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## Early Missouri Territory and State Personal and Legal Papers

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### Collection Summary

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### Content Note

The Early Missouri Territory and State Personal Legal Papers contain legal documents dating from 1785 to 1898. These documents concern the legal troubles and opportunities of the early settlers of Missouri around the St. Louis and St Charles areas. Such prominent people as Auguste and Pierre Chouteau, William Clark, Manuel Lisa, Jean Gabriel Cerre, George Drouillard, Alexander McNair, and Pierre Menard are mentioned in these manuscripts. These documents contain security bonds, promissory notes, lawsuits, bill of sale, deeds of emancipation, land surveys and other such legal activity.

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### Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	Contains a sheet of paper dated November 18, 1785 from Sloop Yarmouth and a property appraisal of the estate of James Mossman to the estate of
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Samuel B. Beecraft dated from March 19, 1799 to May 1801.

Box 1	FF 2	Contains a document written in Spanish and English stating that Gabriel Cerré sold some property to John and Nicolas St. Andre dated June 16, 1802; a document allowing Antoine Fanis Administrator of the deceased Pierre Dupny's estate dated January 25, 1805; a document written in French dated September 10, 1805; and a document written in French dated May 13, 1809.
Box 1	FF 3	Contains a document from the St. Charles Court of Common Pleas, October term, 1806 of a Robert Burns vs. Bazil Hibert for trespassing; a promissory note from Fields Preceitt to Nicolas Jarrot dated August 7, 1806 and the fulfillment of the promise dated January 6, 1807; and other legal documents written in French dated in 1807.
Box 1	FF 4	Contains a list of articles sold from the property of Henry Biggs dated April 27, 1808 and other legal notes written in French and one in English dated in 1808. One French note was signed by G. Cerre dated June 1808 who was a notable early St. Louis figure.
Box 1	FF 5	Contains promissory notes and bond notes to the sheriff of St. Louis. There is also a certificate from William C. C. Claiborne governor of the Territory of Orleans naming P. Colsson as Justice of the Peace of New Orleans dated May 13, 1809, a bond note dated June 2, 1809 stating that George Drouillard (scout of the Lewis and Clark Expedition) and Pierre Menard (Missouri Fur Company) owed money to the sheriff of St. Louis, and a law suit dated August 9, 1809 of Franois Duchouquit against Manuel Lisa (prominent fur trader).
Box 1	FF 6	Contains promissory notes and bond notes dated 1810. There are a couple of bond noted dated March 12, 1810 and December 27, 1810 where Auguste Chouteau is asked to appear before the Court of Common Pleas in St. Louis to pay off debts of estates of which he acted as administrator and executor. Alexander McNair was sheriff, who later became governor of Missouri.
Box 1	FF 7	Contains promissory notes and bond notes dated 1811 from the Court of Common Pleas in St. Louis.
Box 1	FF 8	Contains promissory notes and bond notes dated 1812 from the Court of Common Pleas in St. Louis where Alexander McNair was sheriff, and a note stating that Narau Austin owed William Clark some money dated June 21, 1812.
Box 1	FF 9	Contains the physicians bill of Mrs. Auguste Chouteau of 1813-1814 dated December 31, 1814.
Box 1	FF 10	Contains promissory notes, lawsuits, and/or bills filed with the Court of Common Pleas dated 1813-1815.
Box 1	FF 11	Contains three documents related to the bills owed to Joseph Perrot from the Francis Dirquette estate dated 2-12-1816, 3-12-1816, and 3-15-1816; a bond note saying that Samuel Solomon and Pascel Cerre owe one hundred dollars to George Thompson dated 4-19-1816, and other documents containing estate appraisals and bills of debt dated 7-22-1817, 10-18-1817, 12-14-1817, 3-14-1818, and 4-24-1818.

Box 1	FF 12	Contains one document of the appraisal of "Widow" Bisonette by the administrator Gabrielle Latreille dated 2-20-1819; two documents that are a lawsuit against Jon Jones by Auguste Chouteau, Pierre Chouteau, Jerimiah Connor, Thomas McGuise and J. Baptiste Belceour for damages of not building a Roman Catholic cathedral in St. Louis the right way; and documents relating to a lawsuit and estate appraisal dated 1820.
Box 1	FF 13	Contains documents that are promissory notes, bills of sale, debts, and legal documents dated from 1820 to 1824.
Box 1	FF 14	Contains one document that the estate of Andrew Downing owed 24 dollars dated 5-12-1826; four documents relating to the appraisal and debts of the late Susan Santos Dubeiul's estate dated 4-13-1826, 8-21-1826, 8-9-1827; one document dated 6-21-1827 stating Mary Lisa is the sole heir of Manuel Lisa's estate; and two documents that are lawsuits against Rebecca Pencomeau by John Reynolds, Rene M. Lacroix and Adeling Lacroix dated 4-9-1828 and 2-24 1828.
Box 1	FF 15	Contains mostly documents that are promissory notes or bills of sale dated 8-12-1830, 5-12-1830, 8-27-1831, and 12-2-1832; and one document registering negro slaves in Randolph County, Illinois, dated 6-14-1831.
Box 1	FF 16	Contains promissory notes, bills of debt, or estate appraisals dated 1837 to 1839; and a land survey report dated 8-11-1838 that has the land of Auguste Chouteau marked out among others.
Box 1	FF 17	Contains various documents such as a property inventory, land survey and a deed of emancipation dated 6-27-1840, 10-15-1841, 6-19-1844, and 11-21-1849.
Box 1	FF 18	Contains promissory notes dated from 8-25-1846 to 10-2-1847 from Danah and Pomeroy to various creditors.
Box 1	FF 19	Contains one document that is a marriage certificate dated 2-19-1850 written in French; one document that is a certification of authenticity for Andrew D. Duff by the Franklin County Court, Illinois dated 3-23-1850; one document that is a deed of emancipation dated 11-19-1850; five documents done by Surveyor's Office of Saint Charles County Missouri to the county Court for Peter Chouteau dated 5-11-1850 and 9-27-1850; and seven documents relating to the lawsuit against Steamboat Timoleon by Fleming Clavert dated 3-11-1850, 3-23-1850 and 9-4-1849 filed in the Circuit Court in the County of St. Louis, Missouri and in Benton, Franklin County, Illinois.
Box 1	FF 20	Contains two documents dealing with property inheritance of the Charles Busch family in the Circuit Court of St. Charles County Missouri dated September 1851 and June 14, 1856; three documents relating to the sale of the John Biehle estate for the use of his heirs dated 12-30-1856, 5-9-1857 and 6-9-1857 filed in the County Court of St. Charles, Missouri; and two documents by the Seanitt and Mason Furniture and Upholstery Company of St. Louis informing B. F. Child that they found his tax receipt, dated 12-15-1858.
Box 1	FF 21	Contains a promissory note by Lindenwood Female College to pay John P. Gill a sum of \$485.73 dated 6-7-1861; three documents relating to a lawsuit against the North Missouri Railroad company by John B. Allen in the Circuit Court of St. Charles Missouri dated March 8 and 13, 1867.

Box 1	FF 22	Contains several documents from various businesses in St. Charles, Missouri which are business receipts dating from May 26, 1877 to July 21, 1886.
Box 1	FF 23	Contains one document that is a character reference for George Burlugh by F. H. Achelpohl, D.M.D. dated July 31, 1897 from St. Charles, Missouri; and one document from Henry Troll, sheriff of St. Louis, Missouri dated September 5, 1898.
Box 1	FF 24	Contains one document from R. H. Paxton date August 26, (?) which seems to be a bill of sale for land.

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