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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Missouri or Ramsey's Rangers promissory notes
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Extent	0.05 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical/Historical Note

No concrete information found on Thomas Ragains, however, Ragains, all payees and witnesses are listed in the War of 1812 Service Records as members of various volunteer ranger companies from the Missouri Territory.

While most historians minimize the western skirmishes against the Indians fighting for the British, the British involvement was limited but effective in obtaining the help of certain tribes of native Americans to harass, rob and destroy the small American settlements on the frontier. When war was declared, the Americans began an extensive effort in creating networks of forts and military stations across the frontier. In the Missouri territory, Americans built or created over forty-five forts and raised militia groups and Missouri Rangers. Attacks by Indians didn't end in the Missouri territory till 1817, two years after the war was over.

Scope and Contents

Folder contains six promissory notes due to listed individuals upon receipt of Ragan's first payment as a Missouri or Ramsey's Ranger.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

South By Southwest Books, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1982

Collection Inventory

	Reel
1813 June 8: Thomas Ragains to Edward N. Matthews, payment of \$13 from draw as a Ranger in Captain Ramsey's Revenging Company. Witnessed by James Tanner and Andrew Brown. 1813	MG00221
1813 June 23: Thomas Ragains to Wilson Able, payment of \$6 from first draw of Rangers pay, witness, Robert Ravenscroft.	MG00221
1813 June 28: Thomas Ragains to Drakeford Gray, \$6 from second pay of Ramsey's Company.	MG00221
1813 July 17: Thomas Ragains to Joshua Simpson, \$12 from first draw day of Ramsey's Rangers.	MG00221
1813 August 3: Thomas Ragains to E.N. Matthews, \$4 on or before the second draw from Ramsey's Rangers, witness Edward James.	MG00221
1813 September 8: Thomas Ragains to John Shane, \$23.61 and one-half cents on the day of the first payment of Missouri Rangers for rations through October 2, witness, Moses Morrison.	MG00221