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**Goss-Emerling Family Papers, 1838-1948**

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**DONOR INFORMATION**

Papers were donated by Dr. David Light in December 2003. Dr. Light had received the papers from one of his patients, William Luke, circa 1965.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Henry Goss was born circa 1820 in Florissant, St. Louis County, Missouri. He married Jane Martin, who presumably died in the 1850s. Henry Goss married Octavia Street (nee Brazeau) on February 5, 1857, in St. Louis County. He died circa April 24, 1869, near Florissant at the age of 49. His daughter Adeline married Wendel Emerling December 8, 1874, in St. Louis County.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection is arranged chronologically and contains family correspondence, business papers, and newspaper clippings of the Goss and Emerling (or Emmerling) families of St. Louis. Notable items include the day book of Henry Goss' general store at Florissant, 1838-1842; discharge papers of Ohio Civil War soldier Wendel Emerling; and World War II ration book of Irene Ella Emmerling. Collection also includes two family letters written to James and William H. Luke, who possibly were related to the Goss-Emerling family.

- 1838-1842 Day book of Henry Goss' general store at Florissant. Nineteenth-century newspaper clippings are pasted on many of the pages. These clippings contain recipes, marriage announcements, death notices, and other articles relating to Florissant area residents. Genealogical notes regarding the Goss, Martin, and Withington families are pasted on the front cover.
- 1840 June 29 Letter signed Henry Goss, St. Louis, to [Jane Martin]. Invites her to a barbecue.
- 1840 Sept 14 Letter signed Henry Goss, St. Louis, to [Jane Martin].
- 1857 Sept 10 Summons to Wendel, Abbie, Caroline, Catherine, and Philip Emerling, heirs of Philip Emerling, to appear before the Erie County, New York, Surrogate's Court in the matter of proving the will of Philip Emerling.
- 1864 Jan 3 Discharge paper of Private Wendel Emerling, 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Cavalry, given at Pulaski, Tennessee. Includes note of paymaster, dated January 31, 1864.
- 1865 Sept 13 Discharge paper of Corporal Wendel Emerling, 1<sup>st</sup> Ohio Veteran Cavalry Volunteers, given at Hilton Head, South Carolina. Includes note regarding payment of bounty, dated March 19, 1867.
- 1876 Dec 9 Receipt of P. & B. Donnelly, undertakers, St. Louis, to Mathilda Goss.
- 1881 Oct 12 Letter signed William Hislop, Mary Ann Cottage, Broughton Place, [Edinburgh, Scotland], to James Luke.
- 1904 Dec 28 Letter signed [uncle] Robert, Edinburgh, to William H. Luke, St. Louis. Congratulates him on his marriage. Discusses the fact that William, a Protestant, has married a Catholic.
- 1942 War ration book of Irene Ella Emmerling, St. Louis.
- 1948 July 12 *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* newspaper obituary of King Baggot, cousin of Abbie and Irene Emmerling.
- no date Handwritten poem in pencil titled "On Friendship." Verso contains handwritten notes regarding family marriages.
- no date Handwritten poem signed Fred Goss, Florissant, Mo. Written on back of printed instructions for the use of patent metallic burial cases and caskets manufactured by Crane, Breed & Co.
- no date Newspaper clippings, including obituary of Rev. Judocus Van Assche.
- no date Envelope of H.D. & R.S. O'Brien, pensions and patents, St. Louis.

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Page of stationery of Haas & Alt, realtors; Wm. H. Luke, branch manager.