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CALVIN FLETCHER, JR. FAMILY COLLECTION, CA. 1850–1977

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	Visual Materials: 1 box of photographs, 2 boxes of cased images, 4 folders of color photos, 1 box of OVA graphics, 2 OVB photograph folders, 7 framed paintings, 3 photo albums, 2 4x5 acetate negatives Manuscript Materials: 1 oversize folder
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

CALVIN FLETCHER, SR.:

Calvin Fletcher, Sr. (1798–1866): pioneer, lawyer, land speculator, banker, politician, father of 11 children, and descendent of Robert Fletcher of Concord, Massachusetts. Calvin was born February 4, 1798, to Jesse and Lucy (Keyes) Fletcher at their home 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.

Mrs. Calvin Fletcher, Sr. (Sarah Hill) (1801–1854): was born to Joseph and Margaret Oliver Hill of Urbana, Ohio, the city where Calvin Fletcher, Sr. met her after he struck out on his own en route to “the West.” After their marriage (1821) they moved to Indianapolis, arriving before the state capital had moved from Corydon to the Hoosier capital. Here the hardworking couple raised their 11 children. A midwife, nurse, book lover (for self-improvement), and a good manager of time, she helped her husband lay a solid foundation both in and out of the home for his work and fortune. Sarah died peacefully, following great abdominal pain (in Calvin’s diary for September 22, 1854), at their Indianapolis home, September 27, 1854, surrounded by Calvin, Sr., and family members. She maintained a diary from 1821–1838.

Mrs. Calvin Fletcher, Sr. (Keziah Price Lister) (1813–?): born in Farmington, Maine, Keziah Price Lister became (1855) the second wife of Calvin, Sr., after the death of Sarah Hill Fletcher in 1854.

CALVIN FLETCHER CHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES:

Albert E. Fletcher: Son of Calvin, Sr. and Sarah Hill Fletcher. Albert attended the Abbott School (Maine) and Phillips Academy (Massachusetts) but returned to Indianapolis. While

his father lectured him for his undisciplined lifestyle, particularly in his studies, he became a wealthy art collector and the first president (1883) of the Art Association of Indianapolis.

Calvin Fletcher, Jr. (1826–1903): son, of Calvin, Sr. and Sarah Hill Fletcher. Educated at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, he married Emily Beeler (1849). Two sons and three daughters were born to the couple. He worked his father's farm for several years, even after his marriage to Emily, but following the death of their son Calvin Beeler ("Toddy") who died in 1857, they moved into the city of Indianapolis. In 1858 he and two other men established Western Commercial Nurseries. In 1868 he purchased land in Owen County where he built Ludlow Hall. Today the area would equal 6 city blocks. At the turn of the 20th century he sold the estate to E. Chubb Fuller, publisher of the *Agriculturalist Epitomist*. Fuller moved the *Epitomist* to Ludlow Hall. Thinking they would move to southern California, the family bought 4000 acres in 1872 there, but later decided they preferred Europe, where they spent considerable time. Living beyond their means led to insolvency in the late 1890s.

Mrs. Calvin Fletcher, Jr. (Emily Beeler) (1828–1910): daughter of Joseph and Hannah Mathews and wife of Calvin, Fletcher, Jr., Emily Beeler and Calvin married in 1849 and parented five children, two of whom died in infancy. Emily's father Joseph willed her 160 acres of land in Wayne Township of Marion County—southwest of present-day Monument Circle. In the Civil War she worked as a nurse in hospitals in Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In the Hoosier capital she helped to establish the Home for Aged Women. She died at her home on November 27, 1910. One of the couple's daughters was also named Emily, born October 4, 1857.

Sarah ("Davy") Fletcher (b. 1854–1939): the oldest daughter of Calvin, Jr. and Emily Beeler, the family named Sarah as "Davy". She was married to Dr. Theodore Wagner and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery. Little is known of her life.

Elijah T. Fletcher (b. 1824): son of Calvin, Sr. and Sarah Hill Fletcher, Elijah married Catherine T. Carnahan, a widow, in 1856. He seems to have had some theological education, for one writer labeled him "Rev. Elijah Fletcher." To their home she brought a son from her previous marriage.

