Guide to the Andrew Drips Papers

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Collection Summary

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Abstract: Papers mostly relating to Drips's service as U.S. Indian Agent for the Upper Missouri, 1842-1846, and some for 1851 while Drips was trading for P. Chouteau, Jr., & Co. at their Scotts Bluff post, Fort John. One letter of 1830 is by Lucien Fontenelle, then his partner in the fur trade; a few accounts for 1819-1820 reflect Drip's earlier St. Louis mercantile partnership with Joseph W. Perkins. Some papers concern his children and affairs at Kansas, Missouri. Correspondents include G.P. Beauvais, T. Hartley Crawford, Fulton Cutting, William Drips, C.E. Galpin, Joseph V. Hamilton, Thomas H. Harvey, John Haverty, W.D. Hodgkiss, David D. Mitchell, P. Chouteau, Jr., & Co., and P.D. Papin.
With collection are typed transcripts of nine stories in Kansas City newspapers, 1904-1907, concerning Drip's daughter Catherine (1832-1904) and her husband William Mulkey (1824-1907); and a microfilmed scrapbook with genealogical data, family portraits, and newspaper clippings (38 exp.)
Languages Represented: English

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Moccasins of Catherine Drips were placed in the Historical Objects Collection which is now part of the Pictorial Collections of The Bancroft Library.
Prints of the portrait photographs of the Barnes-Branch-Drips-Mulkey families have been cataloged separately and can be found in Portrait Drawer nos. 4707-4727 neg.

Acquisition Information
These papers were given to The Bancroft Library by the great-granddaughter of Andrew Drips, Mrs. Richard B. Hershey, in November 1960 and September 1961. The collection forms part of the Hubert Howe Bancroft Collection.

Scope and Content
The collection contains chiefly correspondence and accounts of Andrew Drips as U.S. Indian Agent for the Upper Missouri, 1842-1846, and as fur trader for P. Chouteau, Jr. & Company at Fort John, Scotts Bluff. A few accounts, 1819-1820, for his partnership with Joseph W. Perkins and some papers relating to his children and affairs in Kansas City, Missouri, are also included. With these are typed transcripts of articles from Kansas City newspapers, 1904-1907, concerning Drips' daughter, Catherine, and her husband, William Mulkey, as well as a few miscellaneous notes relating to the Drips family.

Part I:
Correspondence and papers, except accounts, arranged chronologically.
Accounts as Indian Agent, 1843-1846, 24 items.
Accounts, 1819-1858, arranged chronologically, 41 items.
Transcripts of interviews and obituaries from Kansas City newspapers, 1904-1907, concerning Catherine Drips Mulkey and her husband William.
Clippings and miscellaneous notes concerning the family.
Transcripts made by Dale Morgan of material in the possession of Mrs. Kritser

Part II:
Notebook of Major Andrew Drips and some of his descendants.

Additional Note
Mimeographed in part.

Genealogical notes, information obtained from the National Archives pertaining to Drips' service in the Ohio Militia in the War of 1812
Obituary from the Westport Border Star, September 8, 1860
Miscellaneous notes from early Kansas City newspapers
Note on Théophile Brugier from Constant R. Marks, Pioneering in the Northwest
Copies of modern correspondence in quest of Drips family information
News items pertaining to the families of Drips' children, especially Catherine Drips Mulkey and her husband William Mulkey
Pasted original newspaper clippings of some of the above stories

The Border Star obituary of 1860
Typewritten copies of newspaper interviews with the Mulkeys made by Mrs. Hershey from the Branch Family scrapbook in the possession of her mother
[carbons of these letters in Part I]
Reproductions of many photographs of members of the Drips family gathered from different sources

Additional Note
Copy negatives have been made of all the photographs in the scrapbook, as also of 7 original photographs of Catherine Drips Mulkey Branch, loaned by Lucretia Branch Hershey (Mrs. Richard B. Hershey), who also loaned the notebook for filming, as an addition to the original Drips Family papers in The Bancroft Library. The notebook consists of about 48 pages of textual material and 15 photographic plates of family members.

