USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 folder, 2 bound volumes

COLLECTION DATES: 1897-1919

PROVENANCE: Mr. and Mrs. James P. Mullen, Richmond IN, 22 September 1994

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 94.1006

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jacob H. Masters (1830- ca 1920) was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, the son of John and Susan (Harris) Masters. When he was five, the family moved to Franklin County, Indiana. Receiving a scanty education, Masters learned the trade of blacksmithing from his father, and practiced it in several Indiana towns before settling in
Brookville in 1862. In 1870 he built a store at the corner of 8th and Main Streets in Brookville. He manufactured carriages, and then in 1888 began to sell grain and building materials. Before 1879 he was a trustee of the Brookville National Bank. In 1904 he formed a partnership with his son, Charles L. Masters. Another son, Frank S. Masters, had a separate hardware and implement business in Brookville.

Source: Reifel, *History of Franklin County*, pp. 1056-1059

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection contains two bound volumes and one folder. BV 2702 is the cashbook of Jacob H. Masters from 1897 to 1904; BV 2703 is the cashbook of Jacob H. Masters and Son from 1904 to 1919. Entries consist of a customer's name, an account number, and amount of payment. SC 2445 contains items laid in the two cash books, among them a 1900 letter offering coal for sale and a 1907 letter offering to sell tools.

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**CATALOGUING INFORMATION**

MAIN ENTRY: Masters, Jacob H.

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Masters, Jacob H.

Masters, Charles L.

Business records--Indiana--Brookville

Stores, Retail--Indiana--Brookville

Family-owned business enterprises--Indiana--Brookville

Brookville (Ind.)

Franklin County (Ind.)

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