-22 Sep 1810	Administrator's bonds filed by James Bradey & Fanny Waters

10 May 1808	Contract for sale of slaves and household property by Elisha Ellis to Erasmus Ellis, Ste. Genevieve District, Louisiana Territory.
26 Oct 1809	Contract for sale of slaves by Solomon and Elisha Ellis to Erasmus Ellis, Cape Girardeau District, Louisiana Territory.
28 Dec 1809	Proceedings in the case of Erasmus Ellis vs. Richard Davis, John Hay, Peter Craig, Andrew Ramsey et al. Cape Girardeau District, Louisiana Territory.
13 Oct 1813	Power of attorney to Charles G. Ellis and John Scott, Missouri Territory, by Thomas W. Cobb, administrator of the estate of William Beckham, Oglethorpe Co., GA. Concerns property from estate taken to Missouri by Catharine Beckham.
-Dec 1818	Receipt to Charles G. Ellis, attorney for Garah Davis, in case of Davis vs. John C. Harbison
04 Feb 1819	Contract for transfer of slaves by Margaret Ellis to James Ellis, Cape Girardeau, Missouri Territory.
01 Jan 1821	Agreement between Thomas W. Graves and Samuel Ravenscroft administrators of the estate of Levi Wolverton, and Charles G. Ellis, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. For rental of houses in Cape Girardeau to Ellis.
05 Apr 1821	Judgement on Louis Lorimier vs. C. G. Ellis
19 Oct 1821	Receipt on money paid to A. Bukner
29 Oct 1821	Land transfer from Alexander Giboney to Robert and John Giboney, Cape Girardeau, MO
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21 Apr 1823	Constable's notice of sale of property of Morgan Byrne, Cape Girardeau Township, MO, to satisfy debt against him. Alfred P. Ellis, Constable.
29 Aug 1823	Notice to Alfred P. Ellis, Constable of Cape Girardeau Township, concerning a judgment against Charnel [sic] Glascock and John Whittenbrough, dec.
03 Sep 1823	Assets and liabilities of the firm of Frisel & Daugherty, Jackson, MO. Compiled for the administration of the estate of Joseph Frisel.
Aug 1824-12 Sep 1825	Court proceedings in the case of Charles G. Ellis, Assignee of James Evans, vs. Jonas N. Menefee. Jackson, MO
02 Nov 1824	Restraining order concerning the estate of Thomas Waters, Charles G. Ellis, Administrator, Jackson, MO
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18 Oct 1827	Merchant tax papers of Ralph Daugherty, Cape Girardeau Co., MO
28 Feb 1829	Bill of sale of negro slave by Josiah S. Ellis to Andrew Donovan. McNairy Co., TN
21 Apr 1829	Court document concerning the sale of land from the estate of Jonn J. D'lashmutt, Lindsey J. D'lashmutt. New Madrid Co., MO. The land was then sold to Ignatus and Richard Wathen, Jackson, MO.
29 Jun 1830	Transfer of share in Thomas W. Waters' estate by John Waters to Alfred P. Ellis, Cape Girardeau, MO
20 Jul 1830	Appointments of Levi L. Lightner, J. D'lashmutt, and Ezra J. Dutch as appraiser of the estate of Charles G. Ellis, Cape Girardeau County, MO
31 Mar 1832	Bill of sale for town lot in Jackson, MO by John Byrne and Amelia Byrne, Scott Co., MO to Richard Wathen, Scott Co., MO
09 Sep 1833	Bill of sale for town lot in Commerce, MO by Alfred P. Ellis & Fanny Ellis, Cape Girardeau, MO, to William and Samuel Gracy, Scott County, MO. The lot was formerly part of the estate of Charles G. Ellis
26 Mar 1836	List of prospective jurors in the case of Greenbury Magruder vs. George W. Bailey, Cape Girardeau Co., MO. Case handled by Jeremiah Ranney.
17 Dec 1836	Deed for sale of lot in Cape Girardeau, MO by Edgar and Hannah Maria Mason to Frederick Kretschmar.
Feb 1839	Quit claim deed for sale of part of "Iron Mountain Tract," St. Francois Co., MO., by James and Nancy (Bullitt) Bruce to Frank Allen and Hiram L. Sloan, Cape Girardeau County, Mo.
22 Feb 1839	A completed copy of above quit claim deed.

