

# WYLIE J. DANIELS PAPERS, 1850-1940

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## **USER INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: 1850-1940

PROVENANCE: Gift of Margaret S. Daniels, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 1953

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

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NOTES: Two pamphlets that came with this collection were transferred to Printed Collections

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Wylie Johnston Daniels (1888-1951) was born in Indianapolis, the son of a prominent lawyer, Edward Daniels. He

graduated from Wabash College, then went to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned a Master of Engineering degree in 1913 and then served as instructor.

For twenty-one years Daniels was an official of Indianapolis Belt Railroad. He was secretary-treasurer of the road when he retired in 1943. He was the author of "The Village at the End of the Railroad," a history of the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad first written as a paper for the Indianapolis Literary Club and later published by Indiana Historical Society (IHS Publications, Volume 13, 1941).

Sources: Materials in collection  
*Indiana Biographical Series*, Vol. 37, pages 21, 23

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling one manuscript box, contains letters and miscellaneous family papers and photographs. It is arranged topically.

Folder 1 contains an early nineteenth-century (title page missing) book on bridge building with flyleaf signatures by Daniels's great-grandfather and his four sons. Folder 2 contains letters of reference (1847-1861) concerning the bridge-building skills of Joseph J. Daniels, Daniels's grandfather.

Folder 3 contains three letters (1850-1852) addressed to a grandmother, Mary. D. Fitzhugh in Madison; Folder 4 the typescript of the Civil War diary of a great-uncle, James W. Daniels; Folder 5 two club papers written by Mrs. Edward Daniels.

Letters complimenting the author of "The Village at the End of the Road" are found in Folder 6; some general correspondence of Daniels in Folders 7-8; and material about the family's Burt Lake property in Folder 9.

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## FOLDER LIST

### Folder

- 1 Book on bridge-building with signatures of of Stephen Daniels and his four sons
  - 2 Correspondence and references of Joseph J. Daniels, 1847-1861
  - 3 Letters to Mary D. Fitzhugh (grandmother) 1850-1852
  - 4 Diary of James W. Daniels (Civil War)
  - 5 Mrs. Edward Daniels[?]- Papers on Fanny Kemble and Mrs.Oliphant
  - 6 Comments 1939-1940 on "The Village at the End of the Road"
  - 7 General correspondence I
  - 8 General correspondence II
  - 9 Material on Burt Lake property
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## CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Daniels, Wylie Johnston, 1888-1951

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Daniels, Wylie Johnston, 1888-1951

Daniels, Joseph J., 1826-1916

Daniels, James W., fl. 1861-1865

Madison and Indianapolis Rail Road Company

United States. Army. Ohio Cavalry Regiment, 4th (1861-1865)

The village at the end of the road

Bridges--Design and construction--Textbooks

Soldiers--Ohio--Ironton

Real property--Michigan--Burt Lake

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Ohio--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Burt Lake (Mich.)

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