

A1610**Tesson Family Papers, 1797-1958, no date (bulk 1797-1866)**

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DONOR INFORMATION

The collection includes acquisitions from Louis Tesson Hall and Edward P. Hall in January 1950; Ernest E. East in July 1951; Mrs. Edward P. Hall in June 1959 (accession number: 59-0057); and the Edward P. Tesson estate (courtesy of Mrs. Samuel W. Forder) in July 1960 (accession number: 60-0083). In cases in which acquisition information is available for individual documents in the collection, the accession number or donor's name appears in parentheses following the document description.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Michel Desravines Tesson (1759-1845) was born on the island of Santo Domingo in 1759. He came to the United States in 1793, settling in Philadelphia. In 1810 he moved to St. Louis, where he engaged in business. On February 14, 1811, he married Miss Adelaide Baroussel, who was also from Santo Domingo. The couple had two children who lived to adulthood: Edward P. Tesson (1812-1883) and Coralie Tesson, who married Edward Polkowski. Michel Desravines Tesson died in New Orleans in 1845. In 1862, Edward P. Tesson's son Edward M. Tesson (1840-1901) married Laura A. Forsyth, who was the granddaughter of Thomas Forsyth (1771-1833). Thomas Forsyth served as an Indian agent at Peoria and Rock Island, Illinois, and died in St. Louis in 1833.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains papers of the related families of Michel Desravines Tesson and Thomas Forsyth. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence, accounts, receipts, and bills relating to Thomas Forsyth's work as an Indian agent in Illinois in the early nineteenth century. The collection also contains papers relating to the genealogy of the Tesson, Forsyth, and related families; correspondence (mostly in French) of the Michel Desravines Tesson family and attorneys in France relating to the revolution in Santo Domingo and to family properties confiscated by the Haitian government after the revolution; and three daybooks of Thomas Forsyth with the Peorias, 1806-1816.

The collection is arranged in three series: Reference Series, Genealogy Series, and Documents Series. Some of the documents in this collection are in French.

This finding aid was compiled by keying in the document descriptions on the folder covers that were originally created by a Missouri Historical Society archivist in the mid twentieth century. In

some cases these document descriptions contain direct quotes taken from the document; in other cases the descriptions comprise summaries or abstracts of the content of the document.

Reference Series

Folder 1

1923-1941

Reference correspondence of the Missouri Historical Society regarding the Tesson family.

Folder 2

1950-1958, no date

Correspondence of the Missouri Historical Society, mostly with Mrs. Louise Grant Tesson, regarding donations.

Genealogy Series

Folder 3

1875, 1897

Typescript copies of notes of Mrs. Coralie Polkowski (nee Tesson) regarding the Tesson family genealogy.

Folder 4

1849 June

Handwritten blank certificate: "I _____ Keeper of the Register of Baptisms administered by the Roman Catholic Church within and for the parish of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, which Register is required by the ordinances of the said Roman Catholic Church to be kept in every parish, do hereby certify that the foregoing four extracts are truly transcribed from the said Baptismal Register. . . ."

1904

Photocopy of newspaper clipping titled "Visitation Rally Opens at Cabanne," regarding Visitation Academy reunion.

1905 May 9

Newspaper clipping titled "Their Ten Children at Their Golden Wedding," regarding Mr. and Mrs. Marshal P. Sanguinet, 4043 Page Blvd.

1905 May 25

St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper clipping titled "Miss Julia Cabanne Will Present Bell to the Battleship Missouri Next Week."

1907 July 31

Marriage announcement of Mrs. A.M. Slattery that her daughter Nellie Marie will marry Ernest S. Tesson in Philadelphia.

1937 Oct 27

Baptismal certificate dated October 27, 1937, certifying that Edward Pierre Tessen [Edward Pierre Tesson] was baptized July 10, 1864.

No date

Newspaper clipping titled "Mrs. Rose Fanning Dies after Forty Years' Service as School Teacher" (includes a portrait of Mrs. Fanning).

No date

Newspaper clipping titled "Alumnae from Many States Hold Reunion," regarding Visitation Academy reunion.

- No date Newspaper clipping titled "Bold Blockade Runner," regarding Union Civil War hero Henry A. Hamill who was buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery from his late home at 3649 Clark Ave.
- No date Newspaper clipping regarding the wedding of Miss Mary V. Waterman and Cornelius Tompkins.
- No date Newspaper clipping that includes a photograph of "Oakland," the historic home of Louis A. Benoist, located in Affton, St. Louis County, Mo.
- No date Rand, McNally & Company advertisement for book titled *Wau-Bun: The Early Day in the Northwest*, which includes a portrait of Juliette A. Kinzie.
- No date Five pages of handwritten notes of births, marriages, and deaths in the Forsyth family.
- No date Three pages of verse beginning with, "A cumbersome entanglement to evade / But kindness unto kindness here did call / To make our cause the common cause of all. / For Father Brennan's large & generous heart / Has volunteered to take a leading part."
- No date Page of handwritten genealogical notes regarding the family of Nicholas Jarrot (died 1821).
- No date Page of handwritten genealogical notes listing marriages (1867-1892) and deaths (1875-1933), mostly relating to the Tillman family.
- No date Two pages of handwritten notes regarding historic coins. Verso of pages includes note regarding Sevres china cup and saucer presented to E.S. Polkowski.
- No date Typescript page of two Tesson family marriage records extracted from Cahokia Church register and references to documents extracted from church records of Ste. Anne de Fort Chartres.
- No date Clipping from unidentified newspaper: "Mrs. Geo. Kennerly [George Kennerly] is visiting at Ste. Genevieve. The house where she is at present has an interesting history. It was built by St. James Beauvais, the grandfather of L.V. Bogy and Amadee Valle, and has been occupied for four generations. She has recently eaten fruit from a pear tree that was planted 100 years ago."
- No date Page of typescript notes titled "Carondelet Property."

No date Clipping with photograph of Charles van Ravenswaay cooking.

No date Envelope addressed to Mr. Edward Tesson, Sunny Point, care of Mrs. Renouard.

Documents Series

Folder 5

1797 July 31 Will of Francois Baroussel copied by E.P. Tesson. (in French, 3 pages; two copies of typescript translation, each 2 pages)

1797 Dec 22 Letter signed Alexdr. McKenzie [Alexander McKenzie], River Raisin, to Thomas Forsyth, Malden. Requesting items to be sent to him.

Folder 6

1799-1810 Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: William Burnett, Thomas Lusby, Jos. Philipson [Joseph Philipson], Robert Forsyth, John Kinzie & Co., William Searl, Joseph Lafortune, Antoine LeClaire, Richard Pattinson, A. Francois Racine, Hugh Pattinson, Ant. Deschamps [Antoine Deschamps], Pierre LeMieux[?], Francois Coursolle, Louis Goddin, H. VonPhul, Auguste Chouteau, Francois Obrian, and F. Bourbonnois [Bourbonnais?]. (17 documents)

Folder 7

1802 Mar 27 Document signed F. Dent, Christian Catron, Charles Wahrendorff. Obligation granting Dent and Catron permission to trade with the Sauk and Fox Indians on the west side of the Mississippi River where the Indians may be now.

