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DR. PATRICK HENRY JAMESON
MEMOIR, N.D.

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NOTES:
Dr. Patrick Henry Jameson (April 18, 1824-October 7, 1910) was born to Thomas Jameson and Sally Humphreys on a farm near Madison, Indiana. He was mostly educated at home by his parents, but attended some public schooling in the county, and also educated himself by borrowing books from neighbors and friends. In 1843, Jameson moved to Indianapolis, where he began teaching school himself, but also continued his education by studying medicine under the instruction of Dr. John H. Sanders. In 1847, Jameson went to Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to receive formal training. He graduated in 1849, and returned to Indianapolis to become a partner in Dr. Sanders’ practice. On June 20th, 1850, Jameson married Maria Butler, the daughter of prominent Indianapolis citizen, Ovid Butler. The couple had three children.

Jameson was also active in Republican politics, and over the years received a variety of political appointments having to do with medical and benevolent institutions in the state. On April 17, 1861, Dr. Jameson was appointed by Governor Oliver P. Morton to the surgical charge of Indiana troops and volunteers in Indianapolis, and he served until the end of the Civil War. Also in 1861, he was elected by the Indiana General Assembly as the Commissioner of the Hospital for the Insane, where he served until 1869. At this point, the Indiana legislature decided to make him president of the boards of the state benevolent institutions. In the 1870s, Jameson, as a member of a provisional board to arrange for a women’s hospital in the city, was instrumental in creating the Indiana Central hospital.

As Jameson married into the Butler family, and had formerly been an educator, he also found himself involved with the management of Northwestern Christian University (Butler University). He served as the President of the Board of Trustees, and as building agent for the new college building at the Irvington campus. Jameson was also a member of Center Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and the Central Christian Church.

Sources:
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This collection contains a photocopy of a 60 page typed manuscript, the Memoirs of Dr. Patrick Henry Jameson. Jameson relates various stories from his childhood in Madison, Indiana, providing commentary on housing, food, elections, education, clothing styles, and family. Later in the memoir, he skips to snippets of his life in Indianapolis, from his ties to the Ovid Butler family, to politics, and his involvement with Indianapolis hospitals in the Civil War and beyond.
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