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Isaac B. Gildersleeve Papers, 1851-1865

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Isaac B. Gildersleeve resided in St. Louis in the 1850s and 1860s. He worked as a steamboat man and later became a steamboat owner. In the late 1860s he was proprietor of the Everett House in St. Louis.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains correspondence, receipts, promissory notes, accounts, newspaper clippings, and five notebooks.

Correspondence Series

Folder 1

- 1852 Dec 17 Letter signed A. Watson[?], Toledo, Ohio, to his friend Isa. Briefly recounts his trip from St. Louis to Toledo to visit his mother and sisters. Mentions his partner Charley Warner.
- 1853 Jan 16 Letter signed T. Ketcham, Cold Spring, to "Dear Sir." "I have seen Mr. Merritt and had a talk with him I have also seen the house and find it well finished throughout his asks \$1650. . . ."
- 1853 May 17 Letter signed Eliza De Le Ree to her brother. Mentions that she went to Cold Spring and paid off the mortgage; discusses family news; and mentions the death of Peter Witter.
- 1859 Feb 4 Letter signed Jno. W. Miller [John W. Miller], St. Louis, to his friend Isaac. ". . . John Williams has got a letter from George. he says he thinks gold is plenty there but he has prospected but little and would not advise his friends to come out untill he sees farther. . . ."
- 1859 July 20 Letter signed John W. Miller, St. Louis, to his friend Isaac. ". . . If you have plenty of blackberries all you want is to press the juice out & add 10 Gal whiskey to the Bbl & you can many any thing out of it. . . ."
- 1861 Mar 3 Letter signed "E," Mount Vernon, to her brother. Mentions that Thomas would like to come work for him on the farm. Mentions family and friends.
- 1862 Apr 15 Letter signed R.R. Hazard, Western Sanitary Commission, St. Louis, to Col. Lewis B. Parsons. Requests transportation for four nurses of the transport *Crescent City* to Chicago.
- 1862 Apr 15 Letter signed R.R. Hazard, Western Sanitary Commission, St. Louis, to Col. Lewis B. Parsons, quartermaster. "If we can find the persons referred to in your letter of this evening, we will furnish them transportation on the Hospital Steamers, without trouble to your or expense to Government. . . ."
- no year Jan 24 Letter signed Jno. W. Miller [John W. Miller], St. Louis, to his friend Isaac. ". . . The Warner is here. . . I had him [Joel?] at the Ball one night & dancing & Lager Beer made him want to stand on his head. . . The river is full of ice & boating is about quit. . . ."
- no year Feb 22 Letter signed John W. Miller to his friend Isaac. "Ed was in the store this morning he said they wanted you on the Iatan. . . ."

- no year Apr 16 Note signed Jos. E. Tebeu [Joseph E. Tebeu], St. Charles, to Capt. Gildersleeve.
- no year Dec 26 Letter signed Nettie, Fishkill, to her cousin. Invites her cousin to visit her again.
- no date Note signed P.W. Johnstone[?] to Isaac B. Gildersleeve. Apologizes for mistake he made.
- no date Fragment of note containing a challenge to a game of euchre.