1804 Apr 18 Deed of land in Peorias, St. Clair County, Indiana Territory, from Jean Marie Coursolt [or Jean Marie Coursolles] to John Kinzie.

1805 July 22 Bond from Forsyth & Smith (Robert Forsyth and William Smith) to Thomas Forsyth.

1806 Sept 17 Legal paper, Forsyth, Richardson & Co., R. Pattinson, Pierre Lemieux. (in French)

1807 Sept 10 Letter signed Chiron, Comte des Allemands, to Desravines Tesson. Lengthy account of his escape from San Domingo. Is overjoyed to hear his mother and aunt have escaped death. Gives minute directions as to contacting them. Plans to have them come to Philadelphia. Wept at learning of the unfortunate end of his uncle, Tesson's sister, and all the others. (in French, 14 pages; typescript translation, 6 pages)

- 1808 Mar 30 Letter signed Chiron, St. Charles Parish, near New Orleans, to Tesson. Had the pleasure of hearing from Tesson's young brother, Desravines, not knowing he had escaped from the Cap where they parted in 1803. Desravines told him positively that his [Tesson's] mother and aunt were still alive last June. He had thought the two unfortunate ladies had been sacrificed in the massacres. Begged Desravines for further news of them and since that was five months and a half ago he again enquires. (in French, 4 pages; typescript translation, 2 pages)
- 1808 Apr 2 Appointment of Thomas Forsyth of the Peorias, on the Illinois River, by Hugh Pattinson & Co., to be lawful attorney to settle accounts of Charles Courtin for them. Courtin was a trader on the Missouri River.
- 1809 Sept 25 Letter signed R. Pattinson, Sandwich, to Robert Forsyth, Detroit. Regarding business.
- Folder 8**
1810-1818 Documents regarding the following: Baptiste Chauvin, Kinzie & Forsyth, Felix Fontaine [Felix Fontaine], Marie Chauret, Thomas Forsyth, Jean Baptiste Defond, Paul Paquet, Robert Forsyth, Frederick Bates, Alexander Bellissime, Charles Bosseron, Ninian Edwards, Potawatomi Indians, Kickapoo Indians, Winnebago Indians, British agents, General [Benjamin] Howard, Leclaire, George Graham, President [James Madison], B. Berthold, Gemien Beauvais, Vincent Guyon, Capt. Paul, Richard Rush, R. Graham, General George Washington, and Speed. Place names mentioned include Dayton, Ohio; Randolph County, Ill. Terr.; Peoria; St. Peters River. (17 documents)
- 1810 May 29 Account of James Audrain with Kinzie & Forsyth. (**OVERSIZE**)
- Folder 9**
1811-1812 Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Bte. Champlain [Baptiste Champlain], Kinzie & Forsyth, Auguste Chouteau, Amable Dagenais, Joseph Dagenais, Louis Buisson, and Thomas Forsyth. (9 documents)
- Folder 10**
1811 Feb 14 Prenuptial contract between Michel Desravines Tesson and Adelaide Barrousselle at St. Louis. (in French)
- 1813-1814 Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Thomas Forsyth, Kinzie & Forsyth, Auguste Chouteau, Kennerly & O'Fallon, William Christy, J. Philipson, Benjamin O'Fallon, J.V.

Garnier, General [Benjamin] Howard, A. Saugrain, Henry Von Phul, Michael Tesson, J. Charless, and Charles Stewart. (21 items)

Folder 11

1815

Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Thomas Forsyth, Joseph Philipson, H. Von Phul, Berthold & Chouteau, John W. Thompson, Christian Wilt, Theodore Hunt, E. Beebe, James Baird, A.V. Carr, James Morrison, and S. Labadie & Co. (10 documents)

Folder 12

1816

Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Joseph Philipson, James Sawyer, Charles Bosseron, Thomas Forsyth, B. & J. Pratte, Hubert Guion, Berthold & Chouteau, Joseph Bissonette, Christian Wilt, Farrar & Walker, Ditch & Keese, J. Henderson, John Forsyth, and Henry Von Phul. (15 documents)

Folder 13

1817

Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Sylvester Labadie, Thomas Forsyth, Robert S. Lett, James Kennerly, Peter Provenchere, Henry S. Lee, Henry Von Phul, Christian Wilt, and Farrar & Walker. (15 documents)

Folder 14

1818

Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Thomas Forsyth, J. and G.H. Kennerly, Thomas Hanly, Henry Von Phul, J. McGunnege, Henry S. Lee, Clamorgan, Sylvester Labadie & Co., McNair & Owens, Salmon Giddings, Michael Dolan, Joseph C. Brown, P. Papin, Sarpy & Chouteau, Christian Wilt, and J. Warner. (17 documents)

Folder 15

1819

Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Thomas Forsyth, Thomas Hanly, Henry Von Phul, J. Lakenen, S. Giddings, Farrar & Walker, B. Cleland, James Moore, Chouteau & Sarpy, John Nicholson, C. Wahrendorff & Co., Renshaw & Hoffman, Joseph Hertzog, C. Wilt & Co., and Ant. LeClaire [Antoine LeClaire]. (20 documents)

1819 Mar 13

Letter signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun], Dept. of War, to Wm. Clark [William Clark], St. Louis. An order has been issued for an establishment of a military post on the Mississippi [River] at the mouth of St. Peters [River], and it is necessary that an Indian agent accompany the expedition to explain the views of the Government. Mr. Forsyth has been selected.

- 1819 Mar 15 Letter signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun], Dept. of War, to [Thomas Forsyth]. Regarding murder committed by a white man on an Indian. In order to prevent the Indians from resorting to retaliatory measures, you are requested to state to them the horror with which this and similar acts are viewed by the Government. I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to Gov. [William] Clark by which you will see you are to accompany the expedition to the mouth of the St. Peters [River].
- 1819 Dec 16 Letter signed John Forsyth, Washington, to Thomas Forsyth, St. Louis. Brief biographical sketch of my father, Robert Forsyth, a native of Cumberland County, England. I have no relations in the U.S. by my family out of Georgia to my knowledge.
- Folder 16**
1820 Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Thomas Forsyth, William Gordon, John Nicholson, J. McGunnele, Salmon Giddings, Thomas McKnight, R. Paul, Farrar & Walker, Chouteau & Sarpy, Thomas Hanly, James Lopez, Ward & Rollins, H. Rollins, H. Von Phul, David and William Gordon, Baptiste Duchouquet, Cerre, Kerr, Bell & Co., Macky M. Wherry, James and George H. Kennerly, Murphy, Nagle & Co., John Bacchis, James P. Spencer, Moses E. Wilson, Sylv. [Sylvester] Labadie & Co., Isaac C. McGirk, and L[ucie]n Dumaine. (32 documents)
- Folder 17**
1820 July 11 Letter signed W. Lee, Treasury Dept., to Thomas Forsyth, St. Louis. Please furnish the Office with a statement of goods sent your agency as property for Indians. Letter is titled "Circular."
- 1820 Aug 12 Document signed Joseph Philipson, Stre. Labadie [Sylvester Labadie], Victoire Labadie, et al. (in French)
- 1820 Sept 11 Letter signed W. Lee, Treasury Dept., to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth]. I shall give your letter of the 12th ulto., and shall lay it before the Secretary of War immediately upon his return.
- Folder 18**
[1821] Newspaper clipping regarding the execution of two Indians named Ketaukah and Kewabishkim.
- 1821 Mar 31 Document signed Jh. Ruelle [Joseph Ruelle] (signed with "X" mark), Joh. Touchet [Joseph Touchet] (signed with "X" mark), and Mr. Tesson. Bond of invoice to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent.

