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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Kenneth Mackenzie was born April 15, 1797, in Rosshire, Scotland. He emigrated to Quebec in the 1810s, where he found employment as a clerk with the North West Company. He moved to St. Louis in 1822, and eventually became president of the Columbia Fur Company and later the Upper Missouri Outfit of the American Fur Company. On June 26, 1842, he married Mary Marshall. He died April 26, 1861.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers consist primarily of business correspondence of Kenneth Mackenzie; correspondence of Mackenzie with his wife, Mrs. Mary Marshall Mackenzie; and correspondence of Jane Marshall with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Marshall Mackenzie.

- 1813 Mar 8 Check of W.B. Lewis to C. Read[?] for \$300 on Lewis' Nashville Bank account.
- 1838 Apr 14 Letter signed Lew Cass [Lewis Cass], Paris, to Major Lewis. Regarding his nephew who has been sick.
- 1839 Mar 16 Receipt signed Robt. W. Ayres[?] [Robert W. Ayres] to Chouteau & McKenzie for goods shipped on the steamboat *Little Red*.
- 1840 Aug 20 Letter signed Suydam, Sage & Co., New York, to H. Mackenzie, St. Louis, Missouri. Discusses business matters.
- 1840 Dec 29 Note signed Siter, Price & Co., Philadelphia, to K. Mackenzie, St. Louis, Missouri. "Thy letter of 18th inst. came to hand this morning, enclosing a draft on E.W. Clark & Co. at sight for \$100, which we have placed to the credit of Henry M. Rice, who has drawn upon us for \$50 & \$25 the former of which we have paid."
- 1841[?] June Letter signed Margaret, Pulaski, Tennessee, to Miss Mary Marshall, Tennessee. Asks Mary if she is going to get married. Mentions Sarah Osbourne and Lizzie Burke.
- 1841 June 10 Contemporary copy of letter signed L. Thomas, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C., to the commanding officer at Fort Snelling. Regarding a house owned by the heirs of Mr. Baker, and the plans to use the house as a hotel.
- 1841 Sept 28 Letter signed [signature is unclear], Montreal, to Hamilton Ogden, St. Louis, Missouri. Encloses copy of letter signed John L.S. John[?], St. Louis, to dear sir, dated September 6, 1841.
- 1843 Jan 30 Letter signed D.A. Mackenzie, Potosi, Wisconsin, to Alex Duff, care of K. Mackenzie, St. Louis, Missouri. Discusses his efforts to buy lead.
- 1843 Sept 12 Letter signed Jas. F.M. McQuilken [James F.M. McQuilken], St. Louis, to Alexander Duff. Regarding a misplaced ring.
- 1843 Nov 24 Letter signed Schermerhorn & March, New York, to K. Mackenzie, St. Louis. Regarding the purchase of lead.
- 1844 July 17 Letter signed J. Catron [Judge John Catron?], Nashville, to Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis, Missouri. Discusses family matters and reading about the Philadelphia riots.
- 1845 Aug 7 Letter signed K. Mackenzie, New York, to his wife, Mary Mackenzie,

Nashville, Tennessee. Briefly discusses the fire in New York that destroyed their establishment. Mentions the bustle and crowds in New York. Mentions Howard Christy, Fanny Wash, and Charles Chouteau. Mentions that Sublette died in Pittsburgh.