Ingram Fletcher (1835–1903): son of Calvin, Sr. and Sarah Hill Fletcher, Ingram Fletcher attended normal school in Lancaster, Massachusetts, a dozen miles or so west of Concord. Both he and his brother Stephen Keyes wanted to enlist in the Civil War on the side of the North, but one of them was needed on the farm. Stephen won the toss and went off to battle. Ingram stayed home and tended the family farm. He married **Gertrude Newman**.

James Cooley Fletcher (1823–1901): missionary son of Calvin and Sarah Hill Fletcher and the oldest of their eleven children received his first formal education at the Indianapolis Seminary, later at Phillips Exeter Academy (New Hampshire), and graduated from Brown University (1846). He spent some time at Princeton Seminary, was ordained (1849) and proceeded to Paris and Geneva for further study. In the latter city he met **Henrietta Malan**, daughter of a clergyman, whom he married (1850). The couple sailed for Brazil where he served as agent for the American Bible Society and in the U.S. legation in Rio de Janeiro. After some years there, they returned to the U.S., settling in

Newburyport, Massachusetts. While there he lectured and preached, and collaborated with another ex-missionary to Brazil to write *Brazil and the Brazilians* (1857), a book which went through at least nine editions and became for the nineteenth century *the* authentic English language work on that country and its people. In 1862 he returned to Brazil, this time as an agent-in-residence for the American Sunday School Union. Later in that decade he served as a literary colporteur for the American Tract Society, a New York-based organization devoted to disseminating Christian literature in multiple languages. Henrietta and James divorced. In the early 1870s, when he was serving in the U.S. diplomatic corps in Portugal, he met and married **Frederica Jane Smith**. He continued serving in that country for several years, but in time moved to Naples, Italy, where he engaged in voluntary work with the Waldenses and the Free Church of Scotland. During that time he contributed numerous articles to American newspapers and magazines. In 1890 the couple returned to the U.S., settling in Los Angeles. From that base he preached in local Presbyterian pulpits, married a third time (following the death of his second wife Frederica), this time to **Elizabeth (Murton) Curryer** of Oakland, California. She, along with two children from his first marriage, survived him at his death (1901) in Los Angeles where he was buried.

Lucy Fletcher Hines (1842–1918): the tenth child and second daughter born to Calvin and Sarah Hill, enjoyed some formal education outside the Fletcher home, but the instruction she and some of her siblings got from brother Miles, at least in practical things, seems to have been more significant. She taught often in her church Sunday schools. After her sister Maria died (1860), **Cyrus Hines**, widower of Maria, wanted to marry Lucy. He did, though her father opposed such unions, her affirmative decision led to the wedding (1863), but no children came from the union. She became a virtual mother to Maria's son Fletcher S. Hines. Sometime after Cyrus' death (1901), Lucy relocated to live with her brother and his family in Farmington, Connecticut. There she died in 1918. A photo in the Fletcher Collection P 0120 shows a young lady, possibly Lucy, sitting comfortably on the first floor room of Dr. and Mrs. Edward F. Hodges' house in Cavendish, Vermont.

Maria Antoinette Fletcher Hines (1833–1860): the first of two daughters born to Calvin, Sr. and Sarah Hill Fletcher was educated in the elementary schools of Indianapolis, worked on the family farm (later "Fletcher Place") and taught younger children in her Methodist church's Sunday School before matriculating to various Eastern schools, including the Young Ladies High School in Providence, RI and the Uxbridge, Massachusetts, Academy, often called the Macomber School. At the Hall School (so-named for the Rev. E. Edwin Hall and his wife Cecile who opened it) in Guilford, Connecticut, she did well, as reflected in a letter from Mr. Hall to Calvin Fletcher. She finished there in May, 1853. In her mid-teens, she had a religious conversion experience which gladdened the heart of her father. Following the death of her mother (1854), she assumed much of the responsibility in her Indianapolis home prior to marrying (1855) **Cyrus Hines**, whom she had met while in school in Massachusetts. He had moved westward, resettling in the Hoosier capital to study and practice law. The Hines couple established their home on Pennsylvania Avenue, south of her parents' residence. In 1858 Maria's father deeded to her a quarter-section of land south of the city. Two children were born to the couple, Fletcher in 1857 and Maria,

1860. Unfortunately Maria Antoinette in May of 1860 died the first of Calvin, Sr.'s children to pass away. The death resulted from the birth of the couple's second child, Maria, who died later at the age of one and a half.