- 1821 May 12 Page of notes signed Abner Flack to Major Marston, Rock Island, regarding Mr. Rector.
- 1821 May 16 Document signed Paul Anderson, Paul Anderson Jr., and Oliver C. Smith. Bond of invoice to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent.
- 1821 Aug Handwritten blank bond to trade with Indian tribes. **(OVERSIZE)**
- 1821 Aug 3 Letter signed John Ruland, St. Louis, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent, Rock Island. James Kennerly has desired me to inform you he shipped on Mr. Boilvin's boat five annuities for Tierces, Sauks and Foxes. I believe something else was shipped also, consigned to different persons at Rock Island. Your nephew, Robert Forsyth, left here yesterday with Lewis Cass, with whom he came.
- 1821 Aug 11 Letter signed Chas. Wahrendorff [Charles Wahrendorff], for Tracy & Wahrendorff, St. Louis, to Thomas Forsyth. I inform you I have signed with Mr. Campbell a bond which is required by law in order to obtain a license as an Indian trader. (Appended: Document signed O.N. Bostwick, holding myself accountable for bond of Mr. Campbell and Mr. Wahrendorff.)
- 1821 Aug 21 Letter signed C. Vandeventer, Department of War, to Thomas Forsyth, Fort Armstrong. A letter from Gov. Clark states the Sauks had delivered to him their two murderers and four Otoe prisoners. The Secretary of War (who left Washington the morning of the receipt of your letter) approves of the advice you have given the Chiefs to restrain the warlike disposition of their young men. When the Secretary returns he will advise you regarding the annuities of the Sauk and Foxes, comment on flags and medals, on furnishing clothing to the Fox Indian girl.
- 1821 Aug 22 Letter signed Wm. Lee [William Lee], Treasury Department, 2nd Auditor's Office, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent, St. Louis, Mo. "The Treasurer of the United States will transmit you four hundred and seventeen dollars being amount of warrant No. 3741, issued by the Secretary of War, this day, in your favor, on account of the Indian Department being for the expenses of your agency in the 3rd Quarter of the present year. For which sum you are held accountable. You will accordingly be pleased to forward a receipt to this office." [On the back of the letter, Forsyth's address of St. Louis has been crossed out and "Fort Armstrong" was added.]
- 1821 Aug 23 Letter signed Samuel Brook, Treasury of the United States, Washington, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, ~~St. Louis~~ Fort Armstrong. "Enclosed your will find my Draft, No. 803 on the Bk.

of Missouri for Dollars 417 the Amount of Warrant No. 3741 issued by the Secretary of War on Receipt whereof be pleased to favor me with an early acknowledgment, specifying the sum received.”

- 1821 Sept 25 Letter signed Thos. L. McKenney [Thomas L. McKenney], Office of Indian Trade, to the Secretary of War. Should you have occasion to distribute presents to Indian tribes through the St. Louis or Prairie du Chien agencies, I beg leave to represent the goods (especially blankets) we have at Prairie du Chien.
- 1821 Sept 27 Letter signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun], Department of War, to Thomas Forsyth. Regarding purchase of presents for the Indians.
- 1821 Sept 30 Letter signed Lawr. Taliaferro [Lawrence Taliaferro], Indian agent at St. Peters, Upper Mississippi, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent. Regarding meeting of the Sioux with the Sauks and Foxes to establish a peace treaty at Praire du Chien on July 1 next.
- 1821 Oct 20 Document signed George Davenport and G.H. Kennerly. Bond of Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent.
- 1821 Nov 6 Letter signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun], Department of War, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent, Ft. Armstrong. Discusses Indian problems, principally the appointment of a sub-agent at Fort Edwards for the Iowas and at the lead mines for the Fox Indians, if Congress appropriates the money; concentrating population of the Indians for better supervision by the Chiefs; whisky among the tribes; exchanging British flags and medals for ours. Mention of Gov. Clark having information of treaty conveying lands to Sauks and Foxes.
- 1821 Nov 13 Letter signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun], Department of War, to Thos. Forsyth, Indian agent, Ft. Armstrong. “. . . you are authorized to draw on this Department at sight for the sum of \$909, that being the amount of your account and estimate. . . .”
- 1821 Nov 17 Letter signed John Kinzie to Thomas Forsyth regarding settling former partnership of Kinzie & Forsyth.
- 1821 Nov 17 Letter signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun] to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, Ft. Armstrong. Regarding superintendency of Gov. Cass.
- 1821 Nov 19 Letter signed Wm. Lee [William Lee], Treasury Department, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, St. Louis, Mo. Mentions that his accounts have been settled.

1821 Nov 27 Document signed Francois Monette [or Francois Monnett] (signed with "X" mark), Nicholas LeCount (signed with "X" mark). Bond of Thomas Forsyth as Indian agent.

Folder 19

1821

Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Will F. Sparrow, Thomas Forsyth, Joseph Philipson, Bank of Missouri, Kerr, Ball & Co., Thomas McKnight, Salmon Giddings, Henry Von Phul, Paul & Ingram, *St. Louis Enquirer*, Isaac N. Henry & Co., James Kirker, James Moore, James Davenport, John Nicholson, C. Bosseron, James Lopez, J. Smith & Ferguson, Harlow Spencer, James Loper, Thomas C. Rector, John Dowling, Thomas Hanly, David Gordon, Louis Vasquez, G[abrie]l Paul, Joseph A. Wherry, and Stebbins & Moore. (24 documents)

Folder 20

1822

Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Thomas Forsyth, J. & G.H. Kennerly, Farrar & Walker, Joseph Philipson, Theodore S.M. Gill, Moses E. Wilson, Henry Von Phul, L. Brazeau, John W. Johnson, Wilfred Owens, Lewis Musick, Johnson & McClelland, M. & I. Kerr, Stebbins & Moore, Pascal Mallet, Murphy & Nagle & Co., George H. Robb, Nehemiah Bates, Scott & Rule, Mrs. Helm, S.B. Calhoun, John O'Fallon, Joseph C. Laveille, George Davenport, Paul & Ingram, Amos Farrar, Charles Wright, E.F. Brown, and A.F. Cook. (23 documents)

Folder 21

1822 Jan 4

Editorial clipping from the *Detroit Gazette* concerning the estimated Indian population in the United States.

