Collection Summary

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Content Note

The William L. McMillen Papers contain documents from the Russian government informing Dr. McMillen that he was rewarded for services to the Imperial Army in Finland, as a surgeon during the Crimean War. He was awarded Knighthood to the order of St. Stanislaus by Alexander III, Czar of Russia. These documents date from 1857 and 1927. Later McMillen became a Major General in the United States Army during the Civil War. He was an uncle of the late William T. Watson of Wichita.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Box 1 FF 1 Contains a document from the Department of Law of the City of Wichita, Kansas (1927) informing the reader that Dr. William L. McMillen was awarded as a Knight of the Order of St. Stanislaus by Alexander III, Czar of
Russia, as a reward for services to the Imperial Army in Finland, as a surgeon, during the Crimean War. It also gives the translation of the Russian document and says that Dr. McMillen, afterwards became Major General in the United States Army during the Civil War and was an uncle to the late William T. Watson of Wichita.

Box 1 FF 2 Contains documents of transmittal from the Russian Ambassador at Washington, August 27, 1857 as well as from officers of the Order of St. Stanislaus in Russia, March 11, 1857.

Box 1 FF 3 Contains the Russian document from Alexander III, Czar of Russia, awarding knighthood upon Dr. William L. McMillen, dated October 11, 1857 from St. Petersburg, Russia.


Box 1 FF 5 Contains an explanation that John Y. Mason became a Confederate Commissioner and was taken off a British ship “Trent” by Captain Wilkes of the United States Navy which became to be known as the “Trent Affair” and almost caused a war between the U. S. and Great Britain.

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