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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 17 JONES, Edgar – Collector

1 box. 8 folders. 221 items. 1787-1920. Originals.

1929.7.2

COLLECTION NOTE

The collection is comprised chiefly of family letters, especially of the Burnett family of Rising Sun, Indiana. In 1861, Jacob J. Burnett enlisted in the Civil War as a Union soldier. After suffering wounds in mid-1862, he was hospitalized in the U.S. General Hospital in West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for several months before returning to his Rising Sun home in the spring of 1863. Many of his letters are written to his wife, Mary. (Several of these letters are in partial form only.) Later, he traveled to Kansas looking for business and land opportunities, which he described to Mary in the 1867 letters.

Included are other family letters dated from 1882 to 1921 of the Burnett family whose homeplace seems to have been Rabbit Hash in Boone County, Kentucky. Receipts and deeds of Indiana counties complete the Burnett papers.

There are a few letters and papers of the McKnight family who evidently lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Rising Sun, Indiana vicinity. In addition, there are papers, 1833-1847, concerning the Society of Cincinnati, as well as a record book, 1830-1863.

Flynn letters, 1854-1870, most of which were written from Frankfort, Kentucky, by William and Maria Flynn to Mrs. Charlotte Purdy of Rising Sun, comprise another segment of this collection.

Letters, 1863-1906, pertaining to the Lamb family of Allensville, Indiana, are included along with a few letters, 1882-1887, of William H. Nose of Miamitown, Ohio. An unidentified four-page Civil War diary relates events occurring in Kentucky between February 18, 1863 and April 6, 1863.

An incoming 1918 letter to Edgar Jones of Bowling Green, Kentucky, from the U.S. Shipping Board and a pamphlet entitled "The Shipbuilder" are the concluding items in this collection. Jones (1879-1955) was an antique dealer in Bowling Green, Kentucky, for several years.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Edgar Jones – Collector	1787-1920	221 items
Folder 1	Chiefly letters of Jacob J. Burnett	1861(?) -1871	46 items
	1a - Jacob to wife Mary	1861(?) -1986	11 items
	1b - Letters from Kansas, mainly Jacob to wife Mary	1867-1871	7 items
	1c - To mother-in-law Charlotte Purdy	1862-1863	2 items
	1d - Letter of Jacob J. Burnett's	1863	1 item
	1e - Poem (Civil War) "Soldier's Fare" unsigned	n.d.	1 item
	1f - Partial letters (Civil War)	n.d.	21 items
	1g - Undated letters and clipping	n.d.	3 items
Folder 2	Letters, Mary J. Burnett to husband Jacob J. Burnett	1855-1867	28 items
Folder 3	Incoming letters to Jacob J. Burnett	1855(?) -1867	26 items
	3a - From his mother, Mary Burnett	1862	3 items
	3b - From John Magers	1862-1864	6 items
	3c - From his mother-in-law, Charlotte Purdy	1862-1863	3 items
	3d - From Henry Sterling	1863	4 items
	3e - Incoming letters	1855(?) -1867	12 items
Folder 4	Burnett family papers	1856-1921	45 items
	4a - Letters to Miss Fanny Burnett, father, brothers, and sisters	1882-1920	10 items
	4b - Letters to Lottie Burnett	1878-1909	4 items
	4c - Letters to Mrs. Beulah Smith	1921	4 items
	4d - Receipts	1856-1897	6 items
	4e - Deeds - Indiana counties: Decatur, Dearborn, Ohio and Ripley	1865-1880	8 items
	4f - Miscellaneous items - Partial letters, printed items, etc.	n.d.	17 items
Folder 5	McKnight family papers	1787-1897	15 items
	5a - Society of Cincinnatus papers	1833-1847	3 items
Folder 6	Flynn letters chiefly from Frankfort, Kentucky to Mrs. Charlotte Purdy, Rising Sun, Indiana	1854-1870	11 items

Folder 7	Miscellaneous correspondence	1863-1906	43 items
	7a - Letters to the Lamb family, Dr. James L. K., Elvina and Cerella	1863-1906	7 items
	7b - Letters of Mrs. Rella Lamb Treon, Some letters from husband who worked with U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	1865-1906	17 items
	7c - Letters to William H. Nose	1882-1887	5 items
	7d - Miscellaneous letters, etc.	1858-1888	14 items
Folder 8	Diary (Civil War) Record book and receipts	Feb. 18, 1863- Apr. 6, 1863; 1830-1863	4 items; 4p.
Folder 9	U. S. Shipping Board	March 26, 1918	2 items
	9a - Letter to Edgar Jones	n.d.	
	9b - Pamphlet - "The Shipbuilder"	n.d.	

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Letters and papers of the Burnett family, (many Civil War letters), 1855-1920; the McKnight family; the Lamb family, 1863-1906; and the Flynn family, 1787-1897. These letters were in the possession of the Burnett family of Rising Sun, Indiana.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Boone County – Relating to
 Burnett family – Relating to
 Burnett, Jacob Jennings, b. 1830? – Correspondence
 Burnett, Mary “Polly” (Loree), 1793-1876
 Burnett, Mary (Purdy), b. 1837? – Correspondence
 Civil War, 1861-1865 – Hospitals – Philadelphia, 1862-1863
 Civil War, 1861-1865 – Indiana – Soldiers from
 Civil War, 1861-1865 – Letterheads
 Civil War, 1861-1865 – Military life, 1861-1863
 Flynn family – Relating to

Indian agencies and agents, 1887-1894
Indiana – Dearborn County – Deeds, 1865, 1868
Indiana – Decatur County – Deeds, 1865
Indiana – Ohio County – Deeds, 1880
Indiana – Ripley County – Deeds, 1865-1867
Kansas – Farms and farming, 1867
Lamb family – Relating to
McKnight family – Relating to
Purdy, Charlotte – Correspondence
Society of Cincinnati, 1833-1847
Treon, Frederick, 1855-1933
Treon, America Cerella “Rella” (Lamb), 1847-1928 – Correspondence
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs – Crow Creek Agency, 1887-1894
U.S. Shipping Board, 1918