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### Nathan Boone Papers

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#### Collection Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Nathan Boone Papers
<b>Call Number:</b>	MS 88-11
<b>Size:</b>	0.25 linear feet
<b>Acquisition:</b>	Purchased from the William Reese Company
<b>Processed By:</b>	LTM, 9-1-1987; JEF, 2-4-1998; MN, 5-24-2010
<b>Note:</b>	None
<b>Restrictions:</b>	None

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#### Content Note

The collection contains a copy of Nathan Boone's journal of his expedition through the areas now known as Oklahoma and Kansas from May 14 to July 31, 1843. It describes the many topographical, geological and geographical points of interest, the various flora and fauna of the region, the contacts that his expedition had with the Osage Indians, and the difficulties that he and his troops encountered on the journey. Also included are copies of a map showing his route and secondary sources concerning the expedition and the Boone family.

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#### Biography

Nathan Boone was the youngest child of Daniel Boone, the pioneer of the Kentucky frontier. In 1796, Nathan with his family moved to what is now the state of Missouri. During the War of 1812 he was a captain of a company of Missouri volunteers. In 1820, Nathan was elected as a delegate to the state constitutional convention. After his service to the state, he accepted a commission as a captain in the 1st Regiment U.S. Dragoons. After entrance

into the army, he spent much of his time on the border and in Indian territory of that period. He retired as a lieutenant-colonel after spending 20 years of service in the army. He died in 1857 on his farm in Missouri.

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## Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	Contains a 48 page handwritten manuscript copy of the journal kept by Captain Nathan Boone during a march on the Southwest prairies (Oklahoma and Kansas) from May 14 to July 31, 1843. Boone describes the topographical, geological and geographical points of interest, the flora and fauna of the region, the contacts that his expedition had with the Osage Indians, and difficulties that he and his troops encountered on the journey.
Box 1	FF 2	Contains a photocopied article from the <i>Chronicles of Oklahoma</i> VII (1929): 58-105 entitled, "Captain Nathan Boone's Journal" by W. Julian Fessler. This article contains a reproduction of Boone's Journal with annotated notes, Captain Boone's Report, Zachary Taylor's Letter of Transmittal, and a brief introduction about Boone, who was Daniel Boone's youngest child and during 1843 at the time of the Prairie Expedition was a Captain in the 1st Regiment of United States Dragoons.
Box 1	FF 3	Contains a photocopied Map of the Route Traversed by Captain Nathan Boone's Expedition in Oklahoma and Kansas, 1843.
Box 1	FF 4	Contains a collection of various secondary resource material that has been photocopied for research purposes by Joan R. Renck (March-May 1987) relating to Nathan Boone and his expedition. (Listing on file.)

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