Cyrus C. Hines (1830–1901): lawyer and husband of both, Maria Antoinette and Lucy Fletcher (in that order). Cyrus C. Hines was born in Washington County, New York on December 10, 1830. Short in stature, he migrated from the East Coast to the Hoosier capital, here to study and practice law. Some of Calvin Sr.'s sons had known Hines when they studied at Brown University (Rhode Island). While in Indianapolis he cultivated Maria Antoinette's friendship, later marrying her on November 15, 1855. Two children were born to the couple; the youngest, Maria, died at age one and one-half years. Colonel of the 57th Indiana Regiment, he fought in the Civil War, suffered wounds at Murfreesboro, and was discharged before the war's conclusion. In the late 1860s he served as judge of Marion County Civil Circuit Court, resigned in December, 1870, and later joined the law firm of Porter and [Benjamin] Harrison, adding his own name to the firm's partnership. Due to his brother's ailing health, Hines left the firm in 1884 to care for his sibling, and died in New York City in 1901.

Miles J. Fletcher (1828–1862): son of Calvin and Sarah Hill Fletcher, Miles was born in Indianapolis, and tutored in Hamilton County and at a second elementary school meeting in the Governor's Mansion on the Circle. In his mid-teen years he did well academically, but did not excel at Brown University. He was not expelled, but the President warned him of his raucous behavior. At 20 years of age Miles had a religious experience when visiting relatives or friends, but he seems not to have grown in that area of his life. In 1852 he married Jane (Jennie) Hoar in Providence, Rhode Island and later taught English Literature, Belles Lettres, and History at Indiana Asbury University (later DePauw University) on two different occasions, 1852–54 and 1857–61. In the 1860 political campaign he allowed his name to be placed on the Indiana ballot for the two-year term of Superintendent of Public Instruction. He not only won, but ran ahead of his ticket which also elected Oliver P. Morton to Indiana's gubernatorial office. Early in the Civil War Morton asked Calvin to accompany him on a train trip in order to talk to Indiana troops. Busy with his many responsibilities, Fletcher declined, but suggested Miles might go. The state school administrator accepted the invitation. On May 11, 1862, when the train pulled into Sullivan, Indiana, between Terre Haute and Vincennes, the locomotive hit a parked freight car. As the train continued moving Miles thrust his head out the window only to be hit by another car carrying the governor. He never regained consciousness, dying within five minutes. Two days later, friend and former neighbor, Methodist Bishop Edward Ames presided at the Indianapolis funeral, reportedly one of the largest in the city's history.

Stephen Keyes Fletcher (1840–1897): eighth son of Calvin and Sarah Hill Fletcher born on May 30, 1840, served in the 33rd Reg. (under the command of Col. John Coburn) of the Indiana Volunteer Infantry. During this time the major military operation of his unit was the capture of the Cumberland Gap. In July 1863 he received a commission as a First Lieutenant and Adjutant in the 115th Infantry Reg. Mustered out in February, 1864, the light-haired, genial veteran returned to Indianapolis, where he became a well-known business man and operated a dairy some 15 miles from the Hoosier capital. Early on he established a tile and brick manufacturing business and in 1866 was betrothed to Mary

Catherine Malott and almost immediately began the erection of a French mansard house on North Delaware St. But neither of them lived in the house, for while they were in Chicago shopping for furnishings for the new house, Mrs. Fletcher became ill and died. He subsequently (1879) married **Laura Maxwell**. Three children from his first marriage and one from his second survived him. He died July 6, 1897. He helped establish Flower Mission in Indianapolis (1876), a private facility for social welfare and health care, especially (in later years) for tuberculosis patients, and later a school of nursing.

Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Jr. (1831–1895): the fifth son of Calvin and Sarah Fletcher he became a successful businessman. He founded Atlas Engine Works, located at 19th St. and Martindale Ave., the company became a major force in the development of the Corliss Steam Engines as well as garden tractors. He was also a banker, and philanthropist.

