

The Seely Letters

Collection Summary

Title: The Seely Letters

Dates (Inclusive): 1825 - 1829

Creator(s): David Seely, Hiram B. Seely, Gilbert James, Phinehas James, James C. H.

Language: English

Abstract: The collection contains handwritten letters, mostly between the brothers David and Hiram Seely, as well as from some friends and acquaintances. The letters detail family matters and dwell upon life in St. Louis, Galena, Illinois (and the Seven Rivers Mines), and New Orleans.

Collection Number: M-330

Size: 0.5 linear feet

Location: Special Collections
St. Louis Mercantile Library at UM – St. Louis
Thomas Jefferson Library Building
One University Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63121

Biographical Note: David and Hiram Seely were brothers. David spent time employed at the Seven Rivers Mine in Galena [Illinois], while Hiram was more itinerate, travelling between Galena, St. Louis, and New Orleans. An 1829 letter has David's place of residence listed as Green County, perhaps in Kentucky, or referring to Greene County, Missouri.

Scope and Content Note: The collection contains 14 letters, mostly between the brothers David and Hiram Seely. Three letters are written by other people; Gilbert James, Phinehas James, and James C. H., all of who appear to be friends or acquaintances of the Seely brothers. The letters span from 1825 – 1829 cover facets of life in St. Louis, MO., Galena, IL., and New Orleans, LA. The letters cover work, family matters, money-making schemes and money problems.

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Subject Headings:

United States – Missouri – St. Louis
United States – Illinois – Galena
United States – Louisiana – New Orleans
United States – History – 1815-1861

Contents List:

Date	To	From
11/21/1825	H.B. Seely, St. Louis	David Seely
6/12/1826	Hiriam B. Seely, St. Louis	David Seely, Seven Rivers Mines
6/14/1826	Brother [David Seely, Seven Rivers Mines]	H.B. Seely, St. Louis
2/7/1827	Atwood and Merry, Memphis, Tennessee	Hiriam B. Seely, St. Louis
7/20/1827	Hiriam B. Seely	Gilbert James
8/14/1827	David Seely	Hiriam B. Seely, New Orleans
8/24/1827	Hiriam B. Seely	Phinehas James
1/14/1828	David Seely	Hiriam B. Seely, St. Louis
3/14/1828	[Hiriam Seely, New Orleans]	James C. H., St. Louis
3/27/1828	David Seely, Galena, Seven Rivers	Hiriam B. Seely, New Orleans
4/28/1828	David Seely, Galena, Seven Rivers	Hiriam B. Seely, St. Louis
5/2/1828	David Seely, Galena	Hiriam B. Seely, St. Louis
5/5/1828	David Seely, Galena, Seven Rivers	Hiriam B. Seely, St. Louis
3/24/1829	Hiriam B. Seely, St. Louis	David J. Seely, Green County