13 Jun 1840	"A list of hands for William Dougherty, overseer of Road District No.1, on the road from Jackson to Greenville..."
01 Jun 1841	Last will and testament of Alfred P. Ellis.
15 Apr 1903	Robert G. Ranney, Cape Girardeau, MO, to Robert Sturdivant, Tallapoosa, GA, concerning will of Maria R. Ranney
Sep 1903	Court proceedings in the case of Emma Wathen Ranney vs. Maud Field Brown, John T. Brown, Emma Field Brown, Ruth Field Clodfelter, Ralph Clodfelter, Frank Field, Connie Wathen, Bessie Wathen, Harley Wathen, and Robert G. Ranney, guardian for the last three named defendants, concerning the will of Maria R. Wathen.
26 Apr 1906	Land contract by Louisiana Giboney Wilson to Lutie Giboney Bahn, William C. Giboney and Richard L. Giboney. Cape Girardeau, MO
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Wilson, Alexander.  
Wilson, Louisa Giboney.  
Wise, Jacob.  
Witt, Joseph.  
Wolverton, Levi.  
Wolf, Adam.  
Woolf, Henry.  
Worthington, James.  
Worthington, Joseph.  
Worthington, Robert.  
Worthington, Samuel.  
Wright, Henry.  
Wright, Wallace.  
Wyant, Yost.  
Yesterday, Christian.

Yesterday, Conrad.  
 Yingland, Jacob.  
 Yingland, John.  
 Young, James D.  
 Young, Peter.  
 Zollinger, Peter.

### Correspondence List

#### Folder 1: Correspondence, 1787-1823

<u>Date</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Correspondents</u>
15 Sep 1787	Orange Co., VA	Thomas Weltch [sic] to "Friend"
16 Apr 1790	[Kentucky]	E. Welch to William Beckham
29 Jun 1798	Louisville, KY	J. L. Dixon to "Wife"
03 Jul 1798	Louisville, KY	J. L. Dixon to "Sir"
20 Jul 1798	Louisville, KY	J. L. Dixon to "Sir"
05 Oct 1799	Madison Co., VA	W. Welch to "Sister"
10 Oct 1802	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
08 Apr 1803	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
18 May 1804	n.p.	James Freeman to Thomas Cobb
09 Jun 1804	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
23 Jul 1804	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham,
	Columbia County, GA	
19 Jan 1805	Lexington, GA	[unsigned fragment]
25 Mar 1805	Liberty Hall	Charles G. Ellis to William Beckham
26 Oct 1806	Cape Girardeau District, Louisiana Territory	Lewis Cobb to Mr. &
		Mrs. William Beckham
27 Oct 1806	Cape Girardeau District, Louisiana Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to William
		Beckham
20 Dec 1807	n.p.	John C. Harbison to James Worthington
20 Jan 1807	Louisiana Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to "Son" Thomas W. Cobb
02 Feb 1807	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
02 Feb 1807	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to William
		Beckham
29 Mar 1807	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Charles & Elizabeth Ellis
		to William Beckham
20 Jul 1807	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Charles & Elizabeth Ellis
		to William Beckham
16 Oct 1807	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to
		Catharine Beckham
12 Dec 1807	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
ca. 1808	n.p.	Polly W. Cobb to William Beckham
ca. 1808	Lexington, GA	Polly W. Cobb to William Beckham
ca. 1808	n.p.	Mary S. Ellis to Catherine Beckham