Ruth Elizabeth (“Lizzy”) Barrows Fletcher (1833–1889): was born in Augusta, Maine, married Stoughton A. Fletcher, Jr. there in 1856. A loving and unselfish wife, she became the mother of four children, including **Laura Fletcher (Hodges)**. She died in Indianapolis.

Laura Fletcher Hodges: married Dr. Edward F. Hodges in 1877. At least one child was born to the couple.

Dr. Edward Francia Hodges (1851–1923): was a leading physician in Indianapolis medical circles. He was born in Boston, August 1, 1851, and spent his early years in Concord, Massachusetts. He received medical degrees from George Washington University and Harvard Medical School. In 1880 he came to Indianapolis where he spent the next 30 years both in private practice, in hospital work and in lecturing to medical students. His office for his private practice was located on the northwest corner of New York and Meridian Streets. A 32nd degree Mason, a vestryman at Christ Church (on Monument Circle), and a Fellow of the American Medical Association, Dr. Hodges reportedly owned the first car in Indianapolis. He died of cardiac asthma at his summer home, Glimmerstone, in Cavendish Vermont. His wife Laura Fletcher Hodges whom he married in 1877 and one son survived him.

William Baldwin Fletcher (1837–1907): the seventh son of Calvin and Sarah Hill Fletcher, William Baldwin Fletcher, (“Billy,” so his father called him) studied at Indiana Asbury (later DePauw) University and later attended lectures of the Swiss-American naturalist Louis Agassiz. Subsequently he attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. Upon completion of his M.D. degree, he returned to the Hoosier capital where in late 1860 he established his medical practice. The outbreak of the Civil War interrupted his civilian work when he enlisted as a musician but actually entered the secret service. His later capture as a spy and internment at Libby Prison (Richmond, Virginia) gave him opportunity to care for sick and wounded Union soldiers. A prison guard’s bayonet interrupted his attempt to escape, leaving him with a permanent scar. Through the efforts of his brother Miles he was exchanged for a Confederate soldier (1862), allowing him to return to Indianapolis, marry Agnes O’Brien of West Bloomfield, New Jersey (1862), and resume his medical practice. Two girls were born to the couple. In 1868 he collaborated in establishing the Medical College of Indiana. In the early 1870s, following two years of medical service at several European hospitals, he returned to the Hoosier capital where he taught neuropathology at the newly founded Central College of

Physicians and Surgeons. This led to his appointment as Superintendent of the Indiana Central Hospital for the Insane (1883) in which capacity he abolished physical restraints for the care of nervous and mental diseases—work which led to his recognition as “an unquestioned authority” on these medical conditions. Several published articles on insanity and cholera flowed from his pen. Amidst all this professional work the brusque, overweight Fletcher served a term in the state senate. Billy’s poor health in later years, including a stroke in December 1906, took a paralyzing toll on the aging physician. He spent his last days in Florida, dying of a heart attack in Orlando, April 25, 1907. Two days later his funeral took place in Indianapolis.

STOUGHTON ALPHONSO FLETCHER, SR. SPOUSES AND CHILDREN

Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher (1808–1882): brother of Calvin, Sr., and banker, merchant, and broker, was born the last of Jesse and Lucy Keyes Fletcher’s 15 children at the Ludlow house in Vermont. Following the death of his father (1831) Stoughton migrated to Indianapolis. The family rented out the farm and the three-story farmhouse Jesse had built in Vermont, but later Stoughton would own the house. Stoughton joined Calvin in business and became a successful businessman and banker. He was thrice married. In 1836 he was betrothed to Maria Kipp who died in 1841; to Julia Bullard (1844) who died in 1859; and finally that same year, less than five months after Julia Bullard Fletcher’s death, to Mrs. Julia Johnson. Eight children were born to S.A. Fletcher, Sr. and his first two wives. He passed away in 1882 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr. (Julia Bullard) (d. 1859): married Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr. in 1844. They had two sons, Stoughton J. and Allen Miller Fletcher.

