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**Ensor Family Papers, circa 1830-1883**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Dr. Sidney Rainford Ensor was born November 13, 1808, in London, England. He emigrated to the United States in the 1830s, settling in St. Charles County, Missouri. In 1840 he married Berilla Jane Jameson, and after her death he married Elvira Dyer. Dr. Ensor was a physician and surgeon. He died July 3, 1876, in St. Charles County.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The papers include correspondence, receipts, and papers relating to the estate of Dr. Sidney R. Ensor. The collection also includes seven ledgers of Dr. Ensor, many of which relate to his medical practice.

**Papers Series**  
**Folder 1**

- circa 1830 Twenty-eight pages believed to be from an issue of a medical journal titled *The Lancet London*.
- 1854 Aug 28 Letter of Sidney R. Ensor to Dr. Rice, published in a newspaper or periodical, harshly criticizing Dr. Rice's treatment of the late Mrs. Webb. Mentions Miss Susan Carr, and includes a note of Dr. John B. Muschany. Includes typescript copy. **(original filed oversize)**
- 1854 Aug 31 Note: "Due Mr. Hiram French[?] for value received fourteen dollars and fifty-two half cents. \$14. 52 1/2."
- 1858 Feb 5 Survey of the land of Sidney R. Ensor in Section 1, Township 47 North, Range 2 East. Surveyed by county surveyor Theodore Briere.
- 1863 Jun 22 Letter signed F.R.J.[?] Ensor, St. Mary's Seminary, Perryville, Perry County, Missouri, to his father, Dr. S.R. Ensor, Wellsburgh, St. Charles County, Mo. Dr. S.R. Ensor Wellsburgh, St. Charles County, Mo. Mentions that he received the money his father sent.
- 1863 Sept 1 Handwritten poem titled "Belle Brandon," Wellsburgh, St. Charles Co., written by Mrs. Annie Roberts for her father.
- 187- Receipt of Westhoff & Mispagel, retail dealers in groceries, dry goods, tobacco, etc., O'Fallon, Mo., to Tom Ensor. (The name Mispagel is crossed out on the letterhead.)
- 187- Piece of stationery of the office of Justus Ohage, dealer in dry goods, groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, glassware, etc., Wellsburg, St. Charles Co., Mo.
- 1870 Dec 4 Letter signed A. Ensor, Ursuline Academy, to her father. Thanks her father for the money he sent her, and mentions that Mr. R. Hayden visited her the previous week.
- 1871 Aug 8 Letter signed Celeste Ensor, Stony Point, to her father. Mentions sickness in the family, and that she had her hand lanced. Discusses the wheat and corn crops.
- 1871 Dec 27 Personal property tax receipt of Sidney R. Ensor, St. Charles, Mo.
- 1872 Sept 4 Will of Sidney Rainford Ensor, who leaves land and money to the three children by his first wife (Bevilla Ensor [or Berilla Ensor]): Laura Damees, Ann Roberts, and Frederick Rainford Ensor. He also leaves land

and his personal estate to his present wife (Elvira Ensor) and their seven children: Augusta Jane Ensor, Sidney James Ensor, Thomas Hayden Ensor, George Rainford Ensor, Ada Ensor, Nevile Ensor, and Arthur Ensor. His wife is named administratrix and her uncle William Hayden is named administrator. The will also mentions Louis Withington, William C. Lindsay, and Peter Rottger. Also includes deposition of Conrad Tintrup and Xavier Ashoff, July 20, 1876, verifying that they witnessed the foregoing will, and letters testamentary of the St. Charles Probate Court regarding the will, August 1, 1876.

- 1875 Aug 21      Recipe for curry. Accompanying note dated August 21, 1875, states that the recipe was sent by James R. Ensor, England, to his brother Sidney R. Ensor.
- circa 1876      Typescript circular letter of the American Insurance Company, Chicago, Illinois, to "Dear Sir," stating that his premium payment is past due.
- circa 1876 July 3      Two typescript copies of obituaries of Dr. Sidney Rainford Ensor.
- 1876 July 8      Receipt of Pritchett & Ehrhard, merchant tailors and clothiers, St. Charles, Mo., to Mrs. Ensor.
- 1876 July 31      Letter signed Jas. H. Smith [James H. Smith], Seminary, Perryville, Perry County, Mo., to "Dear Madam."
- 1876 Dec 20      Printed notice of the American Insurance Company, Chicago, to Sidney R. Ensor, stating that his installment of premium is past due.
- Folder 2**
- 1877 Aug 4      Notice signed T.F. Slatery, Wellsburg Post Office, St. Charles County, Missouri, to Mrs. Elvira Ensor, administratrix of estate of Sidney R. Ensor, that he will present a claim against the estate.
- 1877 Aug 4      Notice signed Mary H. Slatery, Wellsburg, St. Charles County, Missouri, to Mrs. Elvira Ensor, administratrix of the estate of Sidney R. Ensor, demanding a piece of land.
- 1877 Dec 19      Plat of survey of land of Mrs. Elvira Ensor by Joseph Cruse.
- circa 1878      Notice signed T.F. Slatery to Elvira Ensor, administratrix of the estate of Sidney R. Ensor, that he intends to present a claim against the estate for \$6.
- 1878      Newspaper clipping comprising a request of the following men to George A. Slatery, asking him to become a candidate for clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Charles County at the election taking place November 5, 1878:

