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JENNIE BAKER PAPERS, 1884-1930

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 small manuscript box, 2 bound volumes

COLLECTION DATES: 1884-1930

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jennie Baker (fl. 1884-1900) lived in Kendallville, Noble County, Indiana. She was a Republican.

Solon A. Enloe (fl. 1888-1921) was a lawyer in the 1890s, served in the Philippines in 1902, was involved in raising Poland China hogs about 1910, and had a cottage at Big Long Lake in 1921. His relation if any to Jennie Baker, and the location of several of his activities, are unknown.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling one small manuscript box and two bound volumes, consists of correspondence, essays, ledgers, and a diary. It is arranged by category, and chronologically within category.

Folders 1 and 2 contain letters written to Jennie Baker during and shortly after the Spanish-American War. Some are from her cousin Allen [Martin?], stationed in Florida; five are from a friend, S. G. Clapham, stationed first at Matanzas, Cuba, then at Columbus, Georgia.

In Folder 3 are three unrelated family letters. The first, written by Jennie Baker to her grandmother in 1884, tells how "the Democrats" tried to break up a parade of uniformed Republican girls in Fort Wayne. The second, unsigned and addressed to "friend Schuyler," dated 1927, describes a family visit to Kendallville from Buffalo, New York. The third, from W. A. Glatte in 1930, discusses the possible whereabouts of a Miami Indian village near Fort Wayne; it quotes what "Aunty Baker" used to say.

In Folders 4 and 5 are typed carbon copies of two essays, one on freedom of speech and of the press, the other (apparently an address to the G. A. R.) on God and country.

Folder 6 contains the diary of Sgt. Solon A. Enloe, stationed in the Philippines in 1902. A note on the inside cover says the diary was purchased in the Philippines.

The two bound volumes in the collection are apparently connected to Enloe.

BV 2144 is a ledger, marked on the outside, "Koch Enloe, March 20 1888," which is crossed out and replaced with "Bartholomew Enloe." Inside, pages 4-31, dated March-May 1888, are ledger pages for a store, apparently the Koch Enloe firm. Pages 33-66, dated 1890-1897 and headed "Solon A. Enloe," have ledger entries for a legal firm, probably Bartholomew Enloe. Pages 67-72 are records from 1921 of the Cottage Association at Big Long Lake, of which Enloe was secretary. Pages 100-122 contain a one-paragraph essay on "The Struggles of a Race." Probably in Enloe's hand, the essay contains meditations on world history.

BV 2145 has on its cover, "Record of Target Practice--

Co. B 26 Inf." This was Enloe's company in the Philippines. The first seventy pages have been cut out. Pages 93-95 record a 1906 criminal case in Hendricks County against William O. Power. Pages 200-217 contain an untitled essay, probably in Enloe's hand, about the Philippines, with emphasis on the faults of Spanish rule there.

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