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ELIZABETH MYERS FAMILY MATERIALS, 1826–1960 (BULK 1826–1862)

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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| VOLUME OF COLLECTION: | Manuscript materials: 1 half size document case, 8 oversized manuscript folders Visual materials: 1 photograph folder |
| COLLECTION DATES: | 1826–1960 (bulk 1826–1862) |
| PROVENANCE: | Elizabeth Myers, Indianapolis, IN, 2000 |

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000.0199

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The following people who resided in Marion and Johnson counties in Indiana, and Boone County in Kentucky are mentioned in the collection's land documents: Aaron Alldredge [or Aldridge], Elizabeth Aldridge, Nathan Aldridge, David G. Allison, Matilda Allison, Ruth Allison, William Allison, Benjamin H. Canby, Elizabeth Canby, Israel T. Canby, Samuel Canby, Julia Fletcher, Stoughton A. Fletcher, Thomas Hatfield, Rebecca Keightley, Samuel Keightley, Bethuel F. Morris, Margaret E. Morris, George T. Noble, Louisa Noble, Abraham Smith, Martha Smith, James Smock, Jane Smock, John B. Smock, Charity [Smock] Sorter, Garret Sorter, Thomas J. Todd, Arthur St. Clair Vance, Lawrence M. Vance, Mary Jane Vance, Joseph B. Woods, William Washington Woods, and Martha G. Woods.

The Civil War related items pertain to the Waggener family. James N. Waggener married Caroline Hendricks. The couple had a daughter, Lavonia Ann Waggener born 2 July 1853 in Franklin Township, Johnson County, Indiana. James N. Waggener enlisted from Greenwood, Indiana, into Company D of the 17th Regiment Indiana Infantry on 12 June 1861. He achieved the rank of 1st Lieutenant and mustered out on 8 August 1865. He mentions the following people in his letter/booklet: Edwin Churchill, George Harris, George Harter, Albert Parr, Wes Smith, Ben Voris, Samuel Voris, and Miner West.

Sources:

Information in the collection.

Branigin, Elba L. *History of Johnson County, Indiana*, 1972 reprint.

American Civil War Research database. Available at: <http://www.civilwardata.com>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Series 1: Land and Estate Documents, 1826–55 consists of documents for purchases of land in Johnson and Marion counties in Indiana, and one for Boone County, Kentucky. There are also a few documents pertaining to George T. Noble's serving as administrator of estates for the Canby family and John Whiteneck.

Series 2: Civil War Materials, 1862–1938 contains a small booklet in which James N. Waggener composed a letter to his daughter Livona Ann Waggener. Edwin Churchill also writes in this booklet. Waggener writes about camp activities, weather, illness, food, driving the mule teams, encounters with African Americans, and lists the names of the soldiers and officers in his company. He advises his daughter to study in school and tells his wife to do the best she can without any money. Edwin Churchill discusses traitors in the land and God’s will. A 1938 certificate from the Adjutant General’s office certifies Waggener’s service from 1861–65 in the 17th Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Company D.

Series 3: Printed Materials and Photographs, 1919–60 includes an 8 February 1919 program for the funeral service for James T. Polk held at the Presbyterian Church in Greenwood, Indiana. The program contains biographical and genealogical information on Polk. Newspaper clippings dated 1922–60 contain information on Noah Noble, Dr. Thomas B. Noble, and the interurban line between Indianapolis and Louisville. There is one photograph of an unidentified woman in the collection. There are also two color postcards of the Indiana Building at the 1904 World’s Fair in St. Louis, Missouri.

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