1822 Jan 10

Letter signed Th. B. Dashiell [Thomas B. Dashiell], clerk, Treasury Department, to Thomas Forsyth. Enclosed is receipt for a draft remitted to you, return it under cover to Hon. Thos. T. Tucker [Thomas T. Tucker].

1822 Feb 13

Document signed Th. T. Tucker [Thomas T. Tucker], treasurer of the United States, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent, draft for \$492.

1822 Feb 14

Letter signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun], War Department, to Thomas Forsyth, U.S. Indian agent, St. Louis. Conditional leases were granted to the Messrs. Carneal and Johnson, Suggett and Paine, all of Kentucky, for 160 acres of land to each of the two parties, to be located in the state of Illinois and to any part of the lands ceded to the Ottawas, Chippewas and Potawatomis on August 24, 1816.

- 1822 Mar 16 Letter signed John Scott, Washington City, to Thomas Forsyth, St. Louis. If I can be useful to the Peoria people on the subject of their land claims I will do so with pleasure. I called at the War Office and had a commission made out for you as Indian agent of the date of your appointment to cover all done by you since, and enclose.
- 1822 Mar 21 Letter signed Ramsay Crooks, New York, to Thomas Forsyth, regarding your land at Long Point. At one time this last winter I thought the Indian Department would have been much reduced and reorganized. Major O'Fallon was talked to seriously and I know he strongly advocated your being retained in service. Nothing will be done, however, at this session and whatever new regulations may be adopted for the trade your department will not, in my opinion, be molested. I shall be in St. Louis in May and expect to see you. (Appended: Letter signed Samuel Abbott, New York, to Thomas Forsyth. Your description of the lot was not satisfactory. I expect to be in St. Louis in May.)
- 1822 Mar 25 Letter signed Tho. C. Rector [Thomas C. Rector], St. Louis, to the Officer in Command, Rock Island. I am sending by Mr. Sim's boat flour and pork we borrowed from Capt. Stubbs at Rock Island while surveying last summer.
- 1822 Apr 19 Document signed W. Lee, Treasury Department, to Tho. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth]. Draft for \$1000 on account of annuity to Sauks and Foxes for 1822.
- 1822 Apr 19 Note signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun], Department of War, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, Ft. Armstrong. "I have directed a warrant to be issued in your favor for \$1000 to pay the annuity due to the Sacs and Foxes. . . ."
- 1822 Apr 23 Note signed Th. T. Tucker [Thomas T. Tucker], Treasury of the United States, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent. "Enclosed you will find my Draft, No. 1143"
- 1822 Apr 26 Letter signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun], Department of War, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, Ft. Armstrong. Regarding overtures of peace between the Sioux and the Sauks and Foxes, and you will cooperate with Mr. Taliaferro at Fort Armstrong. Although the Winnebagoes are not within your agency, they are nearer to you than any other agent and you are authorized to make an arrangement with the relations of the two men who were delivered up for the murder of our men at Fort Armstrong, to relieve them from the distress they have suffered.

- 1822 Apr 26 Extract of letter to L. Taliaferro, Indian agent, St. Peters, from the Department of War. The Sauks and Foxes complain they were attacked by the Sioux while they (the Sauks and Foxes) were under the protection of the Government and were unarmed. The agents at Prairie du Chien and Fort Armstrong have been instructed to affect peace between the Sioux, the Sauks and Foxes, in cooperation with you.
- 1822 Apr 27 Letter signed Wm. Lee [William Lee], Treasury Department, 2nd Auditor's Office, to Thomas Forsyth, St. Louis, Mo. Regarding Forsyth's accounts.
- 1822 May 29 Letter signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun], Department of War, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, Ft. Armstrong. Genl. William Clark has been appointed under an Act of Congress passed at the last session, superintendent of Indian affairs at St. Louis, and by direction of the President, his superintendency will embrace the several agencies in the Missouri and Mississippi. He is directed to give you full instructions.
- Folder 22**
- 1822 July 22 J. Bt. Carron's [Jean Baptiste Carron?] bond, licensed for three months.
- 1822 July 26 Letter signed J.C. Calhoun [John C. Calhoun], Secretary of War, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent, Fort Armstrong. The deficiency regarding the annuity of the Sauks and Foxes for 1821 will not be their loss, but that of the trading department by which the merchandise for the annuity was forwarded. The Winnebagoes should apply to the Indian agent to which agency they belong when they are in need of articles. However, furnish them with presents to a moderate amount, provided it is approved by Genl. Clark. I transmit to you an extract from Genl. Clark's report regarding the lands of the Sauks and Foxes.
- 1822 Aug 3 Letter signed John W. Johnson, U.S.T., Prairie du Chien, to A.P. Vanmater [A.P. Vanmatre?], Fever River. I have received your letter enclosing Mr. G. Kennerly's receipt for 19,004 pounds of lead on account of your debt with their factory. Mention of Mr. Barnard, Mr. Rolette.
- 1822 Aug 19 Letter signed James Eakin, act. audr., Treasury Department, to Thomas Forsyth, St. Louis. A balance has been found against you of \$1,001.54. This agrees with your statement with the exception of \$1000 advanced you for annuities for the present year, the payment of which to the Indians you have not yet shown.

- 1822 Sept 28 Document signed George Davenport, M. Marston. Bond with Thomas Forsyth for trading with the Indians.
- 1822 Nov 9 Letter signed Wm. Lee [William Lee], Treasury Dept., to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, St. Louis. The receipt of Genl. Clark for \$1.54 over to him, and which accompanied your letter and the certificate of the payment by you of the annuity for the present year of the Sauk and Fox Indians, have both been credited to you, and your accounts are now closed in the books of this office.

Box 2
Folder 1
1823

Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Jacob Fry, Thomas Forsyth, Wilson P. Hunt, A.F. Cook, Salmon Giddings, M. Wherry, Clarissa Obesha, Van Bergen & Moore, James Loper, Laveille & Morton, A.P. Vanmatre, Johnson & McClelland, Samuel Abbott, Farrar & Walker, C. Burbridge, William Turney, John W. Johnson, Frederick Dickson, St. Louis Register, Enquirer, William Orr, W.H. Savage, Russell Farnham, P. Rocheblave, Joseph Bonju, and J. Colburn. (26 documents)

Folder 2
1823 Mar 3

Notes regarding deeds of sale of property in Peoria from Robert Forsyth and wife to Jacob Darst and Robert Forsyth to Chas. Brier [Charles Brier].

1823 Sept 29

Bond of William Downey and Samuel C. Muir to trade with the Sauks and Foxes, granted by Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent at Fort Armstrong.

1823 Nov 30

Document signed Jno. Connolly [John Connolly]. Bill to United States for services as Indian interpreter.

