



## **Dale-Wise Family Papers (SP0091)**

**Collection Number:** SP0091

**Collection Title:** Dale-Wise Family Papers

**Dates:** 1852-1905

**Creator:** Dale, Robert Jesse, 1820-1910

**Abstract:** The Dale-Wise Family Papers contains the personal papers of Robert Dale of Jasper County, Missouri, and property deeds from Jasper and Moniteau counties. The collection also includes correspondence addressed to Robert Dale and his daughter Ann Wise.

**Collection Size:** 0.5 cubic foot  
(9 folders)

**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-Springfield](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [springfield@shsmo.org](mailto:springfield@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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### **Biographical Note:**

Robert Jesse Dale was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, on March 15, 1820, to Elijah Dale and Frances Shelton. In 1824, the Dale family moved to Boone County, Missouri. Robert Dale moved to Jasper County, Missouri, in 1838, where he engaged in farming. He married Olive Cox

on June 27, 1843, and the couple had five children: George, Ann, Permilia, Martha, and Henry. In 1848, Dale helped establish Peace Church, the first Baptist church in Jasper County. After the Civil War, he was elected Deacon of Spring River Baptist Church in Joplin and later became secretary and treasurer of the mission board. Prior to his work in the church, Dale sold clocks and general merchandise for D. H. Thomas & Company from 1852 to 1854. During the Civil War, the Dale house was attacked by guerrilla soldiers on June 21, 1863, which led the family to relocate to Neosho and later California, Missouri. When the war ended, Dale and his family returned to Jasper County, where Olive Dale died on February 5, 1897. Robert Dale remarried to Mary Long on May 20, 1897, in Carthage, Missouri. Robert Dale died on May 21, 1910. He is buried next to his first wife, Olive, at Park Cemetery in Carthage.

Ann Frances (Dale) Wise was born in Joplin, Missouri, on March 24, 1851, to Robert and Olive Dale. She married Andrew Moore Wise in California, Missouri, on March 15, 1871, and the couple had three children: May, Hal, and Orville. After serving in the Union Army during the Civil War, Andrew became ill, and the family moved to Canon City, Colorado, in hopes of improving his condition. Andrew did not recover, and on October 26, 1878, he passed away. In November of 1878, Ann and her children moved to Carthage, Missouri, where she would live the remainder of her life. Ann Wise died on July 31, 1943, and is buried at Park Cemetery in Carthage.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into 9 folders.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The bulk of this collection consists of correspondence written to Robert Dale and his daughter, Ann Wise, by relatives and business associates. Subjects covered in the letters include family updates, financial inquiries, and mission assignments pertaining to Baptist churches in Jasper County. The collection also contains legal documents such as land deeds, deeds of trust, and mortgage contracts for properties in Jasper, Newton, and Moniteau counties, as well as insurance records for Dale family properties. Robert Dale's personal papers consist of booklets from the Missouri chapter of the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, advertisements for the Missouri Baptist General Association, and handwritten notes. Of particular note, is Robert Dale's financial ledger that contains a record of clocks and merchandise that he sold between 1852 and 1853. The collection is arranged by subject and then chronologically.

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