ca. 1808	n.p.	Mary S. Ellis to Catherine Beckham & William Beckham
ca. 1808	Lexington, GA	Polly W. Cobb to William Beckham
05 Jan 1808	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Charles G. Ellis to William Beckham
06 Jan 1808	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Charles G. Ellis to William Beckham
20 Jan 1808	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to William Beckham
15 Feb 1808	Lexington, GA	Polly W. Cobb to William & Catharine Beckham
22 Jan 1808	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Charles and Elizabeth Ellis to William & Catharine Beckham
19 Aug 1808	Athens Co., GA	L. Sewell to William Beckham
05 Nov 1808	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to Charles G. Ellis, Cape Girardeau District, Upper Louisiana
05 Dec 1808	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
05 Jun 1809	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Catharine E. Cobb to William & Catharine Beckham
02 Sep 1809	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Catharine e. Cobb to William & Catharine Beckham
25 Oct 1809	Madison Co., [VA]	Nathaniel Welch to "Sister" Betsey & William Beckham
26 Feb 1810	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Catharine E. Cobb to William & Catharine Beckham
14 Apr 1810	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
29 Jun 1810	Fayette Co., KY	James Welch to "Brother"
08 Jul 1810	Cape Girardeau, Louisiana Territory	Catharine E. Cobb to William & Catharine Beckham
22 Dec 1810	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to William Beckham
01 Dec 1811	New Madrid, Louisiana Territory	Allen Ellis to Charles G. Ellis
07 Jun 1812	Jefferson Co., KY	Catharine E. Scott to William & Catharine Beckham
10 Sep 1812	Cape Girardeau, Missouri Territory	Elizabeth Ellis to William & Catharine Beckham
27 Sep 1812	Lexington, GA	Thomas W. Cobb to Catharine Beckham
24 Jan 1813	Cape Girardeau, Missouri Territory	Charles G. & Elizabeth Ellis to Catherine Beckham
24 May 1813	Cape Girardeau, Missouri Territory	Allen Ellis to Charles G. Ellis
21 Jul 1813	n.p.	Mary S. Ellis to Catharine Beckham
07 Aug 1813	Madison Co., VA	Nathaniel Welch to "Sister" Betsey
17 Nov 1813	Columbia Co., GA	James E. Welch to "Aunt" Catherine Beckham
31 Dec 1813	Columbia Co., GA	Nathaniel Welch to Catherine Beckham

01 Apr 1814 Ellis	New Orleans, Louisiana Territory	Allen Ellis to Charles G.
20 Apr 1814 Ellis	New Orleans, Louisiana Territory	Allen Ellis to Charles G.
05 May 1814	Lexington, GA	James E. Welch to Catharine Beckham
18 Aug 1814	Shawneetown [Ill. ?]	James E. Welch to Charles G. Ellis
24 Sep 1814 Hall, New York	Salem, Mass.	"Sister" Ellen to Mrs. Elizabeth Ranney, White
22 Oct 1814	Iberville Parish [near Baton Rouge]	Allen Ellis to Charles G. Ellis
09 Jun 1815	Gum Spring, [VA ?]	James Donnell to Charles G. Ellis
22 Aug 1815	Lexington, GA	James E. Welch to Charles G. Ellis
28 Oct 1815	"Great Crossing," [VA?]	J. Gayle to Charles G. Ellis
17 Jan 1816	Ste. Genevieve, MO	A. S. Hempstead to Charles G. Ellis
10 Apr 1816	Georgetown, D.C.	J. Gayle to Charles G. Ellis
12 Apr 1816	New Madrid, MO	Robert G. Dawson to Charles G. Ellis
23 Oct 1816	Georgetown, D.C.	J. Gayle to Charles G. Ellis
05 Jul 1816 G. Ellis	Spring Ferry on Missouri River, near St. Louis	E. Huntington to Charles
19 Jul 1816 Jeffersonville, IN	Boston, MA	Ellen H. Bailey to Elizabeth Ranney,
15 Mar 1818 Ranney	Salem, MA	Catharine Hathorne to "Sister" Elizabeth
16 Dec 1819 Girardeau, MO	Jonesboro, IL	Nimrod Menfee to Alfred P. Ellis, Cape
20 Sep 1820	Clarke Co., KY	Seany[?]Chrisham to "Sister"
15 Dec 1820 Ranney	Salem, MA	Catharine Hathorne to "Sister" Elizabeth
08 Mar 1821 Ranney	Boston, MA	Catharine Hathorne to "Sister" Elizabeth
14 Dec 1821	Salem, MA	Catharine Hathorne to Elizabeth Ranney
22 Jan 1823	Washington, D.C.	Jonathan Jennings to Col. Stephen Ranney

