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**Henry Atkinson Stine Papers, 1838-1967**

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**DONOR INFORMATION**

The bulk of the papers were donated to the Missouri Historical Society by Janet and Adele Stine from 1930 to 1967. In cases in which accession information is available for specific items in the collection, this information appears at the end of the item description.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Henry Atkinson Stine, the son of Jacob R. and Emily Miller Stine, was born July 27, 1826, in Carondelet, St. Louis County, Missouri. In 1850 he traveled along the California Trail with the Glenn & Co. wagon train. On February 28, 1859, he married Elizabeth Catherine Smith in St. Louis. In 1861 they crossed the plains in wagons and settled in Denver, Colorado Territory. During the Civil War he served in the 3rd Colorado Cavalry. Following the war the Stine family moved to Omaha and then Kansas City, before returning to St. Louis in 1876. Henry A. Stine died September 3, 1888, in St. Louis.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists primarily of the overland journal and correspondence of Henry Atkinson Stine to his mother, dated 1850, which recount his experiences on an overland journey with the Glenn & Co. wagon train from Independence, Missouri, to California. The collection also contains the notebook of Mary Ann Garrett Stine (daughter of Jacob R. and Emily Stine) while attending Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Missouri, in 1838; other papers of the Stine family; and a typescript copy of the journal of Micajah Littleton, who also traveled on the Glenn & Co. wagon train from Independence to California in 1850.

The collection is arranged in the following three series: **Journal and Letters of Henry A. Stine Series**, **Other Stine Family Papers Series**, and **Micajah Littleton Journal Series**.

**Photostats of the following newspaper issues were discarded in July 2001:**

*St. Louis Times*

August 28, 1830 (original in the Huntington Library in San Marino, California)

*St. Louis Observer*

July 21, 1836 (microfilm available in the Missouri Historical Society Library)

July 31, 1836 (microfilm available in the Missouri Historical Society Library)

August 10, 1836 (microfilm available in the Missouri Historical Society Library)

*Alton Observer*

September 8, 1836 (microfilm available in the Missouri Historical Society Library)

August 10, 1837 (microfilm available in the Missouri Historical Society Library)

December 28, 1837 (microfilm available in the Missouri Historical Society Library)

## Journal and Letters of Henry A. Stine Series

### Folder 1

- 1850 May 8 Letter signed Henry A. Stine, Nebraska House, Independence, to mother (Mrs. Emily Stine), St. Louis, Missouri. Describes his trip by boat from St. Louis to Independence, including brief descriptions of Jefferson City, the U.S. Arsenal at Liberty Landing, and Independence. Mentions the Leviles, Bob and Ann Johnston, Wm. Tompson, Dan Finch, and Mr. Overfelt. (3 pages) (gift of Miss Janet and Miss Adele Stine, April 7, 1930)
- 1850 May 19 Letter signed Henry A. Stine, Glen's train, five miles southeast of Independence, to mother (Mrs. Emily Stine), St. Louis, Missouri. Describes preparations and waiting for departure with Glen & Co. [Glenn & Co.]. Mentions Mr. Watts and Mr. Overfelt. (3 pages) (gift of Miss Janet and Miss Adele Stine, April 7, 1930)
- 1850 June 3 Letter signed Atkinson [Henry A. Stine], southeast side of the Kansas or Kaw River, 125 miles from Independence, to mother [Mrs. Emily Stine]. Recounts his experiences since leaving Independence, including mentions of crossing streams and rivers; Potawatamie Indians attacking Pawnees; and food eaten on the trip. Also mentions Jno. Bingham and the wagon trains of J.C. Fane & Co., Capt. Hall, Herrington, and Jerome Hanson & Smith. (4 pages) (gift of Miss Janet and Miss Adele Stine, April 7, 1930)
- 1850 June 17 Letter signed Atkinson [Henry A. Stine], Fort Kearney, to mother (Mrs. Emily Stine), St. Louis, Missouri. Recounts his journey from the Kansas River to Fort Kearney, including description of the plains and Fort Kearney, and mentions stories of cholera and smallpox along the route. (3 pages) (gift of Miss Janet and Miss Adele Stine, April 7, 1930)
- 1850 July 5 Letter signed Atkinson [Henry A. Stine], Fort Laramie, to mother (Mrs. Emily Stine). Describes mosquitoes along the road and an episode of buffalo hunting. Mentions two deaths and sickness among the travelers. Mentions Thomas Mills, John Bingham, and Glenn. Lists the number of men, women, children, mules, oxen, horses, wagons, and cows registered at Fort Laramie; also notes the number of deaths registered. (4 pages) (gift of Miss Janet and Miss Adele Stine, April 7, 1930)
- 1850 July 17 Letter of Henry A. Stine, "on the Planes," to mother (Mrs. Emily Stine). Also contains note signed Atkinson, California, to mother, dated October 24, 1850. Letter is addressed in care of John M. Taylor and L.A. Benoist, postmarked Sacramento City, California,

