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GEORGE AND WILLIAM JOHNSTON COLLECTION, 1862–1916

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: Manuscript materials: 1 manuscript box, 1 bound volume
Visual materials: 2 photograph boxes, 1 OVB box, 1 photograph album, 1 oil painting

COLLECTION DATES: 1862–1916

PROVENANCE: William G. Johnston, Pasadena, CA, January 1988

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George W. Johnston served in the 4th Indiana Battery during the Civil War. After the war he returned to Indianapolis, where he was active in the G.A.R. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument Commission.

Johnston married Sarah Alice Holmes in 1879. It is unknown whether he had any other marriages before or after.

Upon his retirement, he bought land in Pensacola, Florida. He and his wife traveled between Pensacola and Indianapolis during their later years.

William M. Johnston was the son of George W. Johnston. The younger Johnston attended the Colorado School of Mines. He traveled extensively, mining in Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada. He later returned to Indianapolis where he was engaged in business.

Sources:

Indiana Biography Series

Indiana Newspaper Index

1860 Census

Indices to Marion County Histories

Indiana Adjutant General's Report-- Civil War

United States Census Records

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection has been divided into two series: papers and photographs. The papers series have been divided into two parts: those concerned with the business and G.A.R. activities of George Johnston, and letters from George Johnston to his son William. George Johnston's papers (Box 1, Folders 2–14) are largely concerned with the building of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. They discuss fund-raising activities, the participation of the G.A.R. in the monument project, and correspondence with contractors. Also included are sample checks from the monument project and from Johnston's personal finances, as well as contracts and deeds. A few of Johnston's letters written during the Civil War, and pension materials related to his service are also in the collection (Box 1, Folders 15–24).

The second series is of photographs. The photographs are black and white and include scenes of the west from the late-nineteenth to the early-twentieth centuries, family portraits, and the Soldiers & Sailors Monument in downtown Indianapolis. There are seven folders of oversize photographs and one photo album with cartes-de-visite of family portraits.

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“The Slave,” “The Soldier,” cartes-de-visite, 1862

Battery A and Indianapolis Light Artillery, n.d.

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Maryville College football team, Second team, 1902

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Parade in Washington D.C., July 1881	Visual Collections: OVB Photographs, Box 1, Folder 6
Indianapolis home of Sarah Alice Holmes, ca. late 1860s	Visual Collections: OVB Photographs, Box 1, Folder 7
Photo album of family portraits, n.d.	Visual Collections: Album Storage, PAB

CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog:
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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 0518).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.