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DONOR INFORMATION
These papers were purchased from Forest H. Sweet in January 1956.

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.

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.


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 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.