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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Beebe-Ashley record
Date	1836
Extent	0.2 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical/Historical Note

Roswell Beebe was born December 22, 1795, in Hinsdale, New York. When he was 17, he moved to New Orleans and fought in the War of 1812 at the Battle of New Orleans. He established several businesses in the city, including a brickyard and lumber yard. His doctor advised him to move to a drier climate due to his rheumatism, so he moved to Little Rock in 1835. He married Clarrisa Elliot, sister-in-law to Chester Ashley, later that same year. In 1839, he acquired 240 acres comprising most of the city of Little Rock. He laid out the blocks and streets for the city before selling it to the city for one dollar. Chester Ashley was born at Amherst, Massachusetts, on June 1, 1791. He graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts. Later, he graduated from Litchfield Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1817. Chester Ashley practiced law in Hudson, New York, Edwardsville, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri before settling in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1820. In July of 1821, Chester Ashley married Mary W.W. Elliott in St. Genevieve, Missouri. In 1844, he was elected to the United States Senate where he became chairman of the Committee on Judiciary. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1846. Senator Ashley died at Washington, District of Columbia, on April 29, 1848.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a partnership agreement between Roswell Beebe and Chester Ashley to sell unentered military lands on the Red River in Arkansas.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Collection Inventory

1836 June 4: Agreement between Roswell Beebe and Chester Ashley, forming partnership to engage in sale of unentered military lands on the Red River "above Fulton's"