1823 Dec 27

Letter signed C. Burbridge, Fort Armstrong, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], St. Louis. Regarding Burbridge's accounts. Mentions Mr. Savage, Mr. Bates, Col. Rector, John W. Hyatt, Major John Campbell, and William Turney.

Folder 3
1824

Bills and receipts of the following individuals and businesses: Wilson P. Hunt, Vanbergen & Moore, Francis Codman, Stone, Bostwick & Co., John Connerly, Paul & Ingram, W.H. Savage, John Shackelford, M. Dillon, Father Niel, O'Fallon & Keyte, W. Walter & Co., James Lakenan, Matthew Kerr, Presbyterian Church, Lane &

Merry, F. Provenchere, M. Wherry, B.G. Farrar, George Davenport, Ingram & Reily, R. Simpson, and American Fur Co. (22 documents)

Folder 4

1824 July 2

Letter signed Tho. L. McKenney [Thomas L. McKenney], War Department, Office of Indian Affairs, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent, Fort Armstrong. Genl. Clark, Indian superintendent at St. Louis, is expected in Washington in a few days and the subject referred to in your letter will be acted upon.

1824 Aug 6

Letter signed W. Lee, Treasury Department, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], care of Genl. Wm. Clark [William Clark], St. Louis. Your account for disbursements within your agency as Indian agent to the 30th Novr. 1823 has been adjusted and a balance of \$2.47 found due for you to the United States; differing from your statement \$1.53, in explanation whereof you are referred to the enclosed statement of differences.

1824 Sept 28

Russell Farnham's license to trade with the Sauk and Fox Indians at the Flint Hills. Signed O.N. Bostwick, agent for American Fur Co.

1824 Nov 4

Letter signed A.P. Vanmatre, Fever River, to Geo. Graham [George Graham], Washington. Regarding settlement of accounts of the U.S. factory, formerly kept at Prairie du Chien, which has been placed in the hands of the district attorney for the state of Missouri. My trouble in settling lead account with John W. Johnson with mention of Frederick Barnard, Rolette, McKenney, J.W. Shull, Boilvin, John Barrel, and G. Kennerly.

1824 Nov 26

Document signed Thomas Forsyth. Received of Genl. Wm. Clark [William Clark], Superintendent of Indian Affairs at St. Louis, evidences of debts due by sundry persons to the U.S. Factory Dept. Mentions A.P. Vanmatre & Co. [A.P. Vanmatre & Co.?], Cook & Moody, Frederick Dickson, Lewis Musick, Partney & Genereaux, and Mr. McKenney.

Folder 5

1825 Jan 23

Letter signed Jno. W. Johnson [John W. Johnson], Rockland, Baltimore County, to George Graham. Answering charges of A.P. Vanmatre, who was furnished with \$2000 worth of merchandise belonging to the U.S. Factory, while stationed with Mr. Shull at the lead mines 60 miles below Prairie du Chien.

1825 Feb 8

Letter signed Geo. Graham [George Graham], Genl. Land Office, Washington, to Genl. William Clark, St. Louis. Enclosed are letters of Mr. A.P. Vanmatre [A.P. Vanmatre?] and Mr. John W. Johnson

relative to a balance standing against Vanmatre [Vanmatre?] on the books of the late Prairie du Chien factory. The adjustment and final settlement of the account has been transferred to you.

- 1825 Apr 1 Note signed W.P. Hunt. Postage receipt for Detroit Gazette for Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth].
- 1825 Apr 6 Letter signed A.P. Vanmatre, Fever River, to General Wm. Clark [William Clark], St. Louis. By Mr. D. Bates I have sent a letter from Mr. F. Barnard, formerly clerk in the factory at Prairie du Chien. Mr. Bates is informed of my account, and you will oblige me if any arrangement should be made of the settlement, you would give it to him, as it is impossible for me to come to St. Louis at this time.
- 1825 May 25 Letter signed Wm. Lee [William Lee], Treasury Department, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], care of Wm. Clark [William Clark], St. Louis. Your account for disbursements within your agency to the 30th Nov., 1824, has been adjusted and a balance found against you of \$871.16, being the amount of goods delivered you by Genl. Wm. Clark [William Clark] on Sept. 1, 1823 and not accounted for in your settlement. Have the receipt for Indians' annuity signed by the heads or chiefs of the nations.
- 1825 June 3 Note signed Thomas Forsyth, Rocky Island. Please pay to Messrs. Ingram & Reily an order for the sum of \$655.95 1/3.
- 1825 June 7 Letter signed A.P. Vanmatre, Fever River, to Thomas Forsyth, Rock Island. Concerning the settlement of his account.
- 1825 Aug 5 Letter signed Geo. Graham [George Graham], Genl. Land Office, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent at Rocky Island, Illinois. Concerning the Vanmatre account.
- 1825 Aug 5 Document signed Frederick Barnard, Washington. Statement concerning the Vanmatre and Shull account.
- 1825 Aug 20 Document signed Joseph Rolette, agent for American Fur Co., and Etienne Dubois. License for Dubois to trade with the Indians at the island opposite the Little Makokite, Mississippi. Also descriptive list of aliens, boatmen, employed by the American Fur Co., under a license. Descriptive list includes the following four names: Laurent Beaudin, Joseph Betournie, Pierre Depent, and Francois Duchan.
- 1825 Aug 20 Etienne Dubois's permit to trade with the Indians on the island opposite Little Makotite. Also list of boatmen employed by

American Fur Co. that includes the following four names: Laurent Beaudin, Joseph Betournie, Pierre Depent, and Francois Duchan.

- 1825 Sept 2 Letter signed R.A. Forsyth, St. Louis, to Maj. Thomas Forsyth [uncle], Rock Island, [Illinois]. Your family are all well. I leave tomorrow for Detroit. I send the book by Mr. Alexander, Gov. Cass borrowed of me. Mentions Mr. Davenport. [accession number: 60-0083]
- 1825 Sept 3 Document signed W.B. Alexander. Permission granted to Andre St. Amond to trade with the Sauks and Foxes at the Dirt Lodge on the river Des Moines and at the Flint Hills.
- 1825 Oct 6 Two licenses of George Davenport to trade with the Winnebago Indians at Rocky Island and Fever River. (2 items)
- 1825 Dec 12 Document signed Deneumoulin. Receipt to Forsyth for plastering house.
- 1825 Dec 17 Laveille & Morton account with Forsyth in the amount of \$1041.58 for building house.
- 1825 Dec 25 Thomas, Andrews & Co. account with Forsyth for stove and pipe.
- Folder 6**
- 1826 Mar 27 Document signed S. Blood, St. Louis, certifying I received an order from Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth] on Antoine Valliant [Antoine Vaillant] for 20 or 30 dollars which order had been mislaid or lost. I have no interest in said order whatsoever.
- 1826 Apr Document signed Jos. Bouju [Joseph Bouju], receipt to Mr. Forcay [Forsyth] for three months of boarding for your sons.
- 1826 May 29 Receipt for \$83.43 signed by Otis Reynolds for transportation of articles.
- 1826 May 31 Geo. Davenport [George Davenport] account with Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth].
- 1826 Aug 6 M.S. Cerre's license to trade with the Indians, provisions made for the trader, etc.
- 1826 Aug 7 Letter signed W. Lee, Treasury Department, 2nd Auditor's Office, to Thomas Forsyth. Your accounts have been adjusted and a balance of \$90 found to be due to the United States.

