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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Elliot Carriger was born in Carter County, Tennessee, in 1816. In the early 1840s, he moved to Independence, Missouri. In 1854, he moved to Shawnee County, Kansas. He died in August 1891 in Kansas.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Papers consists primarily of letters of Elliot Carriger, Independence, Missouri, to his family in Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee.

- 1843 Aug 13 Letter signed Elliot Carriger, Independence, Mo., to his brother James P. Carriger, Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee. Describes the sickness and death of John Thomas Allen; discusses the status of various debts and business matters; and mentions seeing 75 or 80 buffaloes since his arrival. Mentions Dr. Boggs, Smith Campbell, Wm. Ferguson [William Ferguson], E. Fletcher, Saml. Underwood [Samuel Underwood], John K. Ensor, Wm. Creed [William Creed], D. Nave, John Estep, R.J. Allen, Jno. Nave [John Nave], Wm. Stover [William Stover], David Stover, Pleasant Williams, Jas. J. Tipton [James J. Tipton], A.F. Morton, Thos. M. Allen [Thomas M. Allen], C.B. Cox, John Adams, Henry Adams, Alfred Cole, Leonard Bowers, Henry Bowers, and Thomas Nichols.
- 1844 May 13 Letter signed Elliot Carriger, Independence, to his brothers C.E. Carriger and James P. Carriger, Elizabethton, Tennessee. Mentions that he has planted corn and oats; mention that he is selling "corn burnt, alias the bald face" [whiskey], and discusses the profits he hopes to make from this business; mentions that John T. Bowers, Daniel S. Bowers, David B. Bowers, and Daniel Stover, Jr., arrived in Independence; and mentions that David Hardon's wife (or widow), Henry Buckles, Thomas Mernott, and Milas L. Ritchie stopped at Jefferson City, and are destined for Morgan County. Mentions Johnson Hampton, Mark Naves, politician Sam Burton, R.J. Allen, and Jack Allen.
- 1844 Dec 15 Letter signed Elliot Carriger, Independence, Missouri, to his brother James P. Carriger, Elizabethton, Tennessee. Discusses dispute over land in Tennessee. Mentions R.J. Allen, Thomas M. Allen, William Allen, Henry Pierce, Thomas Crow, David Nave, Reuben Hatcher, Henry River, James Farris, and McDuff.
- 1845 Oct 1 Letter signed Elliot Carriger, Independence, Mo., to his brother James P. Carriger, Elizabethton, Tennessee. Regarding court judgments in Tennessee. Mentions A.M. Carter, W. Allen, William Buckles, B. Coles, Danl. Miller [Daniel Miller] of Sullivan County, A.B. Head, James Bartu [James Barter?], and Jas. D. George [James D. George].
- 1846 Feb 28 Letter signed E. Carriger, Independence, Mo., to James P. Carriger, Elizabethton, Tennessee. Discusses family news and the status of various debts. Mentions B. Cole, A.M. Carter, Danl. Miller [Daniel Miller], Jas. B. Ambrose [James B. Ambrose], Jane Allen (deceased), John Estep, James Peters, and Wm. Patterson [William Patterson].
- 1847 Jan 4 Letter signed Elliot Carriger, Independence, Mo., to his parents, John and M. Carriger. Mentions the birth of his son John Carriger, who was born December 22. Mentions corn and oats that were stolen by Charles Lovelace's family, namely, C.C. Lovelace, A.C. Lovelace, and Charles Lovelace, Jr. ("They are the greatest rogues in Western Missouri.") Mentions Geo. M. Carriger [George M. Carriger].

- 1847 Nov 11 Letter signed E. Carriger, Independence, to his brother James P. Carriger, Elizabethton, Tennessee. Mentions that he quit his job with Santa Fe traders Goldstein & Bro. due to sickness. Recommends that his brother sell the Blue Springs farm to Mr. Heatherly.
- 1848 Mar 7 Letter signed E. Carriger, Independence, to Jas. P. Carriger, Elizabethton, Tennessee. Discusses family news and A.M. Carter's intention to bring a suit against James for the Blue Springs property. Mentions John Estep, R. Hatcher, E.M. Ferguson, Thos. Crow [Thomas Crow], David Nave, and L.M. Allen.
- 1848 July 20 Letter signed Jane Allen, Independence, to his brother. Discusses the handling of the estate of their recently deceased father.
- 1848 Oct 7 Letter signed Elliot Carriger, Independence, Mo., to James P. Carriger, Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee. Mentions that he can't afford to visit Tennessee; describes his preparations for migrating to Texas with the families of W. Overton, and Mathias A. Reed (or Mathias A. Reid), and mentions the marriage of Evelina Allen. Attached article of agreement between Elliot Carriger and James P. Carriger releases James from his obligation as lessee of their father's farm, slaves, etc. Also mentions James Carmichael, George Carmichael, and Smith Campbell.
- 1848 Nov 1 Letter signed E. Carriger, Independence, to his brothers James P. Carriger and C.E. Carriger, Elizabethton, Tennessee. Mentions that his friend George P. Carmichael is coming to Tennessee and is empowered by Carriger to dispose of his interests. Discusses financial matters and the sale of iron and bells.
- 1849 Jan 13 Letter signed Elliot Carriger, Independence, Mo., to his brothers J.P. Carriger and C.E. Carriger, Elizabethton, Tennessee. Mentions that he has sent the deeds to G.P. Carmichael at Jonesborough, Tennessee. Asks his brothers to caution George not to return to Missouri via water, due to the raging cholera. Mentions Danl. Miller [Daniel Miller] and William Allen. Mentions that many people are going to California in search of gold.