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**Higgins Family Papers, 1852-1872**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Tom Higgins resided in Cedar Fork, Franklin County, Missouri. His brother Peter resided in St. Louis, Missouri.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Papers contain Higgins family correspondence, receipts, and certificates.

- 1852 Aug 2 Naturalization certificate of Peter Higgins, a native of Ireland, in the St. Louis Criminal Court. James Boyle and Franklin P. Childs, witnesses.
- 1856 Oct 2 Receipt of Mr. Higgin for bannister and chairs bought from T.F. Wightman.
- 1858 Receipt of Peter Higgins for state and county tax for the year 1858. Signed John Aynes of Maries County.
- 1859 Dec 2 Letter signed Tom Higgins, Cedar Fork, to his brother Peter. Discusses family news. Mentions his poor health and raising hogs and corn.
- 1859 Dec–1860 Jan 5 Letter signed Tom Higgins, Cedar Fork, to his brother Peter. Discusses his health problems; his plans to visit St. Louis; and raising corn and hogs. Mentions the price of butter, eggs, sugar, chickens, and other commodities.
- 1860 Feb 5 Letter signed Tom Higgins, Cedar Fork, to his brother Peter. Mentions raising hogs. Discusses butter that he bought from H. Haase and will ship it to Peter. Instructs him to pick up the butter from Cornet and Co., 205 Broadway, St. Louis. Mentions Jas. S. Bridges.
- 1860 Valentine's Day Letter signed Tom [Higgins], Cedar Fork, to Peter W. Higgins. He is sending Peter some lard and meat. Mentions the delay in the shipment of butter to him. Mentions Mr. Grube. Mentions that Catherine's daughter was baptized and was given the name Mary Ellen Higgins.
- 1860 Mar 27 Certificate of Thomas W. Higgins for the purchase of a lot in Rockspring Roman Catholic Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.
- 1860 Apr 23 Receipt of Miss Higgins for one month rent, signed John Kupferle and George Grady.
- 1860 Sept 24 Letter signed T.W. Higgins, Cedar Fork, to his sister Ellen. Discusses the drought and the damage to his corn crop. He plans to come to St. Louis soon. Discusses family news. Mentions attending camp meeting and seeing women wearing broad hats.
- 1864 Sept 19 Receipt of Miss Ellen Higgins for rental of sewing machine from A. Sumner, St. Louis, Missouri, dealer in Wheeler & Wilson's sewing machine, 80 North 5th Street.
- 1868 Feb 19 Letter signed P.B. Macshea, St. Louis, to Mrs. Ellen Higgins, 1003 Montgomery Street. Mentions that he is working on trial for one month at Russell, Hays & Co. Asks Ellen to write him. Letter is written on

stationery of Russell, Hays & Co., 401 & 403 North 2nd Street.

- 1871 Jan 23      Receipt of Mrs. Ellen Higgins for purchase from A. Sumner Co., dealers in Wheeler & Wilson sewing machines, machine supplies, organs and pianos, 415 North 5th Street, St. Louis.
- 1872 Feb 2      Everett Evening School (St. Louis) certificate of Mary Higgins for satisfactory attendance, scholarship and deportment. Signed H.H.L. Smith, principal. Certificate entitles Miss Higgins to Public School Library privileges, signed Geo. B. High, assistant librarian. Verso includes certificate signed Mr. J. Fitzmaurice, 1406 North 14th Street, stating that Mary Higgins, 1224 North 14th Street, has good character.
- no date          Letter signed Tom Higgins to Peter. Mentions that John "intends to go above Jefferson City somewhere."