

THOMAS COLEMAN PAPERS, 1829-1879

Collection #
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USER INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Thomas Coleman (fl. 1829-1879) settled in Noble Township, Rush County, Indiana, in 1832, probably having come from Kentucky. Beers Atlas of 1879 lists him in a group of "useful citizens and men of note," and shows him owning 194 acres in Union Township. Coleman paid federal tax on a carriage in 1863 and 1865, and paid federal income tax of

\$14.10 in 1865. At three per cent on incomes over \$800, this indicates an income of \$1270.

Sources: Materials in collection

Beers. *Atlas of Rush County* (1879), pp. 12, 44

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling one folder, contains letters, notes, and tax receipts, dated 1829-1879. They are arranged in chronological order. Most of the items concern Thomas Coleman of Rush County. In 1839 he borrowed from Elizabeth Gates (possibly his mother-in-law) \$400 at no interest for two years, with the proviso that if Gates should die before two years expired, half the amount should be paid to Rebecca Jones (possibly Gates's daughter).

Two letters, neither written by Coleman, are of some interest. In 1829 John Camp wrote from Natchez to "Sister," Mrs. Wm. Gates (possibly Elizabeth) at Dover, Mason County, Kentucky. He had been visiting in Tennessee where there was "no warter corse Sufficient to Take a Canough." He was in good health, weighing 203 pounds. In a letter of 18 June 1859, Melissa Hart of Pleasant Retreat, Bracken County, Kentucky, told her niece Angelina of her struggles after her husband's death to get her daughter educated to be a teacher and her son to be a doctor.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: coleman, Thomas, fl. 1829-1879

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Coleman, Thomas, fl. 1829-1879

Frontier and pioneer life--Indiana--Rush County

Frontier and pioneer life--Kentucky

Taxation--Indiana--Rush County

Widows--Kentucky--Bracken County

Rush County (Ind.)--History--Sources

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