John Loughborough Papers (SC137)

Introduction

The John Loughborough Papers consists of a signed statement made by Loughborough concerning his involvement in the Regis Loisel land grant case. The land was originally acquired through a Spanish land grant, and was disputed after Loisel's death.

Descriptive Summary

Title: John Loughborough Papers
Date: 1867
Size: 0.02 linear feet, 2 folders
Collection Number: SC137

Donor Information

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Citation Note

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Biographical/Historical Sketch

John Loughborough was the Surveyor General of Illinois and Missouri in the 1850s stationed in St. Louis, Missouri. He was involved in the land grant case of Regis Loisel, a French fur trader from Canada, who received a grant from the Spanish government for a tract of land in Nebraska along the Missouri River in 1800. After Loisel's death in 1804, his executors, Auguste Chouteau and Jacques Clamorgan, sold the land to the highest bidder. However, their claim was disputed by Loisel's heirs and not recognized by the United States government for several years. In 1858, two acts of Congress validated the original grant, and allowed for its relocation to "vacant" land. Loughborough issued the certificate for the grant for tracts of land in Jackson, Marion, Marshall, Nemaha, and Pottawatomie counties in Kansas the following year. The land patent was issued in 1866, and the case was officially settled in court in 1872.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains a 13-page hand-written statement made by John Loughborough on his role in the Regis Loisel land grant case. Notations have been made in the margins. The statement is signed and dated March 30, 1867.
Collection Inventory

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