LeRoy Bisbee, 1874-1963, was descended from one of the early settlers of Fontanelle, Nebraska. As an historian, he accumulated a large amount of personal reminiscences and historical and biographical material dealing with Fontanelle and Washington County, Nebraska.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is arranged in eleven series: 1) Correspondence, 1856-1960; 2) Histories of Fontanelle; 3) Histories of Washington County; 4) Biographical sketches of early settlers; 5) Nebraska University at Fontanelle; 6) The Nebraska Colonization Company; 7) Churches and church groups; 8) Narratives; 9) Miscellaneous receipts, notes, and pamphlets; 10) Clippings and printed articles; and 11) Scrapbooks.

The materials relate to the early history of Fontanelle, Nebraska Territory, and of Washington County. It includes a great deal of information about and by early settlers in the area, and about the Nebraska University established there in 1857.

Correspondents include: C.B. Bisbee, 1871; Mrs. George A. Custer, 1923; James W. Dawes, 1889; Mary Welles Gaylord, 1882; Reuben Gaylord, 1887; Mrs. E.R. Kline, 1879-1881; Waldo Lyon, 1866; David H. Mercer, 1900; Arley B. Show, 1889-1890.

Note: For related materials see Nebraska Colonization Company [RG4369]; Logan Fontenelle [RG1001]; and Fontenelle Family [RG1738]. The NSHS Library collection contains numerous publications about the history of Fontanelle and Washington County as well as members of the Fontenelle family. The Nebraska History Index also contains references to various related articles.

DESCRIPTION

Series 1 - Correspondence, 1856-1960

Box 1
Folder

1. 1856-1900
2. 1901-1960
Series 2 - Histories of Fontanelle

3. Five manuscripts

Series 3 - Histories of Washington County

4. Four manuscripts

Series 4 - Biographical Sketches

5. Includes material on most of the early settlers in the area

Series 5 - Nebraska University

6. Mostly minutes of the "Executive Committee of the University" between 1858 and 1869
   [transcripts only]

Series 6 - Nebraska Colonization Company

7. Constitution and minutes, 1854-1857

Series 7 Churches and Church Groups

8. Historical notes

Series 8 - Narratives

9. Death and burial of Logan Fontanelle
   flour mill
   grass hopper plague
   Trail From Omaha to Decatur, 1857, unsigned

Series 9 - Miscellaneous

10. Receipts, a marriage license, a deed
11. Nebraska University bulletin, 1868; items on Gen. George A. Custer and John C. Fremont
12. Four pamphlets, souvenirs of the Custer monument and museum

Series 10 - Clippings and Printed Articles

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13. Articles from magazines and books on historical topics
14. Articles from magazines and books on historical topics
15. Newspaper clippings on historical topics
16. Newspaper clippings on historical topics

Series 11 - Scrapbooks

Volume

1. Pictures and articles about Custer and the Sioux
2. Pictures and articles about Indians
3. Pictures by Frederick Remington

Subject headings:

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Fontenelle, Logan, 1825-1855
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