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**LAZARUS NOBLE FAMILY
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Lazarus Noble, the eldest of twelve children, was born in Brookville, Indiana in 1823 to Thomas George Noble and Sarah Jane Jacobs. His father moved the family to Centerville, Indiana in 1834 where Sarah died shortly thereafter. Thomas' occupations included serving as tavern keeper, Collector of State/County Revenue, Sheriff, and Clerk of Court.

Lazarus attended elementary school at Whitewater Seminary and became a Notary Public for Wayne County and Centerville at the age of 17. After going into a dry goods business with his father, he went into Real Estate with a good friend, Oliver Perry Morton (future Governor of Indiana). On 6 June, 1850, at the age of 27, he married Catherine Judah, aged 18, the oldest child of Samuel Judah, a Vincennes attorney, and his wife, Harriet.

After their marriage, Lazarus and Catherine lived in Centerville. Lazarus was admitted to the bar in 1852. The family, including daughter Harriet born in 1851, lived in Cincinnati from 1853-57 where Lazarus was a salesman for Carney, Swift and Company Dry Goods. Subsequently he practiced law in Council Bluffs, Iowa before moving to Vincennes, Indiana. During the Civil War, Lazarus Noble served as Adjutant General in Indianapolis and from 1864 to 1868 held the position of Indiana Supreme Court Clerk.

While living in Vincennes, Lazarus helped found the Citizens Gas Light Company in 1876 and co-owned the Vincennes Times from 1873 to 1875. Lazarus and Catherine had two more children; daughter Catherine born in 1865 and son, Lazarus born in 1870. Lazarus' wife, Catherine, died on 14 January, 1876.

In 1879 Lazarus traveled to Colorado in order to find a good location on which to build a mining operation. His trip west began in early June, and he died in Alpine, Colorado, 20 October, 1879.

Sources:

Maxine Batman, Ed., *Knox County History*. Vincennes Historical and Antiquarian Society, Paducah, Kentucky: Turner Publishing Co., 1988.

George E. Greene. *History of Old Vincennes and Knox County Indiana*. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing, Co., 1911

Goodspeed. *History of Knox and Davies Counties*. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1886

Some information was obtained from the collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

General Lazarus Noble's notebook contains letters he wrote to his family between 4 June, 1879 and 5 July, 1879, wherein he describes his travels from Kansas City, Missouri through Pueblo, Colorado and into the Rocky Mountains in search of property on which to establish an ore mine. The letter to J. M. Judah, Esquire was written by F. E. Tyler as notification of Lazarus Noble's death

The loose newspaper clippings from Harriet Noble's scrapbook focus on articles pertaining to women's health and welfare, including women's rights. Most are undated, but one is dated December of 1904. In the scrapbook itself, the articles date between 1878 and approximately 1890 and contains a number of disparate articles including many on the very early history of Indianapolis written by Rev. J. C. Fletcher, the growing acceptance of cremation in both Europe and America, a literary quiz, several poems, world news stories, and a two-sided map indicating the route that Lazarus Noble took from Pueblo, Colorado, to found his ore mine near Alpine, Colorado.

The paper presented at The Indianapolis Literary Club on 14 April, 1919, apparently by John M. Judah (Lazarus Noble's brother-in-law), recounts the adventures of Dr. Samuel Bernard Judah who traveled from New York to Vincennes, Indiana and back in 1827 to visit his son, Samuel Judah, an attorney.

The subjects in the three individual photographs are not conclusively identified.

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