

# CARR FAMILY PAPERS, 1829-1925

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**Collection #s:**

**M 607**

**OM 307**

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## USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript boxes, 3 boxes of visual materials, 1 oversize folder (1.75 linear feet)

COLLECTION DATES: 1829-1925

PROVENANCE: Sandra Taylor, Indiana University Libraries, Bloomington, IN 47405-3301

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: Samuel & John Carr, Papers (SC 178, OM 10); Carr Family Correspondence (SC 2386, F 1166).

ACCESSION NUMBER: 93.0580

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Prominent individuals in the collection include John Carr (1793-1845) and his son, Andrew Jackson Carr (1822-1885). John Carr was born on Fayette County, Pennsylvania and moved to Clark County, Indiana in 1806. He fought at the Battle of Tippecanoe (1811) and was a lieutenant in a company of U. S. Rangers charged with the defense of the western frontier, 1812. John Carr later became a major general in the Indiana Militia. A Jacksonian Democrat, Carr served as Clark County Clerk, 1824-1830, and was a presidential elector for the Jackson/Calhoun ticket, 1824. He was also elected to the U. S. House of Representatives from Indiana in 1831, and served as a member of Congress for six years.

Andrew Jackson (A. J.) Carr was born in Charlestown, Clark County, Indiana, and attended Hanover College and Indiana Asbury (DePauw) University and studied law. He served as a 2nd Lieutenant with the 3rd Indiana Volunteer Regiment during the Mexican War. A member of the Democratic Party, Carr was elected to the Indiana House of Representative in 1859, and served one term in the legislature. He also served as Clark County Treasurer for four years. Carr married Sarah Whiteman in 1851, and they later produced four children.

Sources:  
*Biographical Directory of the U. S. Congress, 1774-1989*. Washington D. C.: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1989.  
*Centennial History of the Indiana General Assembly, Volume 1*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1980.  
*Baird's History of Clark County, Indiana*. Indianapolis: B. F. Bowen, 1909.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains the correspondence and records of the Carr family. Included are the letters from John Carr while serving in the U. S. House of Representatives to his son, Andrew Jackson Carr, regarding a number of personal subjects including the choice of a college and other career decisions. There are also letters to Andrew J. Carr while a student at Hanover College and Indiana Asbury University, and letters from John Carr in Washington, D. C. and Charlestown, Indiana, to other family members, 1839-1842. Also included are letters to Sarah Whiteman from family members and friends, 1849-1862. There are also letters from Andrew Carr to Sarah Whiteman before and after their marriage, 1849-1859.

The papers also contain the letters of the Carr family in Charlestown and LaPorte County, Indiana, including letters to Mollie Carr while a student at Nazareth Academy and Pittsburgh Female College and later in Denver, Colorado, and letters to Mary N. Carr in Denver, Marguerite Carr in Denver and Laramie, Wyoming, and McCauley Carr in Charlestown and Denver, 1875-1925. The letters are personal in nature and mainly contain family information.

Also contained in the collection are documents, records, and literary writings of the Carr family. Included are indentures, ledgers, printed invitations and announcements, school work, speeches, and newsclippings regarding Andrew Carr and members of his immediate family, 1829-1925. There are also Mollie Carr's school writings and related materials while a student at Pittsburgh Female College, 1876-1878, and photocopies of a series of stories written for the *Charlestown Hustler*, May, 1901.

The collection also contains six folders of photographs relating to the Carr family. Included are tintypes, cartes de visites, snapshots, post cards, and a photograph album. The photographs are mainly unidentified portraits of members of the Carr family, although there are some snapshots of family activities such as vacations, outings, every day life, etc. and some unidentified residences.

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## BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

**BOX 1: Family Correspondence, 1836-1925**  
**FOLDER CONTENTS**

- 1 Family Correspondence, 1836-1840
- 2 Family Correspondence, 1841-1844
- 3 Family Correspondence, 1846-1850
- 4 A. J. Carr, Legislative Farewell Letter, 1 January 1849
- 5 Family Correspondence, n.d. [ca. 1830s-1850s]
- 6 Family Correspondence, 1851-1862
- 7 Family Correspondence, 1873-1887
- 8 Family Correspondence, 1901-1906
- 9 Family Correspondence, 1907-1912
- 10 Family Correspondence, 1914-May, 1915
- 11 Family Correspondence, July, 1915-1916
- 12 Family Correspondence, 1917-1925
- 13 Family Correspondence, n.d.

**BOX 2; Documents, Records, And Writings, 1829-1925**  
**FOLDER CONTENTS**

- 1 Documents, 1829-1895
- 2 Financial Records, 1833-1904
- 3 Social Materials, 1836-1892
- 4 Class Exercise Books and Papers, ca. 1830s
- 5 Poetry and Literary Writings, ca. 1830s
- 6 Account Book, 1844
- 7 A. J. Carr's Record Book, 1849
- 8 Programs and Announcements, 1864-1909
- 9 Mollie Carr, Class Exercises and Writings, 1870s and 1901
- 10 Newsclippings, 1898, 1925, and n.d.
- 11 McCauley Carr, Composition and Sketch Book, 1900; Memo Book, ca. 1901
- 12 Speeches, n.d.
- 13 General Writings, n.d.
- 14 General Typewritten Stories and Information, n.d.

**BOX 3: Photographs**  
**FOLDER CONTENTS**

1 Photographs, Family Portraits, Folder 1

2 Photographs, Family Portraits, Folder 2

3 Photographs, Family Portraits, Folder 3

4 Photographs, Family Portraits, Folder 4

5 Photographs, Residences

6 Photographs, Family Activities

7 Unidentified Photo Album

**BOX 4: Photographs--Tintypes**

**BOX 5: Photographs--Tintypes**

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**CATALOGUING INFORMATION**

MAIN ENTRY: Carr, John, 1763-1845

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Carr, John, 1793-1845

Carr, Andrew J. (Andrew Jackson)

Carr, Sarah Whiteman

Carr, Mollie

Carr, Mary N.

Carr, Marguerite

Carr, McCauley

Carr family--Photographs

Pittsburgh Female Academy

Family archives--Indiana--Charlestown

Legislators--Indiana--Charlestown

Legislators--United States

College students--Indiana

Women college students--Pennsylvania--Pittsburgh

College students' writings

Family--Indiana--Charlestown

Charlestown (Ind.)

La Porte County (Ind.)

Denver (Colo.)--Social life and customs

Laramie (Wyo.)--Social life and customs

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs

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