Receipts, Promissory Notes, and Accounts Series

Folder 2

- 1851 Nov 4 "Recd [Received] in good order of W. Patrick the Barge Maryiana to be towed by the Steamer [Steamer] Dubuque to Galena & back to St. Louis. . . ." Signature on document is unclear.
- 1852 May 7 Receipt of payment of Capt. Morehouse to Thomas & Thornton for burial of Wm. Murphy [William Murphy] in the City Cemetery, St. Louis.
- 1852 Nov 16 Receipt of Brinckerhoff, Britt & Co., New York, to Mr. Gildersleeve.
- 1852 Dec 4 Receipt of Brinckerhoff, Britt & Co., New York, to Mr. Gildersleeve.
- 1852 Dec 7 Receipt of Van Nordens, New York.
- 1855 Oct Receipt of George Wright to Jas. S. Fashey[?] [James S. Fashey].
- 1855 Dec 4 Receipt of A.S. Merritt to Mr. Gildersleeve.
- 1856 June 6 Receipt of the St. Louis City Engineer's Office to John Lamer for work done in front of his property in city block 555.
- 1856 June 19 Receipt of John G. Steininger, St. Louis, to I.B. Gildersleeve.
- 1856 July 21 Receipt of McAllister & Co. to Isaac Gildersleeve (mate, John Warner).
- 1856 Aug 5 Unsigned promissory note of [I.B. Gildersleeve?], St. Louis, to John G. Steininger.
- 1856 Aug 5 Promissory note of I.B. Gildersleeve and E. Allison, St. Louis, to John G. Steininger.
- 1856 Sept 2 Receipt of H. Bode & H. Kling, St. Louis, to T.B. Gildersleeve.
- 1856 Sept 21 Receipt of [signature unclear], to I.B. Gildersleeve.

1856 Nov 6 Receipt of S.T. Mitchell, St. Louis.

1856 Nov 13 Receipt of C. & T.R. Pullis & Bro., St. Louis, to Mr. Gildersleeve.

Folder 3

1857 Jan 26 Tax receipt of the St. Louis County collector to John Lamer for property in city block 555.

1857 June 9 Five promissory notes signed S.H. Jeffords, Quincy, Illinois, to Emma G. Brownson.

1857 Oct 12 Unsigned promissory note, St. Louis, to George Gildersleeve.

1858 May 13 Receipt of Erasmus Allison, St. Louis, to Isaac B. Gildersleeve.

1858 May 20 Receipt of Dr. Wm. W. Bassett [Dr. William W. Bassett], St. Louis, to Mr. D. Gildersleeve.

1858 Aug 14 Receipt of Erasmus Allison for Joel F.[?] Allison, St. Louis, to Isaac B. Gildersleeve.

1858 Nov 10 Promissory note (signature missing), St. Louis, Mo., to Bigham & Porter.

Folder 4

1859 Mar 15 Thirteen promissory notes (signatures missing), St. Louis, to Abel S. Merritt.

Folder 5

1859 Mar 17 Receipt of the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad Company, Sand Station.

1859 June 17 Receipt of Enoch Robison, Mount Vernon, to I.B. Gildersleeve.

186- Blank check of Boatmen's Saving Institution.

1860 Jan 25 Receipt of John R. Palmer, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, to I.B. Gildersleeve.

1860 Feb 1 Freight receipt of the Western Division, The Adams Express Company, to I.B. Gildersleeve, Mt. Vernon.

1860 Nov 18 Receipt signed Tanner & Casey: "Received Mount Vernon Ills. Nov 18 1860 of Isaac by the hand of Mrs. Emma Bronson[?] Two hundred and fifty dollars to applied on a judgement in the Circuit Court in favor of Henry M. Williams and against the said Isaac Gildersleeve."