**Folder 2: Correspondence and personal papers, 1825-1867.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Correspondents</u>
01 Mar 1825	Jeffersonville, IN	Stephen Ranney to E. Hathorne
24 May 1825	n.p.	Elinor Waite to "Brother" John Waters
22 Jan 1827	Washington, D. C.	Jonathan Jennings to Stephen Ranney
28 Sep 1828	Alexander Co., IL	B. W. Brooks to Charles G. Ellis
28 Mar 1829	Columbia, GA	William Magruder to Charles G. Ellis
27 Jan 1830	Jonesboro, IL	Mort P. Bainbridge to Charles G. Ellis
25 Mar 1830	Jonesboro, IL	Mort P. Bainbridge to Charles G. Ellis
19 Apr 1830	Boston, MA	Adam Bailey, Jr. to "Cousin"
22 Aug 1830	Kaskaskia, IL	Sidney Breese to Alfred P. Ellis
12 Aug 1831	Washington Co., MO	Benjamin Wathen to "Brother"
1832	Herculaneum, MO	John Perry to Alfred P. Ellis

07 Apr 1833	Springfield [Illinois?]	John P. Medley to "Brother"
07 May 1833	Jackson, [MO]	John Gayle to William C. Ranney
23 Dec 1833	Georgetown, D.C.	John Baker to "Sir"
03 Apr 1834	Springfield	John & Elizabeth A. Wathen to "Brother"
05 Dec 1834	Petersburg, GA	Edwin (?) White to "Friend"
20 Aug 1836	Rushville	J. L. Scripps to William C. Ranney
23 Sep 1836	Jackson, MO	John Gayle to William C. Ranney, Bloomfield, MO
30 Oct 1836	Jackson, MO	John Gayle to William C. Ranney, Bloomfield, MO
Dec 1836	Jackson, MO	John Gayle to William C. Ranney, Bloomfield, MO
21 Mar 1838	Cape Girardeau Co., MO	N. W. Wathen to John L. Miller
19 Apr 1838	Boston, MA	Bailey Adams, Jr. to "Cousin"
29 May 1839	Brunswick, GA	"Uncle" H. A. Bride [?] to William C. Ranney
10 Mar 1840	New Madrid, MO	E. H. Bennett to William C. Ranney
27 Sep 1842	New Madrid, MO	E. H. Bennett to William c. Ranney
11 Jun 1843	Bloomfield, MO	William D. Taylor to William C. Ranney
07 Oct 1843	New Madrid, MO	William S. Moseley to William C. Ranney, Benton, MO
1843	Lamar, GA	M. B. Rouns [?] to "Friend"
02 Jan 1846	New Orleans, LA	Johnson Ranney to Emily Ranney
07 Feb 1846	n.p.	Fanny Green to "Mr. Wathen"
02 Jan 1846	New Orleans, LA	Johnson Ranney to Emily Ranney
07 Feb 1846	n.p.	Fanny Green to "Mr. Wathen"
12 Mar 1846	n.p.	Fanny Green to "Mr. Wathen"
05 Jan 1847	Cape Girardeau, MO	Johnson Ranney to Jeremiah Ranney
16 Feb 1847	New Orleans, LA	Johnson Ranney to Jeremiah Ranney
07 Feb 1848	Jackson, MO	Geraro [?] W. Davis to Johnson Ranney, New Orleans, LA
11 Jan 1850	Ste. Genevieve, MO	John Scott to William C. Ranney
15 Oct 1851	New York, NY	American Legal Association Certificate of Membership to William C. Ranney, Jackson, MO
Jun 1856	Bardstown, KY	D. W. Robinson to Emma Wathen
06 Feb 1860	Salem, MA [?]	Stephen Wheatland to William C. Ranney
19 Feb 1860	Cambridge, MA	Thomas N. Ranney to "Uncle" William C. Ranney
10 Nov 1866	St. Louis, MO	Frank Ranney to William C. Ranney
03 Nov 1867	Sulphur Springs, Ellis Co., TX	John H. Ranney to "Uncle" William C. Ranney,

### Folder 3: Correspondence and personal papers, 1890-1948.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Correspondents</u>
ca. 01 Mar 1898	Ranney	Maria J. Walker to Mr. & Mrs. Robert G.

