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**ALEXANDER HERON
PAPERS, 1845–1943**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Alexander Heron (1827–1900) was a farmer in Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana and secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, 1872–1891.

Caroline Peck, Heron's sister in law, was born in Franklin County, Indiana around 1826

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists primarily of family correspondence, including Heron's letters to his wife and daughter written from Connerville, Fayette County, in the 1860s and from Indianapolis while serving with the State Board of Agriculture, 1870s–1890s. The collection also includes Heron's business correspondence regarding agricultural techniques, prices for agricultural products, and the operations of the Indiana State Fair; letters from relatives in Tipton and Fayette Counties; diaries of his wife's sister, Caroline Peck, of Franklin County and Indianapolis, 1875–1877, 1880, 1886, 1906–1912; and Peck's personal correspondence and business papers, 1890s–1912. There is also a ledger for the Whitewater Canal, 1845–1848 as well as scrapbooks of clippings and memorabilia relating to the Indiana State Fair, 1871–1886, and papers relating to the Indiana Ceramic Club, an organization for ceramic artists, 1897–1943. There is also a folder of photographs of individuals and groups, some identified, and others are not.

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