- 1826 Aug 8 Note signed Elihu H. Shepard. Receipt to Mr. Forsyth for tuition of Thomas Forsyth. The former receipt of like date being mislaid, this is given to supply its place.
- 1826 Sept 2 Document signed Frans. Labussier, Wm. Hempstead [William Hempstead], John K. Forsyth, Peter Powell. Labussier's license to trade with the Indians.
- 1826 Sept 15 M.S. Cerre's bond and invoice of merchandise. Pierre Blondeau, interpreter, and Joseph Graveline, boatman.
- 1826 Oct or Nov Letter signed Chiron, St. Charles Parish, near New Orleans, to Michel Tesson Desravines. It is a great satisfaction to establish contact with the remnants of their unfortunate family, destroyed by the Revolution. Gives account of his life in the long interval since his last letter. He has married, made a trip to France. Like other land owners from San Domingo, he has sent his claims to France. Gives list of the relatives who may be interested in the claims. (in French, 6 pages; two copies of typescript translation, each 3 pages)
- 1826 Oct 13 G. Gooding account with Forsyth.
- 1826 Oct 16 Document signed Geo. Davenport [George Davenport], Rock Island, account with Forsyth.
- 1826 Oct 16 Forsyth account with C.C. Hobart, Fort Armstrong, for candles, beef, pork, bread and soap.
- Folder 7**
- 1827 Maj. Thomas Forsyth account with Ingram & Reily.
- 1827 Jan 24 John Crawford account with Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth].
- 1827 Jan 25 Laveille & Morton account with Thomas Forsyth.
- 1827 Mar 10 Letter signed A.[?] Chenie, St. Louis, to Thomas Forsyth, St. Louis. (in French)
- 1827 Sept 17 Document signed Chs. D. St. Vrain [Charles D. St. Vrain] for American Fur Co., receipt to Thomas Forsyth for merchandise delivered.
- Folder 8**
- 1828 Certificate of completion of French class at St. Mary's College of Baltimore to Master Edward Tesson. [accession number: 59-0057]

- 1828 Thomas Forsyth account with Farnham & Davenport for blankets, meats, whisky, calicos, snaffle bridle, looking glass, moccasin, cartouch knives, flour, shot, etc.
- 1828 Forsyth account with Ingram & Reily.
- 1828 Jan 26 Document signed Edward B. Dobyens, account with Thomas Forsyth for wagon and four sets of gear.
- 1828 Feb 22 Document signed S. Blood, Baptiste Godaire vs. Robert Forsyth. Legal charges.
- 1828 Mar 18 Thomas Forsyth account with John Crawford.
- 1828 Mar 18 Document signed S.[?] T. Honore, receipt to Mrs. Forsyth for rent.
- 1828 Mar 25 F. Gerard account with Mr. Forsyth for repairing and putting on wagon tire.
- 1828 Aug 25 Document signed Otis Reynolds for steamboat *Missouri*, account with Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth] for passage of his son, Thomas, from St. Louis to Rock Island and back to St. Louis, \$8.00.
- 1828 Sept 26 Letter signed Wm. Lee [William Lee], Treasury Department, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent, Fort Armstrong, regarding your account for disbursements.
- 1828 Oct 2 Document signed Francois LeClaire [signed with "X"], Antoine LeClaire, receipt to Thomas Forsyth for taking horses from Rock Island to Portage des Sioux. (Document is missing.)
- 1828 Oct 2 Letter signed R.A. Forsyth, Detroit, to Thomas Forsyth, St. Louis. This will be handed to you by my friend and brother who is on his way to Prairie du Chien and will be able to tell you all regarding the treaty. It has not yet been determined where the treaty will be held. I have not yet succeeded in selling the remaining part of your land at Grosse Pointe, but hope to soon. I hope your Indians who attended the treaty at Green Bay returned well satisfied.
- 1828 Dec 17 Letter signed Pere Lafitte[?] (Count D'Asselin), Agen, to nephew [Michael Tesson]. Acknowledges his letter received from Paris. Surprised that a former letter did not reach him. There is no reason why it should have been suppressed as it contained nothing of politics or religion. Long silence caused him uneasiness and he wondered if Tesson had gone back to Missouri. Is very much disturbed that Tesson's elder brother, Francis, fell ill at Aix-la-

Chapelle and did not inform him. (in French, 3 pages; two copies of typescript translation, each 1 page)

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1829 Apr 4

Letter signed Pere Lafitte[?] (Count d'Asselin), Agen, to [Madame] Baroussel Tesson. God has favored him, enabling him to embrace his dear nephew since he could not meet his brothers. Before meeting nephew, had his doubts about introducing him into French society. Began to change his mind on receipt of nephew's letter four years ago. Did not recognize him at first when Tesson (the nephew) presented himself correctly dressed. Now feels Tesson is an honor to the family. Plans to return to France in ten years with thirty thousand dollars. Sends her gold case and begs that she prosper in order that she and Tesson may return to France. (in French, 3 pages; with 2 copies of typescript translation, each 2 pages)

1829 Apr 14

Letter signed W.B. Lewis, Treasury Department, 2nd Auditor's Office, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, Fort Armstrong. Regarding account, please charge your balance of 68 cents to next account and claim the amount of Gov. Lewis Cass.

1829 May 17

Document signed L.A. Labeaume, clerk on steamboat *Indiana*. Receipt to T. Forsyth for freight, passage, and bar bill.

1829 June 24

Letter signed W.B. Lewis, Treasury Department, 2nd Auditor's Office, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent, Rocky Island, regarding your accounts from September 1, 1828, to February 28, 1829.

1829 June 26

Letter signed John Tipton, Indian agent, near Logansport, Ind., to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Fort Armstrong. I perceive from your note in the hands of Kee-o-kuck [Keokuk], a Sauk chief from your agency, that there was some misunderstanding of the message sent by Mee-ta-wa, a Potawatomi chief. Mention of troubles likely to take place between the Sauks and Potawatomis. I was not authorized to hold a treaty or council. Twenty fine looking Indians came here with Kee-o-Kuck and stayed two days. Kee-o-Kuck stated some white men are now settling on land owned by his people and I promised to mention it to you.

1829 July 10

Letter signed G.H. Kennerly, Head of the Rapids, to Forsyth, Rock Island. Regarding papers I am sending for the commissioner.

