



Samuel Montgomery Papers (CG0014)

Collection Number: CG0014

Collection Title: Samuel Montgomery Papers

Dates: 1854-1865, 1887

Creator: Montgomery, Samuel, 1810-1885

Abstract: The Samuel Montgomery Papers contain Civil War correspondence, military documents, and family genealogy information.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(3 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Samuel Montgomery was born November 1, 1810, to Robert C. Montgomery and Rachel Bohannon in Gallatin County, Kentucky. In 1836, he married Susan H. Bacon, they had seven children. During the Mexican War, he served as captain of Company T, 1st Illinois Infantry under Colonel John J. Hardin. After the war, he became a merchant in Mexico for a few years prior to moving to Winchester, Illinois, by 1850. Prior to the Civil War, he moved his family to Georgetown, Missouri, in Pettis County. He married his second wife, Martha Myrtella Owen Walker, on October 18, 1863, in Bloomfield, Missouri. Five children were born to this union.

During the Civil War, Montgomery served as major in the Union Army. He was assigned to the Second Battalion, Sixth Missouri Calvary Volunteers. He fought at the battles of Wilson's Creek, Prairie Grove, and Pea Ridge. In fall of 1863, he commanded the military post at Bloomfield, Missouri. In October of that year, three officers under Montgomery's command attempted to remove Montgomery and assume command of the post. These acts led to the officers being court-martialed for mutiny and other acts unbecoming an officer. All of the men charged were found guilty and Montgomery remained in command of the post.

After the Civil War, Samuel and Mattie Montgomery remained in Bloomfield. He served as mayor, member of the public school board, and county court judge.

Montgomery died on December 30, 1885, in Bloomfield, Missouri. He is buried in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single series.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains correspondences between Samuel Montgomery and his wife, Martha Myrtella "Mattie" Owen Walker from 1863 to 1864 and Rueben Pickett Owen and his daughter, Mattie, from 1854 to 1855. Other correspondence includes letters from Montgomery to Missouri Governor Thomas C. Reynolds and his resignation as Major in September 1864. Of interest is a letter from former Confederate surgeon who was a prisoner of war, John Franklin Yancey requesting his surgical instruments and sword be returned to him. He was held at a private home during his captivity.

Also included in this collection is a report of captured food turned over by Confederate Captain Henry A. Sittleton, invoices and quarterly reports for clothing, quartermaster stores, and ordnance for Montgomery's 6th Missouri Calvary from 1862 to 1864.

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