The second **Mrs. Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr. (Julia Johnson):** was the widow of the Rev. Samuel Lee Johnson, rector of an Episcopal Church in the Hoosier capital, Julia Johnson married Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr. in 1859.

Allen M. Fletcher (1853–1922): was born in Indianapolis the son of Stoughton A. and Julia Fletcher, and nephew to Calvin Fletcher, Sr. Educated at the Abbott School in Farmington, Massachusetts, he had business interests in Indiana where it seems, after his formal education, he did not often visit. Wealthy, he traveled widely in North and South America as well as in Europe. Fletcher resettled in Proctorsville, Vermont where he built (1881) a summer home and became active in state politics, representing for four terms Cavendish in the state legislature and after the turn of the century (1912–15) was chosen as the state’s governor. For a time he was a member of the New York Stock Exchange but found his greatest fulfillment in Republican politics. In 1876 he married Miss Mary E. Bence of Indianapolis to whom three children were born. Allen M. died May 11, 1922.

Mrs. Allen M. Fletcher (Mary E. Bence) (?–1922): was the daughter of Robert and Carrie (Coburn) Bence of Indianapolis. In 1876 she married Allen M. Fletcher. Three children were born to the couple. They lived much of their time in Vermont. She died at Camden, South Carolina, 1922.

Fanny B. Fletcher: daughter of Allen M. Fletcher.

FAMILY MEMBERS AND ACQUAINTANCES IN THE COLLECTION

Fanny Fletcher Bliss: sister of Calvin and Stoughton. She was born in Ludlow, Vermont to Jesse and Lucy Keyes Fletcher and later married to Dr. Calvin Bliss.

Carolyn (Caroline?) Coburn Bence: should probably be identified with Caroline Test Coburn, daughter of Charles Test and wife of John Coburn.

Robert F. Bence, M.D.: an Army surgeon. Several images of him are found in the Fletcher Collection.

Frederick Rankin Charlton: an Army surgeon with rank of major, with the Second Division, first Army Corps. He married Mary Fletcher.

Mrs. Frederick Rankin Charlton (Mary Fletcher): married Dr. Frederick Rankin Charlton.

Henry P. Coburn (1796–1853): a longtime educator and advocate of public education and father of John (see below), graduated from Harvard and came to Indianapolis in the mid-1820s. Here he married Sarah Malott and began a long career in educational circles. In 1820 Coburn was appointed the first librarian of the Public Law Library “at the seat of government” which at that time was in Corydon. He served, along with Calvin Fletcher, Sr., as trustee of Marion County Seminary (located on grounds now occupied by the Memorial War Plaza) which at least two of Fletcher’s sons attended. Both Coburn and the elder Fletcher advocated tax-based education for the elementary grades. In 1929 a school was built at the site of East 38th and Park Streets and named in Coburn’s honor, the Henry P. Coburn School, P.S. #66. In the 1990s it became a shelter for women and children.

Mrs. Henry P. Coburn (Sarah Malotte): married Henry P. Coburn.

Augustus (“Gus”) Coburn: a brother of Henry P. Coburn.

Daniel Coburn: a brother of Henry P. Coburn.

John Coburn (1825–1908): lawyer, legislator, Civil War soldier and U.S. Congressman, John Coburn, son of Henry P. Coburn, (see above), was born in the Hoosier capital in whose schools he received his early education and later in the Marion County Seminary. He graduated with honors from Wabash College in 1846, studied law and was admitted to the bar three years later. The following year he was elected as a Whig to the state legislature where he served for one term. He served as judge of a local Court of Common Pleas for the Hoosier counties of Marion, Boone and Hendricks. When the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter, Coburn resigned his judicial duties and accepted the colonelcy of the Thirty-third Indiana Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He served in that capacity 1861–1864 during which time he was captured, but later released. In March 1865 he was brevetted brigadier general, after which he served four terms as a Republican in the U.S. Congress, and later resumed his law practice in Indianapolis. The bearded warrior and lawyer died in his hometown and was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

Betty Bates: probably a friend of the Fletchers at Roberts Park Methodist Church. There she taught a children’s class, or so we may conclude from a cased image in the Fletcher Collection.