1861 Jan 4 Receipt of James E. Brown, Mt. Vernon, to I.B. Gildersleeve.

1861 Feb 20 Receipt of Luke Conroy, Mt. Vernon, to I.B. Gildersleeve by the hand of E.G. Brownson.

1861 May 13 Receipt of J. Pace & Son, Mt. Vernon, to I.B. Gildersleeve.

1861 May 14 Receipt of W.H. Herdman and Herdman & Gibson, Mt. Vernon, to I.B. Gildersleeve.

1861 July 17 Receipt of Luke Conroy to Isaac B. Gildersleeve.

1861 Aug 15 Receipt of Van B. Triplett, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, to Mr. Gildersleeve.

1862 Feb 20 Receipt of G. Elkins to Mr. Gildersleeve for \$32.42.

1862 May 1 Receipt of J. Pace & Son, Mt. Vernon, to Mr. I.B. Gildersleeve.

1862 May 10 Receipt of Wm. Bumpus [William Bumpus] to I.B. Gildersleeve.

1862 Aug 11 Receipt of S.N. Farmer to S. Ketchum.

1863 Feb 20 Receipt of Samuel L. Ketcham, Mt. Vernon, to I.B. Gildersleeve.

1863 Feb 20 Receipt of J. Pace & Son, Mt. Vernon, to Mr. I.B. Gildersleeve.

1863 Mar 2 Receipt of Van Wagoner & Wingate[?] to Isaac B. Gildersleeve.

1863 Nov 5 Account of cash balance in the amount of \$7598.29, signed Mat A. Glass, clerk, Cairo, Ill.

1863 Dec 15 Receipt of Eliza De Le Ree, Cold Spring, to I.B. Gildersleeve for clothing, shoes, books, tuition, etc. for Emma F. Brownsen, daughter of John Brownsen and E.G.[?] Brownsen.

Folder 6

1864 Feb 20 Promissory note [signature missing], St. Louis, to David White.

1864 Feb 20 Promissory note [signature missing], St. Louis, to H.H. Eggers.

1864 Feb 25 Two promissory notes [signatures missing], St. Louis, to H.H. Eggers.

1864 July 12 Boatmen's Saving Institution check, St. Louis, signed I.B. Gildersleeve to pay himself.

1864 Aug 13 Receipt of [signature unclear], St. Louis, to A.D. Wolf for \$12,500.

- 1864 Sept 1 Promissory note [signature missing], St. Louis, to Thomas Boylan. Verso includes signature of H.R. Patterson.
- 1864 Oct 28 Adams Express Company receipt, St. Louis, for one sealed package said to contain \$250, sent by Eliza De Le Ree, Cold Spring, N.Y., to I.B. Gildersleeve.
- 1864 Nov 30 Receipt of Tanner & Casey, Mt. Vernon, to Captain I.B. Gildersleeve.
- 1864 Dec 1 American Express Company receipt, Centralia, for package said to contain \$1000, sent by Bowen Bro. to I.B. Gildersleeve.
- 1865 Jan 1 Balance and statement of business from September 1, 1864, to January 1, 1865.
- 1865 Mar 14 Scrap of paper contains figures/calculations and the dates "Sept 1, 64" and "Mar 14 65."
- 1865 Apr 18 American Express Company receipt, St. Ouis, Mo., sent by E. De Le Ree, Cold Spring, N.Y., to I.B. Gildersleeve.
- no year Aug 29 Receipt signed Chas. Clarkson [Charles Clarkson] to mate, Steamer *John Warner*.
- no date Receipt signed George H. Thurston to Mr. Gildersleeve. Printed form receipt is titled "Coal Yards," Brooklyn.
- no date Receipt signed W.H. Pritchard to Capt. Isaac B. Gildersleeve. Regarding insurance policy transferred to H.C. Sexton, trustee for James T. Wolff.
- no date Prescription[?] on letterhead of Alex. Leitch, apothecary and pharmacist, Marble Building, corner 4th and Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.
- no date One-page account of clothing. "One suit fine cloth, 110.00; one suit business, 85.00. . . ."
- no date One-page account of household items: Carpets, gas fixtures, chairs, sofa, dining table, etc.

Newspaper Clippings Series

Folder 7

- circa 1861-1865 Newspaper clipping containing a Confederate poem.
- 1862 "The Evening News" clipping containing a poem titled "Lines on a Skeleton."

- circa 1862 May Newspaper clipping titled "Coal-Oil—Fire Underwriters of St. Louis." Includes resolutions of a meeting of the Fire Underwriters of St. Louis relating to the storage and insuring of hazardous oils.
- 1863 Oct 7 Newspaper clipping titled "General Order, Headquarters, 16th Army Corps, Memphis, Tenn." Includes General Orders No. 141, regarding permits for the sale of cotton.
- circa 1864 Jan Newspaper clipping titled "The Abandoned Plantations. Rules and Regulations for Leasing Them and Employing Freedmen."
- 1864 Feb 6 Newspaper clipping titled "Headquarters, Military Division of the Mississippi, Nashville, Tenn." Includes General Orders No. 4, regarding regulations for steamboat pilots on the Mississippi River.
- no date Newspaper clipping titled "Everett House Changed Hands." Jennings & Gildersleeve [Jennings & Gildersleeve] have taken over the hotel from Mr. A.S. Merrett.
- no date Newspaper clipping titled "Keep Good Company."
- no date Newspaper clipping regarding discriminating between loyal and disloyal persons.
- no date Circular stating rules and regulations for playing euchre.