- 1846 Aug 4 Deed for land in the town of Lafayette, Grant County, Wisconsin Territory, sold by Pierre Chouteau and his wife, Emilie Chouteau, to Kenneth Mackenzie. Deed mentions Joshua M. Hosmer.
- 1846 Dec 9 Letter signed Thomas Duff, Keith, Banffshire, Scotland, to Mr. McKenzie, St. Louis, Missouri. Regarding the estate of Thomas Duff's brother, Alexander Duff.
- 1847 Jan 10 Letter signed K. Mackenzie, New York, to K. Mackenzie & Co., St. Louis. Regarding business matters.
- 1847 Jan 22 Letter signed Clement D. March, New York, to K. Mackenzie & Co., St. Louis, Mo. Regarding business matters.
- 1847 Apr 10 Account of K. Mackenzie & Co., St. Louis, with Hawthorn & Woods. Account is dated New Orleans.
- 1847 May 18 Letter signed Wells, Barnes & Co.[?], Smithland, to K. Mackenzie & Co., St. Louis, Mo. States that Mr. Gordon has not made a contract with the ship carpenters.
- 1847 July 31 Letter signed Clement D. March, New York, to K. Mackenzie & Co., St. Louis, Mo.
- 1847 Aug 2 Public instrument of protest filed at the request of Hawthorn & Woods, holders of an original draft, against the drawers, Lonsdale & Co. Protest was filed in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1847 Aug 5 Letter signed Clement D. March, New York, to K. Mackenzie & Co., St. Louis, Mo.
- 1847 Aug 23 Letter signed Robert Campbell, Philadelphia, to Kenneth Mackenzie, New York. Mentions that he is finished with his business and is ready to return home. Mentions the health of his child. Mentions Capt. Stettinius.
- 1847 Aug 24 Letter signed Clement D. March, New York, to K. Mackenzie & Co., St. Louis, Mo. Discusses business matters.
- 1847 Sept 6 Letter signed Clement D. March, New York, to K. Mackenzie & Co., St. Louis, Mo. Mentions shipment of hemp and lead.

- 1847 Sept 14 Letter signed K. Mackenzie, New York, to his wife, Mary Mackenzie, St. Louis, Mo. Mentions that he will return home soon. Mentions Mrs. Benson, Dr. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook, General Kearny, Miss Wharton, Dr. Fleming, and Mr. Belcher.
- 1847 Sept 19 Letter signed K. Mackenzie, New York, to his wife, Mary Mackenzie, St. Louis, Mo. States that he has recovered from an attack of cholera morbus, and mentions Dr. Miller.
- 1847 Sept 19 Letter signed K. Mackenzie, New York, to K. Mackenzie & Co., St. Louis, Mo. Mentions that Mr. March is alarmed at the rate the company draws upon him. Encourages the company not to buy the steamboat *Louisiana*. Mentions Mr. Holbrook and Marchand, Phelps & Co.[?]
- 1848 Mar 19 Letter signed D.L. Dix, Mobile, to Mrs. Mary Marshall Mackenzie, St. Louis, Missouri. Regrets that Mrs. Mackenzie left New Orleans before they could meet again.
- 1848 Oct 13 Letter signed Wm. B. Astor [William B. Astor], New York, to Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis, Mo. Mentions Mackenzie's "offer for the tract of land in Illinois in which Mr. Crooks & Mr. Stuart are interested."
- 1849[?] Sept 12 Letter signed Y.L. Reeve[?], St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri, to Misses Sally Digges, Mary Crenshaw, and Ellen Turner, Glasgow. Discusses his preaching.
- 1849 Sept 21 Affidavit of Kenneth Mackenzie signed at St. Louis, Missouri. Mackenzie states that he was formerly president of the Columbia Fur Company in the 1820s, and that the company sold a large amount of merchandise on credit to the Sioux Indians on the St. Peters.
- 1850 Dec 18 Letter signed Chas. A. Beaudine[?] [Charles A. Beaudine], New York, to Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis. Replies to Mackenzie's complaint regarding the furniture that Beaudine shipped to him.
- 1852 Mar 24 Letter signed Ramsay Crooks, New York, to Kenneth Mackenzie, Washington City. Discusses business matters. Mentions Judge Catron.
- 1859 Mar 5 Letter signed V.S. Stevenson, Nashville, to Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis, Mo. Discusses his unsuccessful efforts to secure a loan, and questions whether he should sell one or both of his houses to pay off his debts.
- 1859 June 1 Deed of trust for land in the city of St. Louis sold by Thomas D. Day of St. Louis to John R. Shepley and Robert Campbell, also of St. Louis. Kenneth Mackenzie is the party of the third part to the deed.

