

# JOHN C. NEW COLLECTION, 1814-1936

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**Collection #:**  
**M 662**

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## USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: 1814-1936

PROVENANCE: Joseph R. Sakmyster, Ads Autographs, PO Box 8006 W, Webster, New York, 14580

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: SC 1138, John C. New; M 475, Jack L. New

ACCESSION NUMBER: 95.0573

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## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

John Chalfant New was born in Vernon, Jennings County, Indiana on 6 July 1831 to John Bowman New and Mariah

Chalfant. He was the Grandson of Jethro New. John C. New studied law at Bethany College in Virginia and graduated in 1851. He married Melissa Beeler in 1854 and had one child, Harry Stewart New (who later became United States Postmaster General). After Melissa's death in 1867, New married Elizabeth R. McRae with whom he had two children.

John C. New was a banker, publisher, and lawyer. He was elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1863 to complete the term of Horatio Cooley Newcomb and held many other political offices. Some of these offices include: United States Treasurer (1875-1876); first assistant Secretary, United States Department of the Treasury (1882-1883); United States Consul General, London, England, (1889-1893); and Republican State Chairman (1880, 1882). New was also active socially and was a member of several fraternal organizations. John C. New passed away 4 June 1906, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sources:

*Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made Men of the State of Indiana*. Volume II. (Ohio: Western Biographical Publishing Company, 1880) pages 269-270.

Dunn, Jacob Piatt Ed. *Indiana and Indianans*. Volume I. (Ohio: The American Historical Society, 1919) page 338.

Shepherd, Rebecca A., Calhoun, Charles W., Shanahan-Shoemaker, Elizabeth, and January, Alan F. *A Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly*. Volume I. (Indiana: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1980) page 290.

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### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, which contains material from the years 1814-1936, is stored in two manuscript boxes and is arranged chronologically. The Historical Records in the collection contain Indiana state records, receipts, and an indenture from 1853. The photographs in the collection are of John C. New and other members of his family including Belle Chalfant, Flora Chalfant, Martha Chalfant, Ellie Coffin, Jim Coffin, Willie Connell, Williams Gossom, Katie Harrison (with baby), Sallie James, Klondike (a dog), Jim McGlonkin, John Bowman New, Charles Ristine, Joe Ristine, Sallie Ristine, Mary Agnes Rutherford, Joe and Sallie Skidmore (twin babies), and Jennie Skidmore.

The New correspondence includes both letters to and from John C. New as well as documents about him. Two of the Scrapbooks in the collection contain newspaper clippings about John C. New's political career. The other scrapbook contains 48 letters from consuls and vice-consuls regarding a request that they forward a photograph of themselves to be presented to New upon his retirement from the office of Consul-General. There are also some personal correspondence items to and from people presumed to be relatives of John C. New.

Some people who appear in the John C. New Collection are: David J. Bailey, G.W. Ball, Jasper P. Bradley, J. Hewetson Brown, Harold C. Browning, Wallace Bruce, F.M. Burton, John H. Copestake, Byron Daniels, G.B. Daniels, P.B. DuChandler, Adam Everly, Charles Fisher, Benjamin Flosom, Howard Fox, Thomas W. Fox, N. Heard, William Hendricks, Richard Hogan, Walter E. Howard, C. Howell, Ophela Humphrey, J. Jennings, William Kellogg, E. Kingston, Richard Lees, John A. Logan, Robert D. Maddison, John L. Mckim, Zee McRae, Horace W. Metcalf, Andrew Murray, Elizabeth M. New, George W. New, John Bowman New, R.C. New, C. Nielsen, S.S. Partridge, Hugh C. Peacock, Charles Portlock, F.W. Prescott, James D. Reid, E.B. Renouf, Merritt C. Ring, P.T. Rodger, Thomas H. Sherman, John A. Sleicher, S. Soderbergh, Theodore Stanwood, William J. Sulis, John A. Tibbits, S. Vater, William Wallace, Ira Westover, John J. Willetts, and A.B. Wood.

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### BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

**BOX 1: Historical Records, 1814-1854; Autobiography of John Bowman New; Photographs; Correspondence, 1862-1893; Clippings, 1882; Scrapbook, 1893.**

## **FOLDER CONTENTS**

- 1 Historical Records, 1814-1854
- 2 Copy of Manuscript on Autobiography of John Bowman New
- 3 (VC) Photographs: Miss Ophela Humphrey's photograph album and Cabinet photograph of John C. New
- 4 Correspondence, John C. New, 1862-1893 and n.d.
- 5 Newspaper clippings, 1882 and n.d.
- 6 Scrapbook-Letters, re: Consular Album 5 May 1893

## **BOX 2: Scrapbooks, 1875-1892 and 1882-1906; Program 1895; correspondence, 1905 and 1936**

### **FOLDER CONTENTS**

- 1 Scrapbook: Clippings, 1875-1892
  - 2 Scrapbook: Elizabeth M. New, April 1888 (contents ca. 1882-1906)
  - 3 Scrapbook: Elizabeth M. New, April 1888, loose items from between cover and page 1
  - 4 Scrapbook: Elizabeth M. New, April 1888, loose items from between pages 2 and 3
  - 5 Scrapbook: Elizabeth M. New, April 1888, loose items from between pages 16 and 17
  - 6 Scrapbook: Elizabeth M. New, April 1888, loose items from between pages 20 and 21
  - 7 Scrapbook: Elizabeth M. New, April 1888, loose items from between back covers
  - 8 Dramatic Club Program (Miss New), 1895
  - 9 Correspondence, Zee McRae, 1905 (see also VC)
  - 10 Correspondence, Katie to Henry, 1936
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## **CATALOGUING INFORMATION**

MAIN ENTRY: New, John C. (John Chalfant), 1831-1906

SUBJECT ENTRIES: New, John C. (John Chalfant), 1831-1906

New, John Bowman

New, Elizabeth McRae

New family--Photographs

United States. Consulate General (London, England)

Politicians--Indiana--Indianapolis

Scrapbooks--Indiana--Indianapolis

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