Robert Vowles: a farm hand employed by Stoughton A. Fletcher II on his farm near Ludlow, Vermont. In the Fletcher Collection one can see an image of him on a farm plow

HOUSES, FARMS, SITES MENTIONED IN HISTORICAL SKETCH:

Calvin, Sr. and Sarah Hill's house: Indianapolis, Market Street. This was their second house in Indianapolis (after the initial log cabin upon their arrival).

Calvin Fletcher School, #8: Indianapolis. The building was erected on the spot where Calvin Fletcher, Sr.'s home once stood, 520 Virginia Ave. It continued to serve public school students in to the 1970s, but has since been turned into apartments.

Clifford Place: 1800 E. 10th St. (formerly Clifford Ave.), Indianapolis. The large three-story house, with carriage facilities behind, was built (1870) and owned by Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Jr. who lived there until his death (1895). Images of the original building show a railed decorative area on the crown of the house much like that of many New England House tops.

Fletcher Library, Ludlow, Vermont: Built in 1901, it was named in honor of Allen M. Fletcher, governor of Vermont (1912–1915) and son of Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr.

Fletcher Place: Indianapolis. Southeast of present-day Monument Circle, Fletcher Place took its name from Calvin Fletcher, Sr. By 1872 the area was known as Fletcher Place. Fletcher Avenue was also named in Calvin's honor. Today a plaque stands at the intersection of Virginia Avenue and East Street, commemorating the site.

Jesse Fletcher's house: near Ludlow, Vermont, a three-story house with shutters and an adjoining "summer kitchen", built in the Black River Valley on the Boston-Montreal Post Road sometime before 1800 by Jesse Fletcher, Calvin, Sr.'s father. Some years after Jesse's death, Stoughton, Sr. took it over, followed by Allen M. Fletcher, who bought the house and land in the late 1890s in order to erect a modern, luxurious home on the site.

Ludlow House/Hall, Spencer, Indiana: the estate seems also to have been labeled Spencer Acres and owned by Calvin Fletcher, Jr. Built in the style of the Second Empire of France, the house included a Mansard roof, dormer windows, external window shades, and a stucco façade affixed to thick brick walls. A stoop on the back side of the house looked out on the lawn, pasture and pond. The house was named after the family ancestral home built in Vermont by Jesse Fletcher. At the turn of the twentieth century it was sold and converted to the editorial offices of an agricultural journal.

Ludlow, Vermont: Jesse F. Fletcher, father of Calvin, Sr., and his brother Josiah arrived in Ludlow (Windsor County) in 1783–1784, shortly after Jesse married Lucy Keyes of Westford, Massachusetts. In the Black River Valley Jesse and Lucy cleared the land, planted crops and assumed their tasks of farming and raising their family of 15 children.

Summer home of Stoughton A. Fletcher, Jr.: Located in Proctorsville, Vermont.

Woodlawn, Indianapolis: a home on Virginia Ave. near Fletcher Ave. owned by Calvin Fletcher, Sr. from 1839 until his death. Today a marker at Virginia Ave. and East Street commemorates the site. Four images of Woodlawn can be seen in the Fletcher Collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This is an artificial collection and contains various types of visual materials depicting many members of the Fletcher family, their relatives, and residences. The collection contains a large amount of copy photographs that were loaned from different Fletcher family descendants. Original materials, however, are also included, such as the cased images, cartes de visite, cabinet cards, stereographs, and paintings.

Series 1: Fletcher Family Cased Images, Calvin Fletcher, Sr. and his wife Keziah are first followed by, Julia Bullard Fletcher the wife of Stoughton A. Fletcher, and the Bence and Coburn families.

Series 2: Fletcher Family Photographs, Calvin Fletcher, Sr. and his wife Sarah are listed first, followed by other Fletcher family members, and relatives.

Series 3: Fletcher Residences and Buildings are mostly exterior views of the homes.

Series 4: Fletcher Family Albums

Album 1: "Fletcher-Barrows Homes" contains photographs of Fletcher-Barrows homes and scenes in Vermont, Ohio, and Indiana.