1829 July 11

Letter signed G.H. Kennerly, Head of the Des Moines Rapids, to Forsyth, Rock Island. Last night I put up a package of letters for you (one for you from Genl. Clark), and will send the Indian on a mule

belonging to the U.S. Mr. Benton, who brought the letters to this place, says his instructions are to leave the mule with someone of the agents. You keep the mule and hire a man to go on with the package to the commissioners, who will pay him for the trip. Give the Indian a blanket, a breech cloth, a black silk handkerchief and a looking glass. I will return them to you.

- 1829 July 12 Letter signed Pere Lafitte[?] (Count d'Asselin), Agen, to Tesson. Had been awaiting with impatience and read with keen satisfaction letter from Baltimore telling of his safe arrival. Urges him to settle in France. Reminds him of various relatives he met while recently sojourning in Agen, France. Reminisces about his [Lafitte's] father. Addresses postscript to Tesson's wife. (in French, 4 pages; with 2 copies of typescript translation, each 3 pages)
- 1829 Sept 28 Letter signed W.B. Lewis, Treasury Department, Second Auditor's Office, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, regarding Forsyth's accounts.
- 1829 Oct 27 Letter signed Tho. L. McKenney [Thomas L. McKenney], Department of War, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent, regarding renewing your bond for \$12,000, since four years have elapsed since your last was given.
- circa 1829 Oct 27 Thomas Forsyth's bond for \$12,000.
- 1829 Nov 26 Letter signed W.B. Lewis, Treasury Department, Second Auditor's Office, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, regarding Forsyth's accounts.
- Folder 10**
1830 Thomas Forsyth's account with William Sanders for whisky and beef.
- 1830 Jan 1 Document signed D. Waldo, Gasconade, to Major Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], living near Cabanne's place. Please send by the bearer (Jacob Coons) the Negro woman and child purchased of you.
- 1830 Mar 4 Letter signed W.B. Lewis, Treasury Department, 2nd Auditor's Office, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], Indian agent, care of Wm. Clark [William Clark]. Regarding your account from October 1 to December 31, 1829.
- 1830 Mar 31 Note signed And. S. Hughes [Andrew S. Hughes] to Moses Stillwell. Be pleased to let Major Forsyth have my grey horse.

- 1830 Apr 5 Letter signed Wm. Clark [William Clark], Superintendency of Indian Affairs, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth]. The funds allotted to this superintendency having been received, you will please come to this office to receive the annuities.
- 1830 Apr 19 Letter signed Thomas Hunt, Washington, to Forsyth, St. Louis. I called upon Col. McKenney, who is at the head of all Indian agents here. He said there were but few Indian agents whose places have not been applied for, and yours among the rest on the grounds that you are but seldom at your post. Col. McKenney explained the matter to the Secretary and I have the pleasure of informing you it was satisfactory. I assure you I think you have nothing to fear.
- 1830 Apr 30 Letter signed T.F.[?], Rocky Island, to Col. Peter Menard, Kaskaskia, Ill. Supposing from the promises made to me by you and the other commissioners last year, for my services at the treaty at Prairie du Chien in July and August last, that I would have ere this, received compensation due me, will you please acquaint me how much is allowed and when and where I can receive it.
- 1830 May 16 Letter signed John Mullanphy, Washington, to Mr. Forsyth. A Mr. Hughes who said he was a subagent, told me you had been removed. Mr. Rowan, a friend, told me it was not true.
- 1830 May 26 Letter signed W.B. Lewis, Treasury Department, 2nd Auditor's Office, to Thomas Forsyth, Indian agent, Rocky Island, regarding your disbursements. The certificate of one or more disinterested persons to all abstracts of presents or provisions delivered Indians will in the future be required.
- 1830 July 1 Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth] account with A. & W. Skinner.
- 1830 Aug 3 Letter signed Wm. Clark [William Clark], Superintendency of Indian Affairs, St. Louis, to Thomas Forsyth, late Indian agent. Please transfer to Mr. St. Vrain, present agent for the Sauks and Foxes, all papers and other public property belonging to your late agency.
- 1830 Aug 30 Note delivered to Mr. Ed. P. Tesson: "Mrs. Clark's compliments, and requests the pleasure of your company, on Thursday Evening, Monday, August 30, 1830."
- 1830 Sept 7 Letter signed W.B. Lewis, Treasury Department, 2nd Auditor's Office, to Thomas Forsyth, late Indian agent, regarding Forsyth's accounts.

- 1830 Nov 4 Letter signed W.B. Lewis, Treasury Department, 2nd Auditor's Office, to Thomas Forsyth, late Indian agent, care of Genl. Clark, St. Louis, regarding Forsyth's account. Your account on the books of this office is closed.
- 1830 Dec 20 Letter signed Saml. S. Hamilton [Samuel S. Hamilton], Department of War, Office of Indian Affairs, to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], St. Louis. I am directed by the Secy. of War to inform you that it has not been the practice of the Department to give permission to persons to settle on the public lands to trade, etc.; but if the officer commanding on Rock Island has no objection to your occupying the site on the Island designated by you and erecting thereon the cabins necessary for your purposes, the Department will have none.
- 1830 Dec 29 Receipt to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth] for a year's subscription to the *Missouri Republican*.
- Folder 11**
- 1831 Mar 16 Letter signed R.A. Forsyth, Washington City, to uncle, Major Thomas Forsyth, St. Louis. The Senate rejected the nomination of S.C. Stambaugh, who was nominated Indian Agent at Green Bay in the place of Breevort. The President had reappointed him and he left this morning with the Menominies for Pennsylvania. I could not get a sight of the letter you spoke of. Mr. Hamilton, who has never seen it, told me if such a letter had been written the Secy. of War has it, and he is of the opinion he would not let me see or copy it. Col. Dougherty's brother was here and he thinks the Colonel will not be removed.
- 1831 Apr 28 Letter signed R.A. Forsyth, Detroit, to uncle, Major Thomas Forsyth. My wife had a son two weeks ago and we have named him Lewis Cass. There is a report here that Maj. Thomas Biddle will resign. I found on my arrival a letter from your daughter Margaret. Saw Uncle William a few days ago. I hope Robert's wife will have some young Forsyths to raise.
- 1832 Jan 19-Aug 13 Five promissory notes signed by Thomas Forsyth on the Bank of the United States, St. Louis, made to order of R.H. McGill.
- 1832 Dec 29 Document signed Charless & Paschall, receipt to Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth] for one year's subscription to the *Missouri Republican*.
- 1833 Apr 5 Letter signed James Kinzie, Chicago, to uncle, Thomas Forsyth, St. Louis, Missouri. Introducing my friend Col. R.J. Hamilton. Your old friend, B. Caldwell, is sorry the Indians only made a provision for

you of \$500 in their last treaty, when you should have had fifteen. There is, it appears, an appropriation of \$10,000 for another treaty with our boys and I think you would do well to attend in person. Caldwell & Robinson will likely be there. Tell Mr. McGill I have not sold all his goods. I presume you have heard Congress has appropriated \$25,000 to construct a harbor in Chicago.

