

INVENTORY

ALBERT GALLATIN BOONE COLLECTION

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INTRODUCTION:

Albert G. Boone, frontiersman and Indian agent, was born on April 17, 1806 in Greensburg, Kentucky. He was the son of Jesse Boone and the grandson of Daniel Boone.

In 1824, Boone became the secretary and bookkeeper for the hunting and trapping expedition of General Ashley, which camped for a while at the site that was to become Denver. After concluding his service with General Ashley, he worked for the Indian service of the state of Michigan in the territory that is now Wisconsin. During his service there he served on the staff of General Henry Dodge in the Menominee War of 1831 and the Black Hawk War of 1832-1833.

In 1838 Boone moved to Westport, Missouri, the future site of Kansas City, and in 1849 constructed the first warehouse there for the trading post he would run among the Osage Indians until 1855.

In 1860, Boone moved to Colorado permanently. That same year he was appointed by President Buchanan to negotiate a treaty with the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians. "Boone's Treaty," ceding all Indian lands south and east of Denver to the U.S., was signed at Bent's Fort in 1861. Boone never received the payment he was promised for his service.

Later that year, Colonel Chivington's men camped on Boone's property on their way to the massacre at Sand Creek and caused significant damage to the property, but Boone once again was not reimbursed by the federal government. Boone retired to Booneville, twenty miles south of Pueblo on the Arkansas river, where he held the office of postmaster and worked occasionally as an Indian agent.

He died in Denver on July 14, 1884 at the age of 78.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The collection contains correspondence (1847-1910); legal papers and depositions pertaining to Boone's attempts to gain payment from the U.S.

government (1873-1883); records of Congress on the issue of the debt to Boone (1896-1902); various historical publications; and newspaper clippings.

The collection contains information on Albert G. Boone, an important figure in Colorado history, and some of his major contributions to the history of the state, including "Boone's Treaty" with the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians, the vandalism of Boone's property by Colonel Chivington's men on the way to Sand Creek, and the extensive and futile efforts by Boone and his heirs to collect payment for services and damages from the U.S. government.

PROVENANCE:

The collection was donated by Mrs. Hubert Reynolds of Oxnard, California, the daughter of Henry W. Jones and the granddaughter of Albert G. Boone.

The donation was made in March of 1944.

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- FF 6 : Deed transferring U.S. debt to Boone to Henry W. Jones, June 4, 1884
- FF 7 : Court Summons to A.G. Boone, April 27, 1883
- FF 8 : Louis Vasquez grants power of attorney to A.G. Boone, April 24, 1884
- FF 9 : Legal Statements, July 3 1878 and March 5, 1885
- FF 10 : Interrogatories for Major Jacob Downing, n.d.
- FF 11 : Depositions on U.S. debt to Boone, 7/19/1873-9/16/1873
- FF 12 : Depositions on U.S. debt to Boone, 9/25/1873-2/13/1883
- FF 13 : W.H. Seldon's brief to Rep. E.S. Minor, February 20, 1896
- FF 14 : Congressional Bills and Calendar entries, 1/13/1896-3/19/1902
- FF 15 : Biographical material, n.d.
- FF 16 : Boone Family Echoes, publication of the Boone Family Research Association of Missouri, 10/21/1962-4/1970
- FF 17 : The Trail, publication of the Sons of Colorado, July 1921
- FF 18 : Western Historical Quarterly, March 1973
- FF 19 : Newspaper clippings, n.d.