09 Aug 1890	Kansas City, MO	S. S. Todd to Charles N. Mitchell
01 Oct 1893	Chicago, IL	Robert G. Ranney to Emma Wathen
30 Oct 1893	Brunswick Co., VA	Robert Sturdivant to R. G. R.
30 Oct 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
02 Nov 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
06 Nov 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
07 Nov 1893	Rose Dale [MO]	E. W. to R. G. R.
09 Nov 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
10 Nov 1893	Rose Dale [MO]	E. W. to R. G. R.
11 Nov 1893	Doyle's Station	R. G. R. to E. W.
12 Nov 1893	Rose Dale [MO]	E. W. to R. G. W.
13 Nov 1893	Cape Girardeau, MO	R. G. R. to E. W.
25 Nov 1893	Rose Dale [MO]	E. W. to R. G. R.
27 Nov 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
15 Dec 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
20 Dec 1893	Spring Farm [MO]	R. G. R. to E. W.
22 Dec 1893	Cape Girardeau, MO	S. Addison McElroy to R. G. R.
Jan 1894	Los Angeles, CA	"Cousin" Maria J. Walker to Mrs.
Robert G. Ranney		
06 Jan 1894	Brooklyn, NY	Olivia Maples Davis to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
17 Jan 1894	Cape Girardeau, MO	Marriage Certificate to Robert G. Ranney &
Emma A. Wathen		
19 Jan 1894	St. Louis, MO	Minnie [?] to Robert G. Ranney & Emma A.
Wathen		
01 Feb 1894	[?] MO	L. E. Jenkins to Robert G. Ranney
Jan 1895	Los Angeles, CA	Maria J. Walker to Mrs. Wathen and
Family		
ca. Mar 1898	Los Angeles, CA	Maria J. Walker to Mrs. Elizabeth
Ranney		
24 Jan 1899	St. Louis, MO	Mrs. J. G. Block to Mrs. M. R. Wathen
01 Mar 1899	St. Louis, MO	"Jennie" to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
1901	Los Angeles, CA	Maria J. Walker to Mr. & Mrs. Robert
G. Ranney		
14 Aug 1902	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
22 Sep 1902	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
29 Sep 1902	Los Angeles, CA	Fragment to Mrs. Emmet A. Ranney
06 Oct 1902	LaJunta, CO	Maud to "Aunt" Emma
27 Oct 1902	Cynthiana, KY	S. Addison McElroy to "Miss Emma"
15 Nov 1902	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
27 Apr 1903	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Emma G. Ranney
20 May 1903	Cape Girardeau, MO	R. B. Oliver to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
12 Jan 1904	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
04 Nov 1904	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
08 Jun 1905	Tallapoosa, GA	Robert Sturdivant to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
14 Oct 1905	Tallapoosa, GA	Rebe E. Punyear [?] to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
24 Oct 1905	Tallapoosa, GA	Rebe E. Punyear [?] to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney



28 Feb 1906	Tallapoosa, GA	Rebe E. Punyear [?] to Mrs. Emma W. Ranney
11 Dec 1909	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
08 Feb 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
10 Feb 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
14 Feb 1910	Warren, AK	Maria Lucas Swanner to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
15 Feb 1910	Harlem, GA	M. S. Williams to George Scott, Dubuque, IA
22 Feb 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
23 Feb 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
23 Feb 1910	Harlem, GA	M. S. Williams to Postmaster of Cape Girardeau, MO
08 Mar 1910	Los Angeles, CA	M. S. Walker to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
16 Mar 1910	Brinktown, MO	Thomas F. Waters to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
19 Mar 1910	Harlem, GA	M. S. Williams to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
(fragment)		
27 Mar 1910	Colorado Springs	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
01 Apr 1910	Brenham, TX	-- to Mrs. Robert G., Ranney (fragments)
10 Apr 1910	Brinktown, MO	Thomas F. Waters to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
19 Apr 1910	Newberry, SC	Harry W. Dominick to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
24 Apr 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
24 Apr 1910	Dubuque, IA	George D. Scott to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
05 May 1910	Harlem, GA	M. S. Williams to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
17 May 1910	Los Angeles, CA	[M.S. Walker] to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
18 May 1910	Atlanta, GA	H. M. Milam to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
03 Aug 1910	Colorado Springs, CO	James Hutchinson Kerr to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
07 Aug 1910	Brinktown, MO	Thomas F. Waters to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
10 Aug 1910	Harlem, GA	M. S. Williams to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
25 Sep 1910	Brinktown, GA	Thomas J. Waters to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
18 Dec 1910	Benton, MO	Josephine Phelps to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
26 Jul 1911	Lexington, MO	Thomas W. Cobb to Mr5s. Robert G. Ranney
11 Dec 1912	Cape Girardeau, MO	Certificate of Election of Robert G. Ranney as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
24 Aug 1915	Woodruff, SC	S. H. Calvert to Mrs. Robert G. Ranney
06 Dec 1948	Cape Girardeau MO	Unsigned letter to Dr. J. L. Jenkins, Jackson, MO

