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CLARENCE A. DRYDEN PAPERS, 1815–1963

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box, 2 oversize folders, photographs
COLLECTION DATES:	1815–1963
PROVENANCE:	Mrs. Alex E. Stom (daughter), RR 12 Box 34 Cottage Hill,

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Clarence Aden Dryden (1880–1965) was born in Scott County, Indiana, the son of William Russell and Margaret Catherine (Hinds) Dryden. He graduated from Hanover College in 1904, and in the same year married Sarah Wallace Lewis, daughter of James Franklin and Mary (Pilling) Lewis of Dupont, IN.

The Dryden's homesteaded in Oregon, but later returned to Indiana, where Dryden was a partner in a road-building firm.

In 1934 Dryden joined the board of trustees of Hanover College, and in 1960 he was secretary of the board. He was much interested in local history and in 1948 he became president of the Jefferson County Historical Society. In 1950 he was appointed to a state commission to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Indiana Territory. He became vice president of Indiana Historical Society in 1961, and was on the board of the Society of Indiana Pioneers.

Sources: Materials in collection.

Indiana Biographical Series, Vol. 64 p. 26, Vol. 60. Page 7.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling one manuscript box and two oversize folders, contains correspondence, clippings, diplomas and certificates, and photographs, dated between 1815 and 1963. It is arranged chronologically.

Folder 1 contains genealogical notes. Folders 2–3 contain historical material, including photostats of early town plats. In Folders 4–7 are mementos of the Lewis (Mrs. Dryden's) family, including autograph books of Mrs. Dryden and her sister Mary Iowa from the early 1890s.

Folders 10–20 contain correspondence and other material from Dryden's careers as a contractor and as a local historian, and finally as a trustee of Hanover College.

The two folders in OM 0020 contain diplomas and certificates of Dryden and of members of the Lewis family.

Family photographs are stored in Visual Collections.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Dryden Family Papers

CONTENTS

Genealogical notes

Historical clippings, 1847 and 1863

Town plats of Pittsburg, Edinburgh, Danville, and Viena

Piece of wedding dress of Dorothy Samantha Maxwell, 1835

Poem by Sarah J. Hinds, 1875

Vandalia RR ticket, 1881; Dedication of Broadway Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, 1881

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Box 1, Folder 1

Box 1, Folder 2

Box 1, Folder 3

Box 1, Folder 4

Box 1, Folder 5

Box 1, Folder 6

Series 2: Lewis Family Papers

CONTENTS

Lewis family papers, 1879–95

Mary Iowa Lewis autograph book, 1888–98

Sarah Lewis autograph book, 1891–95

Sarah Lewis autograph book, 1900–03

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Box 1, Folder 7

Box 1, Folder 8

Box 1, Folder 9

Box 1, Folder 10

Series 3: Promissory Notes

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1907–10

1914–20

1924–27

1929–39

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Box 1, Folder 11

Box 1, Folder 12

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Series 4: Contractor's Statements

CONTENTS

Contractor's statement, State Highway Department, 1939

Contractor's statement, State Highway Department, 1940–41

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Box 1, Folder 15

Box 1, Folder 16

Contractor's statement, State Highway Department, 1942–49

Box 1, Folder 17

Contractor's statement, State Highway Department, 1950–54

Box 1, Folder 18

Series 5: Lodge Cards

CONTENTS

Lodge cards of Orlando Dryden, 1950–53

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Box 1, Folder 19

Lodge cards of Orlando Dryden, 1959–62

Box 1, Folder 20

Series 6: Photographs

CONTENTS

McGannon tombstone; Jenny Lind; school team, 1902

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Visual Collections:
Photographs, Folder 1

Two unidentified groups ca. 1900 and 1910; golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell Dryden; Patience Dryden, ca. 1909; family group, 1925

Visual Collections:
Photographs, Folder 2

Three family snapshots ca. 1950; two 50th reunion, Class of 1904, Hanover College

Visual Collections:
Photographs, Folder 3

Photographs Dryden home on Hanover campus; Classic Hall; two groups in front of Eleutherian Hall

Visual Collections:
Photographs, Folder 4

Lewis family album, ca. 1880

Visual Collections: Album
storage

Graduation picture Scott County School, 19 June 1920

Visual Collections: Cirkut
Photograph storage

Series 7: Diplomas and Certificates

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Clarence Dryden diploma Hanover College, 1904; Sarah Lewis Indiana Common School diploma, 1899; Sarah Lewis diploma from Young People's Reading Circle, 1901; Marriage license Clarence and Sarah Dryden, 1904

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Town plat of New London, 4 Aug. 1815; George B. Lewis commission as postmaster at Dupont, 1879; Sarah Lewis diploma Dupont High School, 1901; Mary Lewis D.A.R. certificate, 1904; Clarence Dryden commission on Sinking Fund 1962–63

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