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## HENRY W. TUTEWILER FAMILY PAPERS, 1859–1920

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 manuscript box and 1 oversize folder; 1 reel of microfilm

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1859–1920

**PROVENANCE:** 1972.0019 (all except photocopied diaries and notes in Folder 1): Julia Tutewiler Taylor.  
1977.0310 (photocopies in Folder 1): originals lent by Marion Irwin, Brookston, Ind.  
Both accessions came via Caroline Dunn of the Indiana Historical Society, also a Tutewiler relative.  
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**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 1972.0019, 1977.0310, 2010.0041

**NOTES:** The photocopied diaries and quartermaster notes (1977.0310) were formerly SC 1475.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Henry Wesley Tutewiler was born in his family's home on Massachusetts Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 9 January 1842, and remained an Indianapolis resident throughout his life. Tutewiler received an education at Northwestern Christian University, now known as Butler University. On 15 August 1862, he enlisted in Company D, 17<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment, where he served as clerk to Col. (later Brigadier General) John T. Wilder, whose letters to Tutewiler after the Civil War are a part of this collection. On 15 April 1864, Tutewiler was promoted to Regiment Quartermaster Sergeant. Later that year, Tutewiler received an officer's commission and the rank of first lieutenant.

During the war, Tutewiler wrote to family, friends, and his fiancée, Louisa M. Dunn, who became Mrs. Henry W. Tutewiler on 21 June 1866. The couple lived at 1406 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, where a son, Harry D. Tutewiler, and a daughter, Louisa K. Tutewiler, were born.

Henry W. Tutewiler first went into business in Indianapolis with his two brothers, who had already established a stove and tinware company before the end of the war. Tutewiler remained there until 1872 when he was elected City Treasurer of Indianapolis. At the end of his term in 1876, Tutewiler opened a shoe store, Boot Upside Down. By 1885, Tutewiler sold all his businesses and became an undertaker operating from various West Market Street locations. His son Harry would later join him in this venture and they became known as Tutewiler and Son, Undertakers and Funeral Directors.

Tutewiler was an active member of Roberts Park Methodist Episcopal Church. He was also a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Sources in the collection indicate Henry W. Tutewiler died in 1920.

Sources:

Materials in collection.

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*Who Was Who in America 1607-1896*, New York: A.N. Marquis Company, 1967. rr E 176.W64. Information on possible ancestors of Henry W. Tutewiler.

*Report of W.H.H. Terrell, Adjutant General, Indiana*. Vol. 2, Indianapolis: W.R. Holloway, 1865. rrE506.2.I39

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection is comprised of Tutewiler (also spelled Tutwiler in earlier documents) family papers ranging from 1859–1920. Letters during the Civil War between Henry W. Tutewiler and his family, including his fiancée Louisa M. Dunn, provide information regarding the front lines of battle and troop movement as well as the home front in Indianapolis. Tutewiler kept a personal journal beginning in 1859 and ending in July 1864, a photocopy of which is in this collection. The collection is rich with receipts, notes, and various types of transactions and business records from Tutewiler’s professional endeavors.

Folder 1–7 contain papers created by Henry W. Tutewiler, including his Civil War diaries and notes (photocopies; formerly SC 1475), Civil War letters, discharge paper, business papers (1863–1917), a speech, and a letter from Tutewiler to his daughter, 1901.

Folders 8–10 contain correspondence written to Tutewiler from his wife, Louisa M. Dunn, parents, and associates. Folder 11 contains typescripts of two Tutewiler ancestral property deeds (1809 and 1825).

Folders 12–14 contain materials collected by Henry Tutewiler: patriotic songs and sheet music, an anonymous letter of patriotic sentiment (c. 1864), and songs written by Tutewiler’s son, Harry D. Tutewiler.

Also in this collection are political editorials, patriotic songs, poetry, and sheet music of the day as kept in a scrapbook by Henry W. Tutewiler, which are located in OM 0394.

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Microfilm of collection

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3. Click on the "Call Number" radio button.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 0279).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.