- 1833 Apr 14 Letter signed R.A. Forsyth, Detroit, to uncle, Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth], St. Louis. Concerning the estate of Capt. Rough. If Madame Boucher is in great want I can advance her money on the estate. Discussing Uncle William and his family. There will be a treaty in Chicago this coming Fall, and I will be there and introduce to our new Governor. If you cannot attend send me your papers and I will do all I can for you. Billy Caldwell, who is at the head of these Indians, you well know.
- 1833 Apr 19 Document signed J. Foley. Receipt of \$23.00 to Robert Forsyth.
- 1833 Apr 20 Letter signed Lew Cass, Department of War, to Thomas Forsyth, St. Louis, Missouri. Your exertions and good conduct during the last war are appreciated by me and your course was honorable to yourself and useful to your country. The claim you have presented is not in the power of this Department, but belongs to Congress. Your appeal for compensation on account of losses must be made there. There must be some mistake with respect to the case of Mr. Boilvin. He could not have received remuneration by the action of this Department.
- 1833 June 12 Thos. Forsyth [Thomas Forsyth] account with B.M. Alexander for keeping horse.
- 1833 Sept 7 Document signed Richd. H. McGill [Richard H. McGill], John Darby. Promissory note.
- 1833 Sept 11 Document signed Thomas Forsyth. Memo for executors, to be attached to his will. Concerning the unsettled accounts with McGill & Ingram, R.H. McGill and Thomas Ingram, one of which I made myself debtor by signing my name on the wrong line. Concerning the estate of James Rough as per papers sent to my nephew, Robert Allan Forsyth of Detroit. I owe Madame Des Amants \$200 which is in McGill's hands and he must pay it.
- 1833 Oct 14 Statement of C. Taylor for Mrs. Forsyth's board in Chicago.
- 1833 Nov 26 Prenuptial contract between Edward Pierre Tesson and Lucia Marotte. Signed at St. Louis. (in French)

Folder 12

1838 Apr 20-1881 May 4 Correspondence between Michel Tesson (Des Ravines), his family, and attorneys in France relative to the collection of the Haitian indemnities for property taken over by the government of Haiti after the Revolution. (19 documents; in French)

Folder 13

1839 Note to Laura F. Tesson concerning one of Great Grandma Victoire B. Tesson's after dinner cups. [accession number: 60-0083]

1845 Dec 16 Land patent signed President James K. Polk by J. Knox Walker [Joseph Knox Walker] for land of Thomas Forsyth in Peoria, Illinois, previously owned by John Baptist Maillet [John Baptiste Maillet]. Accompanied by typescript letter signed Ernest E. English to Charles van Ravenswaay, director of the Missouri Historical Society, July 31, 1951, which describes the document and its provenance. [Gift of Ernest E. East, Springfield, Ill., July 31, 1951.] (**OVERSIZE**)

1851 Aug 20 Receipted bill to Robert Forsythe, St. Louis, for filling tooth for young lady. Signed I. Forbes [Isaiah Forbes?]. Mentions S. Horine of C.D. Sullivan & Co. [accession number: 60-0083]

1852 Dec 29-1873 Feb 1 Typescript listing of Tesson Carondelet property.

1860 Dec 1 Letter signed Edward M. Tesson, Mountain City, to father. Discussion of parcel of land up for sale. [accession number: 60-0083]

1864 Dec 28 Note on L. Bussy, St. Louis, made in New Orleans. [accession number: 60-0083]

1865 Dec 6 Invitation to opening ball of the Southern Hotel, St. Louis. [accession number: 60-0083]

Folder 14

1865-1868 Personal expenditures book of a woman. (82 pages) [accession number: 60-0083]

Folder 15

1866 Apr 2 Letter signed Guzman, Camp de Chalons, to Edouard Tesson, cousin. Mother wrote of your visit to Versailles; I am sorry I was not there. If you decide to come here, let me know in advance. (in French) [accession number: 60-0083]

1866 May 28 United States passport of Edward M. Tesson. [accession number: 60-0083] (**OVERSIZE**)

1866 July 27

Letter signed Sister M. Vincentia Marotte to "Tess," E.N. Tesson. Concerning new location [for Visitation Convent?] and suggesting the Watson place, Brothers place, or any other. [accession number: 60-0083]

Folder 16

1879-1881

Autograph book of Celeste Wilkinson. Includes autographs, notes, and poems written by friends and family mostly in St. Louis. The following are among those who wrote notes or signed the book: her sister Therese Wilkinson, schoolmate Lois Abrams, schoolmate Alice Wagner, friend Frieda Schlosstein, Mamie, friend M. Pfeffer, friend Katie A. Schlosstein, R. Tesson, friend Florence, Eleonore Cowan, friend Lizzie Corcoran, friend Rosa, Mrs. E.M. Tesson, Walter, friend Mary Casey, friend Maggie Kennedy, friend Mamie, friend Eleonora Bloess, friend Katie Horan, cousin Mary E. Nettleton, friend Ellie Whelan, schoolmate Tillie Kunz, friend Annie Barbenroth, schoolmate Rosa Feldman, schoolmate Ida Diamant, friend Annie Stansbury, friend F. Hellmich, friend M. Petijohn, friend Lulu Abrams, friend Carrie, friend Henry, friend Mary Horan, friend Elisabeth Pesch, sister Hattie Wilkinson, friend Eugenia Tietzel, friend Birdie, friend Maggie, cousin Alice Pim, Hattie Papin, Hattie Krausse, Lena Rueckert, playmate Hattie, schoolmate Mary Kennedy, cousin Celeste Pim, Metta F. Hall, Felix Wilkinson, and cousin "L.P."

Folder 17

1886-1906

Correspondence and clippings about Tesson property in St. Louis, especially tract to be used for the World's Fair. [accession number: 60-0083]

1891 Oct 19

Funeral notice of Edward S. Polkowski. [accession number: 60-0083]

1898

Five tax receipts of Laura A. Tesson and E.M. Tesson for state, county, city, and school taxes. [accession number: 60-0083]

Folder 18

1900 Feb

Memorandum book. Includes quotations from writings of William Browne, Henry Howard Brownell, and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. (25 pages)

Folder 19

1901 June 8

Typescript of General Orders #3, Headquarters Department of the Columbia, Vancouver, Washington, announcing the death of Major Louis S. Tesson, U.S. Army surgeon. [accession number: 60-0083]

1910 Jan 3	Mimeographed letter informing Mother and Sisters of the Convent of the Visitation of the death of Sister M. Vincentia Marotte, former mother superior. [accession number: 60-0083]
no date	Letter signed Grandma to son. Congratulations on attaining majority. [accession number: 60-0083]
no date	Document cover for F. Labussier's bonds and invoices.
Box 3	
1806-1809	Thomas Forsyth daybook with the Peorias. (87 pages)
1809-1811	Thomas Forsyth daybook with the Peorias. (34 pages)
1812-1816	Thomas Forsyth daybook with the Peorias. (10 pages)