DOLES, HOPKINS, AND STEWART FAMILY COLLECTION, 1846–1959

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half-size manuscript box, 1 oversize manuscript folder, 1 upright graphics folder, 3 photograph folders, 1 OVA photograph folder, 1 box tintypes, 1 PAA album

COLLECTION DATES: 1846–1959

PROVENANCE: Donated by Leslie Newton

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RELATED HOLDINGS: 7th Indiana Infantry Regiment records 1861–1915, BV 2645–BV2646

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NOTES:
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Doles, Hopkins, Stewart and related families lived in Decatur County, Indiana, and became related through marriage.

Isaac Doles was born on 2 February 1813 in Lexington, Kentucky, to Thomas Doles and Elizabeth Lumpkin Doles. He married Eliza Hart on 17 April 1834. He died on 23 July 1897 and is buried in South Park Cemetery in Greensburg, Indiana.

James T. Doles was born on 2 June 1837 in Greensburg, Indiana, to Isaac and Eliza Doles. He married Elizabeth A. Burk, sister of George and Archibald Burk. James served during the Civil War in Company G of the 7th Indiana Infantry and enlisted on 28 August 1861. He died on 3 December 1916 and is buried in South Park Cemetery in Greensburg, Indiana.

Pleasant L. Doles was born on 27 January 1867. He married Nellie Hopkins on 14 September 1893. Nellie Hopkins was the descendent of George Washington Hopkins and Samuel Donnell, and the daughter of Susan E. Stewart and James B. Hopkins. Pleasant died on 31 March 1934 and is buried in Kingston Cemetery in Kingston, Indiana.

Harold Hopkins Doles was born on 10 June 1894 to Pleasant L. and Nellie H. Doles in Kingston, Indiana. Harold served during World War I was part of the 1st Platoon, 19th Company, 4th Battalion of the Commissioned Officer Training School. He died on 2 April 1972 in Greensburg, Indiana.

Donald Burk Doles was born on 24 April 1897 to Pleasant L. and Nellie H. Doles. He died in April 1964.

Alice M. Stewart was born on 18 November 1842 to Samuel R. and Margaret Stewart. She married John C. Robison, son of Catharine Donnell and Andrew Robison, on 3 October 1864. She died on 8 February 1928.

Susan E. Stewart was born on 8 March 1845 to Samuel R. and Margaret Stewart. She married James Birney Hopkins on 3 October 1864. She died on 17 October 1890.

George M. Burk married Mary McLaughlin on 22 December 1859. During the Civil War, he enlisted as a private in Company G of the 7th Indiana Infantry Regiment on 11 August 1862.

Archibald "Archie" Thomas Burk was born on 1 January 1833 in Pulaski, Kentucky. He married Ellen Rozell on 11 April 1856 in Benton County, Iowa. He died on 9 June 1913 in Vinton, Iowa.

Samuel Donnell was born on 24 June 1799 in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He became one of the original members of the Presbyterian church in Kingston, Indiana. He married Olesy Glass on 15 June 1826. He died on 17 February 1846 and is buried in Kingston, Indiana.

Sources:
Ancestry.com
Materials in Collection
**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of materials relating to multiple families from Decatur County, Indiana, primarily the Doles family, Stewart family, and Hopkins family. Other families include the Burk family, the Buntain family, the McCoy family, and the Johnson family.

Folder 1 contains assorted Civil War letters written between 1863 and 1865. Most of these letters were written by George M. Burk to his siblings, Thomas and Lizzy. He wrote about topics such as family affairs back home, his thoughts on the war and the Emancipation Proclamation, and the battles his unit participated in. There is also a letter written by Archibald Thomas Burk to his mother concerning a death of a loved one, and a letter from Sam S. Buntain to his mother concerning the death of Henry C. Buntain. Folder 2 contains scans of these letters with handwritten annotations.

Folders 3 through 7 contain property indentures, warranty deeds, and payment agreements belonging to individual Doles family members as well as the McCoy and Johnson families. The papers collectively span from 1857 to 1959.

The oversize manuscripts include deed and indenture documents relating to Isaac Doles and are dated 1846 to 1905.

The collection also contains multiple postcards and photographs relating to the families, including two albums. One album is a set of unlabeled tintypes and cartes de visite belonging to Pleasant L. Doles. The second is a set of cartes de visite of the Hopkins and Stewart families. Also included in this album are cartes de visite of famous Civil War generals and politicians such as Robert E. Lee, Ambrose E. Burnside, George Meade, Salmon P. Chase, and William Rosecrans.
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