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**ANNA MEEKER MADIGAN
MEEKER FAMILY PAPERS, 1892–1909**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 box (.33 linear feet)

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1892-1909; Bulk 1892-1896

PROVENANCE: Pauline Ford Meeker, Indianapolis, Indiana, 18 July 1990

RESTRICTIONS: Photocopies not permitted because of ink fading

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: 1 Photograph Album stored in Visual Collections and *U.C. College Normal Echo* (school newspaper), February, 1895, commencement exercises, 1893, and 1 page flyer on Union Christian College, March 11, 1908 held in Printed Collections.

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1990.0431

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Meeker family resided in Stone Bluff, Fountain County, Indiana. Principal correspondents in the collection are Anna Meeker, a student at Union Christian College in Merom, IN in the 1890s who later married William Madigan of Veedersburg and died before 1913 and Holford Meeker who attended Union Christian College in the mid-1890s, served in the Spanish American War and was living in Stone Bluff in 1913. Their father, J.M. Meeker, was a trustee for the college. No other biographical information for the principal correspondents was attainable.

Sources: Information contained within collection.

Beckwith, Hiram. *History of Fountain County*, 1881.

Clifton, Thomas A., ed., *Past and Present of Fountain and Warren Counties*, 1913.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the collection is made up of letters from Anna Meeker while a student at Union Christian College in Merom, Indiana to her stepmother Mary Virginia Wright Meeker (Jennie) in Stone Bluff, Indiana, 1892-1897. Topics discussed include life at college, classes taken and grades, friends, news from home and people and events at school. Meeker also wrote several letters to her brothers and sisters at home, particularly her sister, Tabitha Meeker. There also are several letters from Anna's brother, Holford M. Meeker, to his parents while at Union Christian College, 1894-1896, discussing prices, expenses, pleas for money, news from home and life at college. In addition, there are receipts, correspondence, and a grade card regarding Union Christian College and the Meekers including an unsigned copy of a letter from James Whitcomb Riley, April 19, 1907, endorsing the college. There is also a Meeker family photo album stored in Visual Collection.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1: Papers, 1892-1909

FOLDER CONTENTS

1: Anna Meeker Letters, April, 1892-Jan., 1893

2: Anna Meeker Letters, Feb., 1893-May, 1893

3: Anna Meeker Letters, June, 1893-Oct., 1893

4: Anna Meeker Letters, Nov., 1893-Dec., 1893

5: Anna Meeker Letters, Jan., 1894-March, 1894

6: Anna Meeker Letters, April, 1894-May, 1894

7: Anna Meeker Letters, Sept., 1894-Dec., 1894

8: Anna Meeker Letters, Jan., 1895-March, 1895

9: Anna Meeker Letters, April, 1895-June, 1895

10: Anna Meeker Letters, Sept., 1895-Dec., 1895

11: Anna Meeker Letters, Jan., 1896-June, 1896

12: Anna Meeker Letters, Sept., 1896-April, 1897

13: Holford Meeker Letters, 1894-1896

14: Union Christian College Materials, 1895-1909

15: (V.C.) Meeker Family Photo Album

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 0571).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.