Henry Berkman, Henry Tebbe, Valentine Dowd, Joseph Grobblinghoff, John Davison, Frank Shulte, J. Marten, Joe O'Halloren, Henry Hammer, H. Besselman, John Swan, M. Loftus, Geo. Ensor, J.W. Murphy, Joseph Wecker, Louis D. Hageman, Anton Brown, Wm. Furlong [William Furlong], Bernard Buscher, Frank Muse, James W. Bowles, Joseph S. Owens, W.H.G. Garner, Thomas Fanning, Bernard Dusterhaus, Anton, Strunk, James E. McAtee, Anton Gollner, M. Johannsman, Anton F. Orf, W.J. Cornwall, Wm. P. Basting [William P. Basting], Henry Brown, Thomas Chalfant, and Hilary Hayden. Includes note of Slatery announcing himself as a candidate.

- 1878 June 27 Notice signed Mary H. Slatery and T.F. Slatery, Wellsburg, St. Charles County, Missouri, to Mrs. Elvira Ensor, executrix or administratrix of the estate of Sidney R. Ensor, charging her \$25 per year for use of land.
- 1878 July 29 Notice signed George A. Slatery, St. Charles County, Missouri, to Elvira Ensor, administratrix of the estate of Sidney R. Ensor, that he will present a claim against the estate for \$4.38.
- 1878 July 29 Notice signed Mary H. Slater [Mary H. Slatery] to Elvira Ensor, administratrix of the estate of Sidney R. Ensor, that she will present a claim for \$3.88 against the estate.
- 1878 Sept 27 Indenture between Elvira Ensor, Justus O'Hage and his wife, Augusta O'Hage, Thomas Ensor, and George Ensor, parties of the first part, and James Ensor, party of the second part, for the sale of land in St. Charles County, Missouri. Documents mentions Lewis F. Withington.
- 1878 Oct 3 Receipt of Saint Vincent's College, Cape Girardeau, Mo., to Mrs. Elvira Ensor for \$200 on account of Thomas H. Ensor's schooling.
- 1878 Nov 4 Article of agreement between Elvira Ensor and Joseph Feltman (or Joseph Feldmann) in which Elvira Ensor rents land to Feldmann.
- 1878 Nov 8 Postcard receipt of the American Insurance Co., Chicago, to Elvira Ensor, St. Paul, Mo., for payment of installment of premium.
- 1879 Account book of Elvira Ensor in account with George B. Ensor. Includes accounts such as "mending boots," "cloths for pants," "to go to St. Charles," etc. (6 pages)
- 1879 Account book with Augusta and Dick. Includes accounts such as "half bushel seed grass," "3 lbs butter," "making dress," etc. (4 pages)

**Folder 3**

- 1879 Oct 15 Letter signed Chas. H. Ensor [Charles H. Ensor], 117 South 15th St., St.

- Louis, Mo., to his mother. Hopes his mother will visit him, and warns her about a terrible man named Murphy who used to be Rev. Father Murphy.
- 1879 Oct 17      Receipt signed Wm. Wenzel [William Wenzel], road overseer, St. Charles County, to Elvira Ensor, administratrix of the estate of Dr. Ensor.
- 1879[?] Dec 7      Letter signed Neville Ensor, Sacred Heart Convent, St. Charles, Mo., to “My dear Mamma.” Gives her an account of her studies and grades.
- 1880 Jan 27      Note signed Leonard Orf: “. . . I am ever so much obliged to you for your past favors and hoping you were satisfied with all my dealings with you as I am going to leave O’Fallon and go home will come over to see you soon.”
- 1880 May 20      Receipt signed Jas. S. Ensor [James S. Ensor], St. Paul, Mo., to George R. Ensor for partial payment of a note.
- 1880 Sept 27      Letter signed Jim, 1130 North 22nd St., St. Louis, Mo., to his brother George, regarding payment of a bank note.
- 1880 Oct 27      Promissory note signed Geo. Ensor [George Ensor], promising to pay Menaleus Gray \$40.
- circa 1881      Booklet of the Centennial Mutual Life Association of Iowa describing the company’s insurance policies. Booklet is in English, with some German. Contains costs and payments on policies issued on the lives of the following individuals: Vincent B. Beckett of College Springs, Page County, Iowa; S.A. Gilliam of Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa; E.E. Clough of Toledo, Tama County, Iowa; M.H. Day of Toledo, Tama County, Iowa; Isaac Hoch of Desoto, Dallas County, Iowa; L. Chandler of Cambridge, Story County, Iowa; Andrew Miller of Green Bay, Clarke County, Iowa; Ichabod T. Miller of Odgen, Boone County, Iowa; John C. Livingston of Monroe, Jasper County, Iowa; Joel Macrill of Marshalltown, Marshall County, Iowa; George E. Kennedy of Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa; Hezekiah Pollard of Last Chance, Lucas County, Iowa; Ann M. Thomas of Osceola, Clarke County, Iowa; Israel Scroggy of Waterloo, Black Hawk County, Iowa; and Josiah A. Kennedy of Big Mound, Lee County, Iowa. (24 pages) Includes an insert listing policy holders in St. Charles County.
- 1881 Feb 17      Receipt of H.A. Hueffner, produce and commission merchant, St. Paul, to Geo. Ensor [George Ensor].
- 1881 Mar 5      Note signed Edw. Gut to Mrs. J.R. Ensor: “Enclosed please find Note for amt. Of \$200. . . .” Note is written on stationery of the office of Edward Gut, manufacturer and dealer in harness, saddles, bridles, collars, whips,