Notebooks Series
Folder 8

- 1856 June 5 Notebook includes an alphabetical listing of Missouri towns and the Missouri River landing near each town. Notation reads "Presented to Mr. Gildersleeve the high headed mate, St. Louis, June 3rd, 1856." Pasted in the inside front cover is a printed list of distances from St. Louis to Sioux City, Iowa, along the Missouri River, showing the names of the towns and landings and their distances from St. Louis. (32 pages)

Folder 9

- circa 1862 Notebook includes expense accounts for supplying Civil War troops. Inside front cover of notebook reads "Genl. Quinby Staff Boat, June 2 /62." Includes page listing barrels of flour, sugar, beans, beef, and pork, casks of bacon, and sacks of rice and coffee "for Columbus." Includes entry that reads "125 Cavlry Horses Shipped on Str. Crescent City by Capt. G.W. Ford to Capt. J.V. Lewis, A.Q.M., Memphis." (9 pages)

Folder 10

- circa 1862-1864 Notebook of I.B.Gildersleeve. Includes expense accounts for purchases of cabbage, onions, eggs, etc.; mathematical calculations; names and

addresses; notes and accounts regarding trip to Davenport; and other notes. Entry dated St. Louis, October 28, 1864, reads "Received of Enos Jennings one thousand dollars to be laid out in vegetables for use of 'Everett House,'" signed I.B. Gildersleeve. Entry dated Davenport, November 8, 1864 reads "Paid R.M. Prettyman one thousand and forty four dollars and sixteen cents for potatoes," signed I.B. Gildersleeve. (27 pages)

Folder 11
circa 1864

Notebook includes expense accounts for purchases of coal oil, cinnamon, potatoes, syrup, beans, scrub brushes, and numerous other items; mathematical calculations; and names and addresses. Includes entry that reads "May I promise myself the pleasure of accompanying you to hear the new opera tonight? Unless I receive a message to forbid me, I will call for you at half-past seven," signed your most devoted slave and subject. Includes entry that reads "Paid for tuition, board and clothing of Emma F. Brownson for the year 1864." (18 pages)

Folder 12
no date

Notebook includes names and addresses and expense accounts for purchases of lettuce, parsley, chickens, strawberries, and numerous other items. Also includes entry that reads "J.E. Botsford cor. 18th and Lucas Street near Fort No. 9 – go out 14th St. to Dodier & out Dodier to 18th, 1 square beyond pavement – 2 story brick new with white portico over the door." (38 pages)

Folder 13
no date

Notebook includes names and addresses and expense accounts for purchases of lettuce, apples, chickens, blackberries, and numerous other items. (38 pages)

General Series

Folder 14
1856 Jan 7

Deed of John Sexton and his wife, Phoebe Sexton, John Sexton, Jr., and his wife, Elizabeth Sexton, and Hugh Sexton and his wife, Agnes Sexton, to Abram D. Wolf for a piece of land in St. Louis City Block 648. The description of the land mentions Samuel M. Bowman, John W. Luke, and Robert N. Moore. Includes attached receipt of John Grace to Abram D. Wolf for surveying, dated St. Louis, March 11, 1858.

1865 Aug 28

Document fragment that includes the date "August 28, 1865," and a reference to "Everett House."

no year Feb 14

Handwritten verses signed Valentine.

- no date Handwritten document titled "Cure for Sney [Sneezing?]."
- no date Handwritten document describing a bonnet.
- no date Seven envelopes, one of which includes an engraved illustration of Home Mutual Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Union Buildings, southeast corner Main and Vine Streets, St. Louis, Mo.