



Washington County, Missouri Tax Assessment Records (R0271)

Collection Number: R0271

Collection Title: Washington County, Missouri Tax Assessment Records

Dates: circa 1854-1855

Creator: Washington County (Mo.)

Abstract: The Washington County, Missouri Tax Assessment Records contain a microfilm copy of a record assessment on personal property in Belleview and Union townships in Washington County, Missouri. Real estate, enslaved persons, cash, and miscellaneous property are listed.

Collection Size: (1 roll of microfilm)

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 records were loaned for microfilming to the University of Missouri by the Mine au Breton Historical Society on September 18, 1985 (Accession No. RA0309).

Custodial History: The Mine au Breton Historical Society holds this volume at its museum in Potosi. It was microfilmed by the Missouri State Archives in 1985, and a copy of the microfilm was donated to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Rolla by the historical society.

Other finding aid: A name index is available in the collection's administration folder.

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Historical Note:

Washington County, Missouri was organized August 21, 1813 out of Sainte Genevieve County. European exploration occurred in the early 18th century with families settling near what would become Potosi, the county seat, in 1802.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a record assessment on personal property in Belleview and Union townships in Washington County, Missouri. This assessment book begins with a two-page statement of "Object of Taxation, 1854," which is a copy of revenue laws enacted by the Washington County Court during the session of 1848-1849. All males between the ages of 21 and 55 were designated as liable for taxation on a wide range of personal possessions. Those enumerated in the volume are enslaved persons, mills, miscellaneous property, cash and notes, and land holdings. Enslaved persons and acreage have values included. Legal descriptions of land and its original claimants are also noted. Columns for total taxation and the state tax due are unfilled. The volume lists individuals in Union Township, northeast of the county seat at Potosi, and Belleview Township in the extreme southeastern corner of Washington County.

Container List:

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