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**The Papers of
Stephen Fitz James Trabue**

The papers of Stephen Fitz James Trabue, lawyer and land speculator.

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Size of Collection

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Scope and Content Note

Papers include a letterpress book; a notebook listing voters in Trabue's campaign for Congress in 1847; muster rolls of the Kentucky Volunteer Militia in the War of 1812; a bounty land book containing records of military service of Kentuckians in the War of 1812; papers, 1851, concerning Revolutionary service pension claims in Ky., Ind., Ill., Mo.; surveys and plats of land in Ky., Ill., Iowa; and fee, docket, and memorandum books regarding legal, financial, and land matters.

Biographical Note

Stephen Fitz James Trabue was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, in 1821. He received his education from private tutors, and at Adair Academy, and Tuscumbia, Alabama. In 1841, he began the study of law in the office of Cates And Lindsey attorneys of Frankfort. The following year, he graduated from the law department of Transylvania University. Following his studies he began to speculate in lands in Ill., Wisconsin, Minn., Iowa, Mo., and Ky. He ran for Congress in 1847 and again in 1849 but was twice defeated. Trabue again suffered defeat when he ran for Congress a third time in 1872. Trabue died in 1898.

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Papers. 1847-1881.

- 1 Notebook containing a list of voters for the candidates in the 1847 Congressional election for the Ashland district.
- 2 Notes on surveys of land in Ky., including Union, Hancock, Livingston, Marshall, Graves, and Ballard counties, 1850.
- 3 Notebook containing a list of taxes due on Ky. lands, chiefly in Louisville, 1843.
- 4 Letterpress book, 1851.
- 5 Kentucky Mounted Volunteer Militia muster rolls of companies that served in the War of 1812.
- 6 Bounty land book no. 1 containing records of military service of Kentuckians in the War of 1812.
- 7 Book recording statements of Revolutionary War veterans claiming pensions for their services.
- 8 Book recording statements of Revolutionary War veterans and their widows claiming pensions for their services.
- 9 Notebook on pension claims for military service in the Revolutionary War, 1851-1852.
- 10 Notebook on pension claims for military service in the Revolutionary War.
- 11 Illinois bounty tract survey book.
- 12 Survey book: Plats of the Turkey River Land District.
- 13 Survey book.
- 13a Blank survey book.
- 14 Ledger, 1851-1882.
- 15 Notebook containing notes made in Richmond, Va. about the pension of George Triplett, etc. Followed by a list of persons who received Va. military land warrants.
- 16 Notebook containing alphabetical list of names followed by numbers of (warrants)?
- 17 Land memorandum book no. 1 containing surveys and notes.
- 18 Contract book.
- 19 Day book, 1852-1866.
- 20 Fee book for preparation of cases of applicants for benefit of Bankrupt Act of 1867.
- 21 Fee book.
- 22 Docket book, 1872-1874.
- 23 Journal, 1849 Sept.-1852 Apr. 27; followed by a fee book, 1874-1878.
- 24 Pamphlet: "Synopsis of the Law of Crimes and Punishments."