December 14. (1 page) (gift of Miss Janet and Miss Adele Stine, April 7, 1930)

## **Folder 2**

1850 June 17–Oct 25 Journal of Henry A. Stine. Describes journey mostly with the Glenn & Co. wagon train to California. Entries begin at Fort Kearney and trace the progress of the wagon train along the North Platte River, to Chimney Rock, Fort Laramie, Salt Lake City, and California via the Humboldt River. The journal includes descriptions and accounts of Fort Kearney; Chimney Rock; Fort Laramie; buffalo hunting; food and water; sickness; encounters with Indians; river crossings; mosquitoes; and Salt Lake City and the Mormon community. (34 pages) (gift of Miss Janet and Miss Adele Stine, April 7, 1930)

circa 1930 Typescript titled “Copy of the Letters and Journal of Henry Atkinson Stine on His Overland Trip to California from St. Louis to Sacramento, May 4, 1850, to October 25, 1850.” Consists of a typescript copy of the Henry A. Stine journal and the letters he wrote to his mother (described previously in this inventory). This typescript also includes a one-page biographical sketch of Henry A. Stine and reproductions of three maps showing the progress of a wagon train from the vicinity of Fort Madison, Iowa, to Salt Lake City. (34 pages) (gift of Miss Janet and Miss Adele Stine, April 7, 1930)

## **Other Stine Family Papers Series**

### **Folder 3**

1838 Notebook of Mary Ann Garrett Stine kept while attending Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Missouri. Contains letters to her mother and father, grandfather, Elizabeth, and cousins John and Mary, which discuss family news and her life and studies at Lindenwood. Also includes mention of the death of Dr. Lindsley in St. Charles; several mentions of Mrs. Sibley; and her brief essays on housekeeping, education, intemperance, time, order, and the power of habit. (48 pages) (accession number 61-0029)

1838 Typescript copy by Adele Stine of letter of Mary Ann Garrett Stine to her father [Jacob Rupley Stine], taken from Mary Ann Garrett Stine’s notebook. (2 pages) (accession number 60-0011)

1841 July 13 Promissory note of Mary A.G. Stine to James B. Bowlin, dated St. Louis. Contains note, “paid Oct. 14, 1841.”

1841 July 13 Receipt of Mary Ann Stine for furniture purchased from Johnson, Dryer & Trowbridge.

- 1865 May 8                    Reproduction of appointment of Henry A. Stine, a resident of Colorado Territory, as commissioner to administer oaths, etc., signed by Thomas C. Fletcher, governor of Missouri.
- 1869 Oct 20                    Reproduction of pencil sketch by William J. Hinchey of the Jacob R. Stine homestead, Stringtown Road, Carondelet. (1 page) (gift of Janet and Adele Stine, October 1941)
- 1889                              Plat of John E. Smith's subdivision of South Webster (St. Louis County), known as Shady Side Heights. (**oversize**) (accession number 67-0040)
- 1951 Sept 27                    Genealogical notes regarding the Stine family written on the outside of an envelope by Janet H. Stine.
- 1967 Jan 8                      Two letters signed Adele H. Stine, Webster Groves, Missouri, to Mr. [George R.] Brooks, director of the Missouri Historical Society. Contains notes about the Stine family and the family of Captain William S. Harper. (4 pages)
- no date                         Typescript memorial sketch of Miss Janet Harper Stine, with handwritten additions and corrections. (1 page)

### **Micajah Littleton Journal Series**

#### **Folder 4**

- 1850 May 11-Oct 11    Typescript copy titled "Journal of a Trip Across the Plains from Independence, Missouri to California, May 11, 1850 – October 11, 1850" by Micajah Littleton. Describes journey mostly with the Glenn & Co. wagon train from Independence, Missouri, to Fremont, California. Entries begin at Independence and trace the progress of the wagon train to Fort Kearney, along the North Platte River, to Chimney Rock, Fort Laramie, Salt Lake City, and Fremont, California. The journal includes descriptions and accounts of the landscape along the route; sickness; condition of wagon road; and the breaking down of wagons. Journal also includes mentions of more than 300 graves of emigrants along the route; the name, age, place of origin, and death date of the emigrant are usually recorded. (Original journal is in the California State Library, Sacramento.) (67 pages)