**Folder 4: Correspondence (Fragments no list)****Folder 5: Miscellaneous business items, 1787-1904**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
01 Jun 1787	Settlement of note by Ignatius Warthen to Miss De Drusina Ritter S. Clark[?]. Note was settled by Edward Warthings.
02 Jul 1787	Receipt to Edward Wathen for payment to Gust. Brown.
25 Jul 1787	Receipt to Edward Wathen for one hogshead of tobacco at Georgetown warehouse.
26 Nov 1789	Tax receipt to Edward Warthen.
06 Apr 1790	Promissory note by Joseph Cassion, Augusta, GA, to Solomon Ellis
02 Jul 1790	Receipt for tobacco to Edward Wathen by Samuel Hepburn
08 Feb 1791	Receipt to Edward Wathan by Edward Diggs.
12 Jul 1792	Receipt for tobacco, to Edward Wathen by Samuel Hapburn
04 Aug 1794	Receipt to Edward Warthing for the account of John Ignatus and Edward Warthing.
1794-1798	Account of Edward Warthen with Benjamin Ray
May 1795	County tax receipt to Edward Wathan.
23 Nov 1795	Account of Edward Wathan with Waring & Millars.
23 Apr 1796	Tax receipt to Edward Warthen
17 Feb 1797	Receipt to Edward Worthan for balance owed B. Beall
31 Jun 1798	Promissory note of Edward [Wathen?] to John Clarke
Oct 1798-Jul 1800	Account of William Ogle with John Stapleton
19 Apr 1799	Receipt to Edward Wathen for payment on account with Waring and Millard, Georgetown [D.C. or Kentucky]
19 Dec 1799	Receipt to Joseph Wathen for money received for the use of Edward Wathen
1799-1800	County tax receipt to Edward Wathen
Mar 1800-Jan 1801	Settlement of account of William Ogle with Benjamin Craycroft
21 Mar 1800	Account of William Ogle with John Wayman
Mar 1800-Mar 1801	Account of William Ogle with Ignatius West
04 Aug 1800	Land lease paper by John Benson
Sep 1800-Mar 1801	Account of William Ogle with Richard Turner
09 May 1801	Receipt to Edward Wathen for money on account for H. Martin
09 Nov 1804	Promise to pay from Edward Wathen to Christian Stoner
Nov 1802-May 1804	Account of William Ogle with Charles G. Ellis
18 Jan 1806	Account of Doctor Davies, Savannah, [MO]
13 Nov 1806	Promise to pay from James Curren to William Ogle
Nov 1806-May 1809	Statement of Morgan Byrnes to Charles G. Ellis, attorney for G. Davis
09 Apr 1808	Receipt to Solomon Ellis for horses kept for Wm. Daniels
Dec 1808-Mar 1809	Account of Capt. Charles G. Ellis with Martin & McKeever
17 May 1810	Bill of sale, money received from Charles G. Ellis for furniture
Jan-Feb 1813	Account of Alexander Wilson with George W. Goodrich
08 Apr 1813	Receipt of Charles G. Ellis for money paid to J. McFerron received by Zenas Priest.
31 Mar 1815	Account of Samuel Morrison with C. G. Ellis
Apr 1818-Jan 1819	Account of Doctor Jonas N. Menefee with Charles G. Ellis.