- robes, blankets, brushes, etc., St. Charles, Mo.
- 1881 Mar 25 Letter signed H. Reineke, St. Peters, to Mr. G.R. Ensor. Mentions that he was in St. Paul today and that he hopes to see him soon.
- 1881 Apr 28 Funeral notice for the funeral of James R. Hume at the Baptist church. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery.
- 1881 May 12 Letter signed James S. Ensor, attorney, 417 Pine Street, St. Louis, to George. Mentions that he will pay Mr. Kite what he owes him, and that he intends to sue George.
- 1883 Apr 19 Letter signed Joseph Kreckhouse & Co., Milwaukee, to Schmidt Chandler & Co., stating that the last two bags of coffee they sent contained rat feces.
- 1883 May 18 Letter signed J. Ohage, St. Paul, Minn., to Ada and Neville. Welcomes them to America and instructs them to take a sleeping car from Hoboken to St. Paul. Accompanying envelope is addressed to Miss Ada Ensor.
- 1883 Oct 13 Letter signed Jas. S. Ensor [James S. Ensor], St. Louis, to Ada. Mentions that he has deferred his visit due to the weather, and invites her to visit him. Letter is written on letterhead of the Polytechnic Building, 708 Chestnut Street.
- [no year] Aug 28 Unsigned note to Mama: "Please let Frank Westhoff have the two dollars and a half that I promised him on the trunk. . . ." Note is written on stationery of Dr. T.L. Rives, druggist & apothecary, 21 North Main St., opposite Klinger's Mill, St. Charles, Mo. Verso contains note signed Elvira Ensor.
- no date Calling card of Mrs. G. Holt[?].
- no date Letter signed Marie[?] to George Ensor. Invites him to visit her this evening.
- no date Letter signed Jane to Mrs. O. Hage [Mrs. Ohage?]. Asks her to send her crape veil this evening.
- no date Note signed A.W. Cooper announcing a public sale: "I will offer at public sale, on Thursday October 4th at my residence near Wellsburg, Mo. two good horses, one wagon. . . ."
- no date Receipt of the Ursuline Sisters to Arthur Ensor for payment of \$5.70 for five months and two weeks schooling, catechism, and copy book.

- no date Financial account with Williams for \$29.16.
- no date Letter signed Annie to her parents (in French).
- no date Business card of Dr. J. Ohage, physician and surgeon, St. Paul, Minn.
- no date Newspaper clipping titled "Fence Law in Missouri."

**Volumes Series**

- Volume 1 Medical accounts ledger of Dr. Sidney R. Ensor, 1840-1851. Includes name index. (223 pages)
- Volume 2 Medical accounts ledger of Dr. Sidney R. Ensor, 1846-1857. Includes name index. (281 pages)
- Volume 3 Medical accounts ledger of Dr. Sidney R. Ensor, 1857-1875. Includes name index. (431 pages)
- Volume 4 Ledger of Sidney R. Ensor, 1849-1855. Also includes three loose pages of monthly accounts, 1846-1869. (135 pages)
- Volume 5 Ledger of Sidney R. Ensor, 1855-1869. (159 pages)
- Volume 6 Sidney R. Ensor journal, mostly for medical charges, 1863-1873 (pages 1-465). Also includes journal of personal expense records (brick hauling, house building expenses, etc.), 1867-1872 (pages 470-end of volume) and five pages of Ensor family genealogy notes at the front of the volume. (479 pages)
- Volume 7 Sidney R. Ensor ledger of personal, farm, and medical accounts, 1869-1879. (159 pages)