

**LEANDER M. CAMPBELL  
PAPERS, 1844-1905**

**Collection #  
SC 2493  
BV 0022-0026  
BV 0975-0976**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 7 folders, 7 bound volumes

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1844-1905; bulk 1850-1890

PROVENANCE: Ruth Adams (granddaughter), Danville, IN, July 1962; John A. Kendall, Danville, IN, August 1969

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Leander Melbourne Campbell (1833-1890) was born in Mason County, Kentucky, the son of Lewis and Susan Campbell. He was educated in country schools. He then alternated between teaching in country schools and studying law, spending one winter in the Maysville, Ky., law office of his brother, T. K. Campbell.

In 1852 Campbell moved to Belleville, Hendricks County, Indiana, to teach school. Two years later he was admitted to the bar, and began a two-year stint as prosecuting attorney in the common pleas court. Thereafter he maintained a law office in Danville. In 1855 he married Matilda Hammond, and they had four children. Upon her death in 1866, he married Lucinda Hamrick.

Campbell became a Republican as soon as the party was formed. He served one term in the state House of Representatives (1867) and two in the state Senate (1885, 1887). He did not support Blaine's candidacy in 1884, but helped form a Fremont Club to support Harrison in 1888. He was a Prohibitionist.

Sources: Materials in collection

*Biographical Directory of Indiana General Assembly*, Vol. 1

*Beers Atlas of Hendricks County* (1878)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection, comprising seven folders and seven bound volumes, contains correspondence, legal papers, tax receipts, notebooks, and account books from the period 1844-1905. It is arranged chronologically.

Folder 1 contains biographical material about Campbell. In Folder 2 is a small notebook with clippings about slavery (1848-1850) and obituaries of Campbell's parents. Contents of Folder 3 include an 1844 certificate from the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, an 1860 Fourth of July speech, and an unsigned letter of November 1860 from Maysville, Ky., discussing the writer's attitude toward the recently elected Lincoln and the Republican party. Folders 4-5 contain material from the period 1865-1905. In Folders 5-6 are texts of speeches, mainly by Campbell, about lodges, education, and the jury system.

BV 0976 is a small notebook from 1850-1854 when Campbell was teaching. It contains class recitation records, an account of his arrival to teach at Belleville, and a contract with his colleague at the Belleville Academy.

BV 0022-0026 are cash and account books covering both Campbell's home and law office from 1853 to 1890. They are unusually detailed, showing such things as the cost of building his house and the times when he bred his stock.

BV 0975 is the record of the Fremont Club, formed in 1888 to include people who had voted for Fremont in 1856 and were expected to vote for Harrison in 1888.

## **FOLDER AND VOLUME LISTING**

### **FOLDER**

1 Biographical

2 Notebook-- slavery (1848-1850), obituaries

3 1844-1864

4 1865-1884

5 1885-1905

6 Speeches, n.d.; "Shall the state support institutions of higher learning?"; Jury system

7 (BV) Bound volumes

BV 0022 Ledger 1877-1889

BV 0023 Cash book 1853-1866

BV 0024 Cash book 1863-1875

BV 0025 Cash book 1872-1879

BV 0026 Cash book 1888-1890

BV 0975 Records of Fremont Club 1888

BV 0976 Notebook 1850-1854

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