Feb 1819-Jul 1819	Account of Thomas Fletcher with C. G. Ellis
04 Aug 1820	Account of C. G. Ellis with Charles R. Ross
ca. 1825	A list of towns in Cape Girardeau, MO owned by Alfred P. Ellis
01 Feb 1825	Account of George Henderson with Francis Haggerty, for sale of slaves
16 Dec 1825	Minutes of meeting of the stockholders of the Cape Girardeau Mill Co., Charles G. Ellis, President.
21 Dec 1825	Minutes of meetings of the stockholders of the Cape Girardeau Mill Co., Charles G. Ellis, President
11 Sep 1826	Minutes of meeting of the stockholders of the Cape Girardeau Mill Co., Charles G. Ellis, President.
1825-1828	Wathen payment of taxes and county levy records
04 Mar 1827	Account of C. G. Ellis with S. B. [?]
Apr 1829-Dec 1830	Statement of goods bought from Ellis & Judens
20 Apr 1836	Note for bearer to receive weather boarding from Ellis & Cannon
21 Jun 1837	Account of Wathen & Bostick with McCord, Young and Co.
13 Oct 1838	Account of Ellis & Fulkerson with Doremus Luydums
29 Nov 1838	Draft of petition to establish a branch of the State Bank in Cape Girardeau, MO
Aug 1839-Jan 1840	Account of J. R. Wathen with Deane & McKnight
28 Mar 1840	Promissory note by Will C. Ranney to W. McGuire
09 Mar 1899	Letter to R. G. Ranney from Pension Bureau of U. S. Department of Interior, Washington, D. C., concerning dissolution of partnership with P. C. Cooter.
09 Jan 1904	Bill for medical services rendered Mrs. M. R. Wathen by W. J. Rolston, M. D.

#### **Folder 6: Legal papers, 1794-1906.**

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Remarks</b></u>
25 Oct 1794	Receipt to Edward Wathan for settlement of suits brought by Robert Greene
1795	Bills to Edward Wathan for legal representation by J. M. Gantt
18 Feb 1805	Address by "The Farmer," concerning the administration of the court of Columbia County, Georgia
09 Jul 1805	Court judgement against Charles G. Ellis, Columbia Co., GA
06 Aug 1805	Sheriff's sale of slaves belonging to Charles G. & Elizabeth Ellis, as settlement of suit brought by Garah Davis, Columbia Co., GA
20 Sep 1805	Receipt concerning suit of William Ogle vs. William Barnett
16 Sep 1806-22 Sep 1810	Administrator's bonds filed by James Bradey & Fanny Waters
10 May 1808	Contract for sale of slaves and household property by Elisha Ellis to Erasmus Ellis, Ste. Genevieve District, Louisiana Territory.
26 Oct 1809	Contract for sale of slaves by Solomon and Elisha Ellis to Erasmus Ellis, Cape Girardeau District, Louisiana Territory.
28 Dec 1809	Proceedings in the case of Erasmus Ellis vs. Richard Davis, John Hay, Peter Craig, Andrew Ramsey et al. Cape Girardeau District, Louisiana Territory.

13 Oct 1813            Power of attorney to Charles G. Ellis and John Scott, Missouri Territory, by Thomas W. Cobb, administrator of the estate of William Beckham, Oglethorpe Co., GA. Concerns property from estate taken to Missouri by Catharine Beckham.

-Dec 1818            Receipt to Charles G. Ellis, attorney for Garah Davis, in case of Davis vs. John C. Harbison

04 Feb 1819            Contract for transfer of slaves by Margaret Ellis to James Ellis, Cape Girardeau, Missouri Territory.

01 Jan 1821            Agreement between Thomas W. Graves and Samuel Ravenscroft administrators of the estate of Levi Wolverton, and Charles G. Ellis, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. For rental of houses in Cape Girardeau to Ellis.

05 Apr 1821            Judgement on Louis Lorimier vs. C. G. Ellis

19 Oct 1821            Receipt on money paid to A. Bukner

29 Oct 1821            Land transfer from Alexander Giboney to Robert and John Giboney, Cape Girardeau, MO

29 Oct 1821            Contract for Land transfer from John Giboney to Robert Giboney, Cape Girardeau, MO

21 Apr 1823            Constable's notice of sale of property of Morgan Byrne, Cape Girardeau Township, MO, to satisfy debt against him. Alfred P. Ellis, Constable.

29 Aug 1823            Notice to Alfred P. Ellis, Constable of Cape Girardeau Township, concerning a judgment against Charnel [sic] Glascock and John Whittenbrough, dec.

