

EVAN HADLEY PAPERS, 1840-1846

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 10 items

COLLECTION DATES: 1840-1846

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RELATED HOLDINGS: BV 217, Evan Hadley Commonplace Book; BV 548, West Union Monthly Meeting Minutes

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Evan Hadley (1816-1894) was born in Chatham County, North Carolina, the son of James and Mary Hadley. With his

family he moved to Morgan County, Indiana, in 1820. James Hadley, one of the first Quakers to settle in central Indiana, helped set up a school at Sulphur Springs, and taught there for several terms beginning in 1824.

Evan Hadley married Mary Ann Ballard (b. 1826), daughter of a pioneer family. Farming near Monrovia, he also was involved with the South Western railroad Company (1853), with work as a guardian and executor (1857), and as an agent for Home Insurance Company (1885-1895). He became an expert on local genealogy and land transfers, and was quoted at length (3 1/2 pages) in Blanchard's 1884 county history. He served on the board of the local academy in 1861-1862.

Alida Clawson lived in Richmond, and taught school. She was apparently Hadley's sister-in-law. Hadley's brother, Jonathan D. Hadley, lived in Clinton County, Ohio.

Sources: Materials in collections

Blanchard, *Counties of Morgan, Monroe & Brown* (1884), 273-276

Cline and Mahaffey, *People's Guide to Morgan County* (1874), 316, 325

Almira H. Hadley, *Brief History of Mooresville and Vicinity* (1918), 24

Clara S. Richardson, *History of Mooresville 1824-1974* (1974), 28

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains ten items, letters written to Evan Hadley of Monrovia, Morgan County, Indiana, between 1840 and 1846. It is arranged chronologically.

The letters are written by Alida Clawson (later Clark) in Richmond, Indiana; by Jonathan D. Hadley in Clarksville, Clinton County, Ohio; and by Naomi B. Clawson in Whitewater, Indiana.

The letters, written with an intermittent use of "thee," refer mainly to family matters and general health. Several, particularly those of Alida Clawson, are in a rather high-flown style. ("Nor were those [hours] passed with you the least regretted But often reflected upon with the most sublime pleasure.")

Unusual events referred to:

- Henry Harney has gone west of the Mississippi "to take charge of the Indians under Friends' care" (3-22-1840)
 - Naomi Clawson is very proud of the quilt she made in just two weeks (4-24-1841)
 - Jonathan Hadley has done some sugaring, and also reports three deaths from consumption in one twelve-hour period (4-12-1843)
 - James Hadley has died ("There has a mighty man fallen in Israel") (3-17-1844)
 - Alida Clawson made \$46 teaching last term, and is now running a penmanship school; Aunt Jemima Cuppy has died ("She moulders in the silent clay") (4-2-1844)
 - Evan Hadley's wife has died and he has almost immediately remarried (7-6-1845, 8-16-1845)
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CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Hadley, Evan, 1816-1894

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Hadley, Evan, 1816-1894

Quakers--Midwest

Indians of North America--Missions

Remarriage--Indiana--Morgan County

Monrovia (Ind.)--History--Sources

ADDED ENTRIES: Clark, Alida Clawson

Hadley, Jonathan D.

Clawson, Naomi B.

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