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JOSEPH TARKINGTON PAPERS, 1831–1891

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 bound volumes (in 1 folder), 1 folder, 1 reel microfilm (.1 linear feet)

COLLECTION DATES: 1831- 1891

PROVENANCE: Mrs. John Morris Haines (great-granddaughter of Joseph Tarkington), Dec. 1950

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: Microfilm

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: M 0370, Slawson-Tarkington Family Papers, 1804-1911

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1950.1203

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Joseph Tarkington (1800- 1891), born in Nashville, Tennessee, was a Methodist circuit rider in southern Indiana (1821- 1862), and a farmer near Greensburg, Decatur Co. He was grandfather of author Booth Tarkington.

Source: *A Guide to Manuscript Collections of the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Library*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1986.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains Tarkington's correspondence, from Centreville (1831) and Greensburg (1861), with the Slawson family, and a letter from Greensburg (1888) to John, Matthew, and William Tarkington. There is a telegram (1891) from R. A. Kemp, and a letter from John W. Ray in Indianapolis (1891). Three Tarkington diaries, dated 1888, 1889, and 1891, relate happenings from farm and family life in Greensburg. The collection was microfilmed by the Indiana Historical Society in August, 1994.

FOLDER LISTING

- 1 Correspondence, 1831- 1891
- 2 Diaries, 1888, 1889, 1891

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 1437).
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