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SCHRAMM FAMILY PAPERS, 1842–1930

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 5 boxes, 5 bound volumes, 7 reels microfilm

COLLECTION
DATES: Inclusive, 1842–1930; bulk, 1851–1911

PROVENANCE: Miss Lena Schramm, 1954; Mr. Richard Vonnegut, 1977; Ms. Julie Simonton, 1978

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: Microfilm of diaries and other items in the collection

RELATED HOLDINGS: *The Schramm Letters*, translation edited by Emma Vonnegut (F 526 .s34, 1975); *Briefe Eines Deutschen Aus Nord-Amerika* (1837)

ACCESSION NUMBER: There are 9 accession numbers for the collection, main numbers are 1954.0003, 1978.1202, and 1985.0210

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jacob Schramm (1805–80) was a Bavarian (German) immigrant who came to the United States in 1835 and settled on a farm in Sugar Creek Township, Hancock County in 1836. His son, Wilhelm August Schramm (1840–1909) operated the family's farms and was also an agent for the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Hancock and Marion counties.

Sources: Pumroy, Eric and Paul Brockman. *A Guide to Manuscript Collections of the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Library*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1986. p. 160. Z1281 .P85 1986.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is principally composed of August Schramm's seventy-eight diaries covering the period 1851–1908. The diaries contain extensive descriptions of Schramm's daily life, including information about his family, farming, social life, travel, politics, business conditions, and the German community in central Indiana. The volumes from 1851–58 are in German; the remaining volumes are in English.

Also included are four cashbooks in German (1859–1911) for the farms of August Schramm and his brother, Gustave; a writing book in German kept by August's sister, Anna (1845); a small amount of correspondence (1842; 1852–1902); a draft of "An Account of the Journey of Jacob Schramm," translated by Emma Vonnegut (1930); and *The Life of Jacob Schramm*, handwritten in German by August Schramm (1905) with an English translation.

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