

# HENRY KEYS FAMILY PAPERS, 1855-1866

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**Collection #**  
SC 2595

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## USER INFORMATION

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Joseph Keys (b. 1803) was a native of Surry County, North Carolina, and settled in Johnson County, Indiana, around 1830. He was married to his wife, Lucinda (Lucy), about 1824, when he was disowned by the Deep Creek Friends Monthly Meeting, North Carolina. Joseph and Lucinda had three children: John (1830-1914), Benjamin (b. 1830), and Henry Lewis (b. 1836)

Benjamin Pickett Keys (1797-1872) was the brother of Joseph Keys. He married Elizabeth Bond (1801-1833) in 1826, and had four children: John (b. 1827), Joseph (b. 1830), Mary (b. 1831), and Daniel (b. 1833) After the death of his wife, Benjamin moved from North Carolina, and settled just east of Winchester, Indiana (Randolph Co.).

Peter Rich (b. 1811), a native of North Carolina, settled in Hamilton County, Indiana, in 1833, where he worked as a farm-hand. After he married Amy (Jessup) Rich (b. 1818), Rich moved to a farm near Horton, Indiana (Hamilton Co.). He was co-owner of the Westfield Flouring Mill until 1855. The Rich family had at least three children: Timothy J., Julia and Susan (fl. 1856-1862). Rich was a member of the Westfield Friends Church, and was active in the "underground railroad."

Timothy J. Rich died in 1862, while serving in the 57th Indiana Infantry Regiment, Company H.

Alexander Stephens (fl. 1834-1855) was a resident of Green Township in Randolph County.

No information found in available resources for Edward Edwards.

Sources: Material in collection.

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*History of Hamilton County, Indiana*. (1880) p. 70, 137.

Terrell, W. H. H. *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana*. Vol. 5. p. 642.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of correspondence (1855-1866) of the Keys family, who lived in Hamilton and Randolph Counties, Indiana. Most of the letters are addressed to Henry Keys of Westfield, Indiana (Hamilton Co.), and detail the activities and lives of various family members. Also present are two letters from Timothy J. Rich to his sister, Susan (Rich) Keys, sent while Rich served in the 57th Indiana Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. The correspondence is arranged chronologically.

Correspondents include: Edward Edwards, Benjamin P. Keys, Joseph Keys, Lucinda Keys, Henry Keys, Susan (Rich) Keys, Timothy J. Rich, and Alexander Stephens.

The collection also contains a marriage certificate, dated March 6, 1856, belonging to Henry Keys and Susan (Rich) Keys. (See OM 341)

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## FOLDER LISTING

### Folder

1 Correspondence

2 (OM 341) Marriage Certificate

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## CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Keys, Henry Lewis, b. 1836

SUBJECT ENTRIES; Keys, Henry Lewis, b. 1836

Keys family

Rich family

United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 57th (1861-1865)

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

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