



John Cummins Edwards Papers (C1771)

Collection Number: C1771

Collection Title: John Cummins Edwards Papers

Dates: 1844-1846

Creator: Edwards, John Cummins, 1804-1888

Abstract: The papers of John Cummins Edwards contain Photostats of petitions and letters requesting pardons for prisoners, including a letter from James S. Rollins, a petition to correct an error in a previous pardon, and woman's petition for pardon of an African American woman, Nelly.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic feet
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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[John Cummins Edwards Letter, \(C1526\)](#)

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[John Cummins Edwards Letters, \(C1611\)](#)

[John Cummins Edwards Petitions, \(C1763\)](#)

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Historical Note:

John Cummins Edwards was born in Kentucky in either 1804 or 1806. He moved to Missouri in 1828 and worked as a lawyer in Jefferson City before entering politics. In 1844, he became Missouri's ninth governor and served in that capacity until 1848, when he moved to California. He died in Stockton, California, in 1888.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

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