

CARR FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE, 1837-1856

Collection #s:

SC 2386

F 1166

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 mss. folder (17 letters), 1 reel of microfilm

COLLECTION DATES: 1837-1856

PROVENANCE: Mrs. Lucile Carr Marshall (Mrs. T.J.), Indianapolis, October, 1957.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: Microfilm

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: Samuel and John Carr Papers (SC 178, OM 10); Carr Family Papers (M 607)

ACCESSION NUMBER: 94.0029X

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The two main individuals involved in this collection's correspondence are brothers Joseph Carr (1796-1844) and Thomas Carr, Jr. (1807- ?). Joseph Carr was born in Pennsylvania and came to Indiana in 1806 and married Nancy Drummond in 1818. They had twelve children. Thomas Carr was a farmer who settled in Clark County and served in

the Indiana Militia in the 1820s. He was also elected Clark County sheriff in 1826 and was a Democratic Party member of the Indiana House of Representatives from 1846-1851.

Sources: *Baird's History of Clark County Indiana*, 1909, p. 811 (Joseph Carr).
Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly, Vol. 1, p. 56 (Thomas Carr).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of seventeen letters mostly to Thomas and Joseph Carr from family members and friends, 1837-1856. Included are letters from John Bowell and James Drummond in LaPorte County, Indiana, members of the Carr family in Louisville, and Indianapolis, and U. S. Representative John Carr from Washington, D.C. There is also a letter from Jeff (Jefferson C.) Davis (1828-1879) fighting with the U. S. Army in Saltillo, Mexico, January. 1847. Most of the letters contain family related and personal information although the letters from John Carr and Jefferson C. Davis mention politics and the Mexican War respectively. The letters have been microfilmed (F 1166).

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Carr, Thomas, b. 1807

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Carr, Joseph, 1796-1844

Carr, Thomas, b. 1807

Bowell, John

Drummond, James, fl. 1840s

Carr, John, 1793-1845

Davis, Jefferson Columbus, 1828-1879

Mexican War, 1846-1848--Indiana

United States--Politics and government--1837-1841

Clark County (Ind.)--History--Sources

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