Album 2: "Fletcher-Barrows Homes, Laura F. Hodges, Christmas 1898"

Album 3: Sarah Malott Coburn, Fletcher Family photograph album, photographs of Sarah Malott Coburn and Fletcher family members. [this was a new album with old photos pasted in, for conservation reasons the pages with photos were removed from the album]

Series 5: Fletcher Portraits, Paintings, and Prints contains painted portraits, prints, and some photographs of portraits of Calvin Fletcher, Sr., his wife Sarah Fletcher, Allen M. Fletcher, Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Sr., Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Jr., and William B. Fletcher. Some of the paintings have been photographed and these photographs are in the collection and are indicated in the guide.

The 7 paintings in this collection may be viewed by appointment only.

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Series 1: Fletcher Family Cased Images

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Calvin Fletcher Sr. and Keziah Fletcher
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Daguerreotype, 1856

Julia Bullard Fletcher wife of Stoughton A. Fletcher

Dr. Robert Bence
[in Civil War uniform]

Caroline Coburn Bence
[as a young girl]

Caroline Coburn Bence
[as a young woman]

Henry P. Coburn, 1790–1853

Sarah Malott,
[wife of Henry P. Coburn]

Augustus Coburn,
[brother of Henry P. Coburn]

Daniel Coburn,
[brother of Henry P. Coburn]

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Miss Betty Bates S.S. Class, Indianapolis, Ind.
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Back row: Betty Ketcham, Nina Merrill

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Series 2: Fletcher Family Photographs

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Calvin and Sarah (Hill) Fletcher
Calvin and the 11 children with portrait of Sarah

Sarah (Hill) Fletcher with daughters Lucy Keyes
Fletcher and Maria Antoinette Crawford Fletcher

Allen M. Fletcher

Calvin Fletcher Jr.,
Copy photo from Fletcher Papers drawn by himself as
a student at Brown University, with caption, “[The
Sophomore] of the Class of 1850.”

Fanny B. Fletcher
daughter of Allen M. Fletcher

Fanny Fletcher Bliss
carte de visite

Julia Bullard Fletcher
with sons Stoughton J. and Allen Miller [copy photo]
Father of Julia Bullard [tintype]

Mary Fletcher Charlton
at 14 and 19
Major F.R. Charlton, 1898

Ruth Elizabeth (Barrows) Fletcher
wife of Stoughton A. Fletcher Jr.

Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr.
brother of Calvin Fletcher

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brother of Calvin Fletcher

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Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Jr.
son of Calvin and Sarah Fletcher

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Fletcher Brothers:
Calvin, Ingram, and Stoughton in Orlando, Florida
with other family members
James Cooley Fletcher and Stoughton seated together

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 13

Bence Family:
Dr. Robert F. Bence
Elizabeth MeKeown Bence
Mary Elizabeth Bence (Mrs. Allen M. Fletcher)

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 14

General John Coburn
[2 cartes de visite, 1 tintype]

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 15

Sarah (Davy) Fletcher Wagner
Dr. Theodore Wagner

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 28

Marie Hines
Lucy Fletcher Hines?

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 29

5 unidentified cartes de visite

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 16

Series 3: Fletcher Residences and buildings

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CONTAINER

Calvin and Sarah Fletcher's house on Market Street,
Indianapolis

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 17

Woodlawn
Calvin Fletcher residence, Virginia Ave., Indianapolis,
later became site of Calvin Fletcher School #8

OVB Photographs:
Folder 2

Clifford Place
residence of Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Jr.
1800 E. 10th St., Indianapolis

OVB Photographs:
Folder 2

Fletcher House, Spencer, Indiana

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 18

“Fletcher Estate: Spencer’s Historical, Cultural,
Architectural Treasure”
by Dixie Kline
Spencer Evening World:
Wednesday, September 7, 1977, pp. 2B–3B

OM 0483:
Folder 1

“Early Indianapolis Christmas Celebration at Fletcher
Home, Woodlawn, Described”
by Kate Milner Rabb
Indianapolis Sunday Star, Dec. 21, 1930, p. 38

OM 0483:
Folder 1

Fletcher House, Spencer, Indiana
[photocopies of photographs]

OVA Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 1

Fletcher Homestead, Ludlow, Vermont:
4 stereoscopic views, 1 copy photo,
cabinet card view of Robert Vowles on plow and S.A.
Fletcher, Jr. standing beside him and in distance is
superintendent for Fletcher Elmer Flanders.

