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**ALLEN FAMILY
PAPERS, 1835–1846**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John and M.T. Allen were residents of Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana, in the late 1830s. They were the parents to Thomas Jefferson Allen (b. 1836), James Fearis Allen (1838–1838), and likely had other children as well. It is unknown where the family originated but correspondence was common between the couple and Athens County, Ohio.

John Allen's known siblings were James, Thomas, Isaac, Deborah, and Alexander, though it is likely there were others as well.

Deborah Allen married Daniel Lowrey (Lowry/Lowery) on 1 January 1821 in Athens County, Ohio. The couple continued to live in that place after their marriage. She was widowed by 1840 and the head of a household that included seven other members. At that time, she resided with her family in Waterloo Township, Athens County, Ohio.

Alexander Allen married Anna Maria Pilcher on 10 November 1837 in McArthurstown, Athens County, Ohio. This town became McArthur at a later date, the county seat of Vinton County, Ohio, since Vinton County was formed in 1850. Alexander Allen worked as a carpenter.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

1840 United States Census, accessed through Ancestry Library edition, accessed 3 July 2018.

Ohio, County Marriage Records, 1774–1993, accessed through Ancestry Library edition, accessed 20 July 2018.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains five letters written between 1835 and 1839. The letters were all written by John (J.) and M.T. Allen from Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana to members of their family in Athens County, Ohio. Four of the letters are written to John Allen's brother, Alexander Allen, and one to his sister, Deborah (Allen) Lowrey (Lowry/Lowery). Mentions of additional brothers James, Thomas, and Isaac are made in the correspondence. John and M.T. Allen only mention two children in the letters by name: James Fearis Allen and Thomas Jefferson Allen. Other people from the Connersville area mentioned by name in the letters are: Mr. Berry, Mrs. Frybarger, Old Mr. Goodlander, Alexander Lewis, and Mary Wotton.

Also included in the collection is one estate document with notations dated 1841–1846. There are several prominent names from the Connersville area mentioned in the document, though it is unclear whose estate is being settled. Names found in this document are: George Frybarger, Henry Goodlander, William Walton, Joshua McIntosh, Caleb B. Smith, and Samuel W. Parker.

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