

**Collection #
SC 2976**

**CALVIN FLETCHER FAMILY
MATERIALS, CA. 1852-1970S**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 manuscript folders, 1 photograph folder, 1 OVA graphics folder

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1852-1970s

PROVENANCE: Robert M. Fletcher, San Ramon, CA

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RELATED HOLDINGS: Calvin Fletcher Jr. Family Collection, P 0120, OM 0483; Emily Beeler Fletcher Diaries and Papers, M 0479; Calvin Fletcher Papers, M 0108

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Calvin Fletcher Sr. (February 4, 1798–May 2, 1866) was born to Jesse and Lucy Keyes Fletcher near Ludlow, Vermont. He attended local schools and later moved to Urbana, Ohio, where he taught school and studied law, was admitted to the bar, and married Sarah Hill. Together they journeyed to Indianapolis in October 1821. The first lawyer in the newly established Hoosier capital, he soon partnered in his law practice with Ovid Butler.

For the first several years he both practiced law and tilled the soil, riding the circuit in eight counties and served in the Indiana Senate (1826–1833). Wise investment decisions, hard work, and an expanding frontier enabled him not only to meet his financial obligations but to risk moving into additional ventures, so that by the mid-nineteenth century the debt-free father of eleven children lent money to others, provided for the education of his children, and gave money to charitable organizations. In the 1840s he retired from law and land speculation, devoting his energies to banking.

A year after his wife Sarah died (1854) he married Keziah Price Lister (nee Backus) who hailed from New Hampshire. A fall from a horse led to his death on May 2, 1866. His body is interred at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Stephen K. Fletcher (May 30, 1840-July 6, 1897) was born to Calvin Fletcher and Sarah Hill Fletcher in Indianapolis. He was educated at public schools in the city, until he left to work as a clerk at the Dorsey & Jones hardware store in Greencastle, Indiana. In September 1861, Fletcher joined the 33rd Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Company E. In 1863 he was commissioned as First Lieutenant and adjutant for the 115th Regiment Indiana Volunteers. Fletcher was mustered out in February 1864 and returned to Indianapolis where he had business and farming interests. He operated a dairy outside of the city and also had a tile and brick manufacturing business. Fletcher was also a philanthropist, as he helped to establish Flower Mission in Indianapolis. He married Mary Malott in 1866, and they had three children. Mary Malott died in 1879, and Fletcher remarried to Laura Maxwell in 1879. They had one child.

Robert Malott Fletcher was the son of Stephen K. Fletcher and Mary Malott. He was involved with the Indiana National Bank of Indianapolis.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

John H.B. Nowland. *Sketches of Prominent Citizens of 1876: With a Few of the Pioneers of the City and County Who Have Passed Away*. Indianapolis: Tilford & Carlon, 1877.

Gayle Thornbrough, *Diary of Calvin Fletcher*, 9 vols., Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1972–1983.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains the childhood diary of Stephen K. Fletcher, son of Calvin Fletcher, from 1852. In the diary, Fletcher describes his daily routine, from farm chores to attending school and playing with friends. Next, there are two notes addressed to Robert Fletcher, one from Governor George N. Craig and the other from Senator Arthur S. Robinson. There are also materials from Indiana National Bank, two newsletters on the history of the bank, a statement of condition from 1938, and a postcard showing the interior of the main lobby. Finally, there are two visuals associated with this collection, an engraved portrait of Calvin Fletcher Sr. and a photograph of the lobby desks at Indiana National Bank.

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