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 19

Fletcher Homestead, Ludlow, Vermont, ca. 1880

OVB Photographs:
Folder 2

Stoughton A. Fletcher, Jr. summer home,
Proctorsville, Vermont, 1878

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 20

4 room interior photographs, on verso inscribed from
Lizzie Fletcher to Janet Moores, 1897

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 21

Unidentified school or institution, ca. 1860,
stereograph photographed by Ingraham & Claflin of
Indianapolis

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 22

Series 4: Fletcher Family Albums

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Fletcher-Barrows homes, album containing
photographs of Fletcher-Barrows homes and scenes in
Vermont, Ohio, and Indiana. 19 leaves of photographs

CONTAINER

Album Storage
Album 1, PAA

**Fletcher-Barrows Homes, Laura F. Hodges,
Christmas 1898, Album**

Fletcher Homestead, Ludlow, Vermont
Fletcher homes in Indiana, Plymouth, Mass.,
Middleboro, Mass., Augusta, Maine,

Album Storage
Album 2, PAB

Loose items from Christmas 1898 album:
Letter from Geo. H. Wilbur's Photographic Studio,
1897
Art Notes, May 1916 [empty folder]
Middleboro, Mass Church interior

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 27

Loose items from Christmas 1898 album:
Calvin Fletcher, Sr. [engraving] [2]

OVA Graphics folder
Box 1, Folder 5

Sarah Malott Coburn Album:

Caroline Coburn Bence
Elizabeth McKeowen Bence
Robert F. Bence
Mary F. Fletcher Charlton
Mrs. Augustus Coburn
Sarah Malott Coburn
Sen. John Coburn
Allen M. Fletcher Jr.
Allen M. Fletcher Sr.
Fanny B. Fletcher
Mrs. Mary Bence Fletcher
Stoughton A. Fletcher Sr.
Fanny Bence Gregory
Annie Bence Hobbs
Julia Pratt Johnson
Several Fletcher homes

Album Storage
Album 3, PAB

Series 5: Fletcher Family Portraits and Prints, 1853–1890, n.d.

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Allen M. Fletcher, governor portrait,
taken in the Fletcher Library, Ludlow, Vermont

CONTAINER

Color Photographs:
Folder 1

Calvin Fletcher, Sr.
1853
Attributed to Jacob Cox
oil on canvas
35 x 30 inches, framed
1971.0019

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 23

Color Photographs:
Folder 2

Hanging Storage

Calvin Fletcher, Sr.
1879
Artist: T.C. Steele
Oil on canvas
33 $\frac{5}{8}$ x 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, framed
1997.0265

Hanging Storage

Calvin Fletcher, Sr.
Sarah (Hill) Fletcher
1879
Artist: T.C. Steele
(copies of 1832 water colors by an unknown artist)
Oil on canvas
34 x 30 inches, framed
1971.1110

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 24

Color Photographs:
Folder 3

Hanging Storage

Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Sr.
ca. 1870
Artist: B.S. Hays
Oil on canvas
36 x 31 inches, framed
Presented by Mrs. T.A. Fletcher
1930.1001

Hanging Storage

Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Sr.
artist unknown, n.d.
watercolor and gouache on illustration board
9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

OVA Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 2

Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Sr.
painted ca, 1875
painting owned in 1971 by Mrs. Marea F. Hare,
Indianapolis

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 25

4x5 Acetate negatives

Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Jr.
Ruth Barrows Fletcher
Artist: Barton S. Hays
paintings owned 1977 by Malcolm F. Macfarlane,
Sewickley, Pennsylvania

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 26

Color Photographs
Folder 4

Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Jr.
Ruth Elizabeth Barrows Fletcher
1890
Artist: T.C. Steele
Oil on canvas
39 x 34 inches, framed
1977.0405

Hanging Storage

Stoughton Alphonso Fletcher, Jr.
etching [2]

OVA Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 3

William B. Fletcher
etching with facsimile signature [2]

OVA Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 4

4x5 Acetate Negatives:

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