03 Sep 1823            Assets and liabilities of the firm of Frisel & Daugherty, Jackson, MO. Compiled for the administration of the estate of Joseph Frisel.

Aug 1824-12 Sep 1825    Court proceedings in the case of Charles G. Ellis, Assignee of James Evans, vs. Jonas N. Menefee. Jackson, MO

02 Nov 1824            Restraining order concerning the estate of Thomas Waters, Charles G. Ellis, Administrator, Jackson, MO

1826                    Bill of costs in suit of Charles G. Ellis vs. Enoch Evans.

18 Oct 1827            Merchant tax papers of Ralph Daugherty, Cape Girardeau Co., MO

28 Feb 1829            Bill of sale of negro slave by Josiah S. Ellis to Andrew Donovan. McNairy Co., TN

21 Apr 1829            Court document concerning the sale of land from the estate of Jonn J. D'lashmutt, Lindsey J. D'lashmutt. New Madrid Co., MO. The land was then sold to Ignatus and Richard Wathen, Jackson, MO.

29 Jun 1830            Transfer of share in Thomas W. Waters' estate by John Waters to Alfred P. Ellis, Cape Girardeau, MO

20 Jul 1830            Appointments of Levi L. Lightner, J. D'lashmutt, and Ezra J. Dutch as appraiser of the estate of Charles G. Ellis, Cape Girardeau County, MO

31 Mar 1832            Bill of sale for town lot in Jackson, MO by John Byrne and Amelia Byrne, Scott Co., MO to Richard Wathen, Scott Co., MO

09 Sep 1833            Bill of sale for town lot in Commerce, MO by Alfred P. Ellis & Fanny Ellis, Cape Girardeau, MO, to William and Samuel Gracy, Scott County, MO. The lot was formerly part of the estate of Charles G. Ellis

26 Mar 1836            List of prospective jurors in the case of Greenbury Magruder vs. George W. Bailey, Cape Girardeau Co., MO. Case handled by Jeremiah Ranney.

17 Dec 1836            Deed for sale of lot in Cape Girardeau, MO by Edgar and Hannah Maria Mason to Frederick Kretschmar.

Feb 1839               Quit claim deed for sale of part of "Iron Mountain Tract," St. Francois Co., MO., by James and Nancy (Bullitt) Bruce to Frank Allen and Hiram L. Sloan, Cape Girardeau County, Mo.

22 Feb 1839           A completed copy of above quit claim deed.

13 Jun 1840           "A list of hands for William Dougherty, overseer of Road District No.1, on the road from Jackson to Greenville..."

01 Jun 1841           Last will and testament of Alfred P. Ellis.

15 Apr 1903           Robert G. Ranney, Cape Girardeau, MO, to Robert Sturdivant, Tallapoosa, GA, concerning will of Maria R. Ranney

Sep 1903              Court proceedings in the case of Emma Wathen Ranney vs. Maud Field Brown, John T. Brown, Emma Field Brown, Ruth Field Clodfelter, Ralph Clodfelter, Frank Field, Connie Wathen, Bessie Wathen, Harley Wathen, and Robert G. Ranney, guardian for the last three named defendants, concerning the will of Maria R. Wathen.

26 Apr 1906           Land contract by Louisiana Giboney Wilson to Lutie Giboney Bahn, William C. Giboney and Richard L. Giboney. Cape Girardeau, MO

08 Nov 1906           Warranty deed by Louisa Giboney Wilson to Lutie Giboney Bahn, William L. Giboney and Richard L. Giboney.

**Folder 8: Obituaries and death notices, 1899-1933.**

Brown, Amanda M. Giboney (Mrs. Wilson Brown)  
Ranney, Elizabeth M.  
Ranney, Emma Wathen           (Mrs. Robert G. Ranney)  
Ranney, Hettie Gaither       (Mrs. Herbert H. Ranney)  
Ranney, Robert Giboney  
Ranney, William Caton  
Sperling, Sarah D.           (Mrs. Blucher Sperling)  
Sturdivant, Robert  
Wathen, Maria Rebecca Ellis (Mrs. Ignatus R. Wathen)  
Way, Mary Ann Ellis         (Mrs. James C. Way)