Beauvais, G. P.
1 letter, July 22, 1880

Chouteau, Pierre, Jr. & Company
8 letters, 1845-1851

Additional Note
Jan. 6, 1845, enclosing copies of charges made against Drips by Cutting and of T. H. Crawford's letter to Harvey; Jan. 9, 1846, signed by Pierre Didier Papin; May 19, 1846, written by Joseph V. Hamilton; agreement between the company and Andrew Drips, July 21, 1846; Aug. 4, 1851, enclosing agreement to be signed and returned; Aug. 7, 1851, enclosing list of goods shipped to Fort John; Aug. 9, 1851; Aug. 13, 1851; Dec. 9, 1851.

Crawford, Thomas Hartley, 1786-1863
3 letters, 1845

Additional Note
May 6, 1845, circular, enclosing copy of order from W. L. Marcy, Secretary of War, May 3, 1845; May 8 and June 28, 1845, circulars.

Cutting, Fulton
See Haverty, John

Drips, Andrew, 1789-1860
23 letters, 1844-1851

Additional Note
Letters written as Indian agent: Jan. 2, 1844; Apr. 29, 1844, enclosing petition from Sioux Indian Chiefs to the President of the United States for money due them; July 6, 1844; Oct. 12, 1844; Oct 25-26, 1844; Oct. 29, 1844; Apr. 6, 1845; June 1, 1845; Aug. 29, 1845; Dec. 6, 1845; Jan. 18, 1846; Mar. 9, 1846 (2 letters); June 25, 1846 (3 letters); July 10, 1846; Aug. 10, 1846.

Letters written as trader for P. Chouteau, Jr. & Co.: Apr. 12, 1851; June 4, 1851; Aug. 15, 1851; Aug. 25, 1851; Dec. 14, 1851.

Drips, William
1 letter, Nov. 28, 1857, to his sister, Catherine (Drips) Mulkey.

Fontenelle, Lucien
1 letter, July 7, 1830

Galpin, C. E.
1 letter, Oct. 12, 1851, enclosing invoice for goods forwarded to Fort John.

Hamilton, Joseph V.
See Chouteau, Pierre, Jr. & Company

Harvey, Thomas H.
10 letters, 1844-1846, written as Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Saint Louis.

Additional Note
Feb. 21, 1844; Apr. 3, 1844, circular enclosing extract of letter from T. H. Crawford; Apr. 17, 1844; Dec. 26, 1844, enclosing copy of letter of T. H. Crawford to Harvey re Cutting’s complaint against Drips; May 8, 1845 (2); Aug. 20, 1845; Aug. 26, 1845; Sept. 6, 1845; Mar. 13, 1846; Apr. 25, 1846.
Haverty, John
2 letters, 1845

Additional Note
May 20, 1845, enclosing copies of F. Cutting's complaint and of Crawford's reply to T. H. Harvey; May 21, 1845.

Hodgkiss, W. D.
1 letter, Oct. 12, 1851

Marcy, William Learned, 1786-1857
See Crawford, Thomas Hartley

Medill, William, 1805-1865
1 letter, Apr. 2, 1846

Mitchell, David Dawson, 1806-1861
1 letter, Jan. 2, 1844

Mulkey, Catherine (Drips), 1832-1904
See typed transcripts of obituaries from 1904 Kansas City newspapers.

Mulkey, William, 1824-1907
See typed transcripts of obituaries and statements from 1904 Kansas City newspapers.

Papin, Pierre Didier
See Chouteau, Pierre, Jr. & Company

Perkins, Joseph W.
See 1819-1820 accounts.

Picotte, Honoré
1 letter, May 31, 1851

U. S. Office of Indian Affairs
Oct. 30, 1845 - circular
See also Crawford, Thomas Hartley; Harvey, Thomas H.; Haverty, John; Medill, William

U. S. Office of Indian Affairs. Upper Missouri Agency
See Drips, Andrew

U. S. Treasury Department
4 letters, 1845-1847.

Additional Note
All signed by John M. McCalla. Aug. 5, 1845; Jan. 31, 1846; July 20, 1846; June 29, 1847.