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INTRODUCTION

Personal and business correspondence of a merchant in Appleton and Clinton, Missouri, who also served as a representative in the Missouri General Assembly, curator of the University of Missouri, deputy U.S. marshal, and colonel in the Civil War.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by A. L. Collins and C.H. Whitaker in June, 1939. An addition was purchased in April 1952 from A.L. Collins.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William H. McLane was a land speculator in Boone County and central Missouri. However, his business dealings were not his main interest. A lawyer, he spent a great deal of his life in Missouri politics. He was a prominent in the Radical Republican Party and was closely associated with governors McClurg and Fletcher. He was elected to the Missouri General Assembly and was a deputy U.S. Marshal.

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- f. 27 Proposal of Formation of Meadow County. Papers, maps, newspaper advertisements, and bill of the General Assembly supporting the formation of a new county, Meadow County, Missouri.
- f. 28-39 Legal Documents. Deeds, agreements, leases, and contracts from the 1830s through 1870s.
- f. 40 Land Grant Certificates and Photograph. Federal land grant certificates dated 1837, 1853, and 1856.
- f. 41-59 Civil War Papers. Orders, accounts, letters, and roll calls pertaining to McLane's command as a colonel in the Enrolled Missouri Militia from 1862 to 1866. Included are orders of activation and disbanding of units, guard duty, and oaths of loyalty.
- v. 1-2 Books. Civil War military war order book and accounts.

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