- 1859 Dec 5 Letter signed V.S. Stevenson, Nashville, to K. Mackenzie, St. Louis, Mo. Discusses several loans and mentions Andrew Ewing.
- 1861 Mar 21 Note signed T.M. Howe, Jr., Columbus, Kentucky, to Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis, Missouri. Asks Mackenzie to send him some Missouri wine.
- 1865 Nov 27 Letter signed Tho C. Fletcher [Thomas C. Fletcher], Executive Department, City of Jefferson [Jefferson City], to "My Dear Col." Discusses his fears that a set of unscrupulous politicians "are disposed to use the Southern church for promoting some of their dark purposes. . . . they intend to overturn the state Govt. through revolution and blood if they fail to do so by the ballot, and I see these same men manipulating and working up the Southern Methodists and I know they will fail by the ballot. . . . I will protect the loyal people of the state in disloyal communities so long as they are law abiding citizens. . . ."
- 1865 Dec 19 Letter signed Brevet Major General Clinton B. Fisk, Assistant Commissioner's Office, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, Nashville, to Colonel B.W. Lewis [Colonel Benjamin W. Lewis], Glasgow, Mo. ". . . Congress is in session, the rebels are sitting in the back seats, and Thad Stevens has the Confederacy buttoned up tight in his breeches pocket. . . . Contraction of our currency must be gradual. . . . The Rebellion states must be convinced that the loyal masses desire them to serve out a probationary period. . . ."
- 1866 Feb 3 Resolutions adopted by the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Glasgow Station, Glasgow, Mo., regarding the death of Colonel Ben W. Lewis.
- 1866 Feb 4 Letter signed Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, 217 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, Mo., to Mrs. Col. B.W. Lewis [Mrs. Colonel Benjamin W. Lewis], Glasgow, Mo. Expresses her sympathy on the death of Mrs. Lewis' husband.
- 1866 Feb 5 Letter signed Clinton B. Fisk, Executive Mansion, Washington, D.C., to Mrs. Col. B.W. Lewis [Mrs. Colonel Benjamin W. Lewis], Glasgow, Mo. Expresses his sympathy on the death of Mrs. Lewis' husband.
- 1866 Feb 10 Letter signed Tho C. Fletcher [Thomas C. Fletcher], City of Jefferson [Jefferson City], to Mrs. Lewis [Mrs. Colonel Benjamin W. Lewis]. Expresses his sympathy on the death of Mrs. Lewis' husband.
- 1868 Feb 1 Receipt of Sexton & Sweeney, Nashville, to T.B. Childress for house repairs.

- 1886 Sept 30 Letter signed Jane Marshall, Nashville, to her daughter. Expresses her desire to sell her home quickly, and mentions her financial difficulties. Mentions Mr. Lumsdel, Dr. Haydel, and Mrs. Derby.
- 1899[?] Dec 13 Postcard signed Jane Marshall, Nashville, to her daughter Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, 1510 Walnut Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Briefly discusses a mortgage, furniture, and financial matters.
- [no year] Jan 25 Letter signed "M.C.," Washington, D.C., to Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, St. Louis, Missouri. Discusses society life in Washington. Mentions that C.J. Ingersol and Col. King intend to visit Mrs. Mackenzie in St. Louis. Mentions that Jennet Thruston's husband has been ordered to Florida for two years.
- [no year] Aug 5 or 6 Letter signed J. Catron [Judge John Catron?], Nashville, Tennessee, to Mrs. Kenneth Mackenzie, St. Louis.
- [no year] Oct 3 Letter signed "Mother," Nashville, Tennessee, to her daughter Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, St. Louis, Mo. Discusses the health and affairs of family and friends. Mentions Mary Sullivan, Frank Morgan, Dr. Crowdus, Medora Biggs, Eunice Bankhead, and others.
- [no year] Oct 25 Letter signed "Mother," Nashville, Tennessee, to her daughter Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, St. Louis, Mo. Expresses her sympathy over the illness of her grandson Marshall Mackenzie. Briefly discusses family news, mentions aunt and uncle Litton, and mentions the explosion of a magazine in Nashville.
- [no year] Dec 23 Letter signed "Mother," Nashville, Tennessee, to her daughter Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, St. Louis, Mo. Mentions floods in Nashville, and briefly discusses family matters.
- [no year] Dec 28 Letter signed "Mother," Nashville, Tennessee, to her daughter Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, St. Louis, Mo. Discusses her possible move to St. Louis and the affairs of friends. Mentions Geo. Washington [George Washington] and Ned Ewing.
- no date Document reads, "Free Isham G. Harris. MC. Circle of Honor, Murfreesboro, Tenn."
- no date Document reads, "Free Andrew Jackson. Mr. William H. Lewis, Fairfield, near Nashville, Tennessee."