

Collection #
M 1525
OM 778
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**FLETCHER AND WAGNER FAMILY COLLECTION
CA. 1848-1983**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half-sized manuscript box, 1 half-sized photograph box, 6 OVA photographs folders, 1 OVB photographs folder, 1 oversized manuscript folder, 1 PAA photo album, 1 bound volume

COLLECTION DATES: 1843-1983

PROVENANCE: Gift of Georgia Troxel Brist, Lafayette, Indiana

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Calvin Fletcher Jr. Family Collection, P0120; Emily Beeler Fletcher and Family Diaries and Papers, M0479; Calvin Fletcher Jr. Letters, OM592

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2017.0046

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Calvin Fletcher, Jr., son of Calvin Fletcher, Sr. and Sarah Hill Fletcher, was born on September 30, 1826 in Indianapolis, Indiana. After completing his education at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, Calvin Jr. married Emily Beeler. Together, the couple had two sons and three daughters, including daughters Emily Fletcher and Sarah Fletcher Wagner. In 1868, Calvin Jr. purchased a large piece of land in Owen County, Indiana where he built Ludlow Hall. The family moved to Europe in 1874 where they lived for the next three years before returning to Spencer, Indiana in 1877. At the turn of the 20th century, the Fletcher Estate was obtained by E. Chubb Fuller, the publisher of *Agricultural Epitomist*. Calvin Fletcher, Jr. died on January 27, 1903 at the age of 76. He is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sarah Fletcher Wagner, eldest daughter of Calvin Fletcher, Jr. and Emily Beeler Fletcher, was born on September 29, 1854 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Sarah married Dr. Theodore A. Wagner on September 18, 1879. Together, they had two sons, Fletcher Wagner (1881-) and Herbert Theodore Wagner (1886-1935). Very little is known about Sarah's life. Sarah Fletcher Wagner died on February 13, 1939 at the age of 84. She is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1904, Sarah's son, Fletcher Wagner, sat for the Rhodes Scholarship examination. After losing the spot to another candidate, Fletcher Wagner returned to school at Harvard University until his disappearance in 1905.

Emily Fletcher, daughter of Calvin Fletcher, Jr. and Emily Beeler Fletcher, was born on October 4, 1857 in Indianapolis, IN. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Chautauqua Scientific and Literary Circle. She never married, and very little is known about her life. Emily Fletcher died in September of 1927 at the age of 69. According to her obituary, she was considered an authority on Indiana history.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

P 0120 Calvin Fletcher, Jr. Family Collection, ca. 1850-1977, Indiana Historical Society.

Ancestry. "Emily Fletcher in the U.S., Newspaper.com Obituary Index, 1800s-current." Ancestry.com. Accessed November 8, 2023.

Ancestry. "Sarah Fletcher Wagner in the Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2017." Ancestry.com. Accessed November 8, 2023.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains photographs, scrapbooks, correspondence, certificates, and newspaper clippings related to Calvin Fletcher Jr. and his daughters Emily Fletcher and Sarah Wagner Fletcher. The collection is divided into three series described below.

Series 1: Calvin Fletcher, Jr. Materials – This series contains materials related to Calvin Fletcher, Jr. Items include family photographs, newspaper clippings, a genealogical chart, correspondence, a family photo album, Old Seminary photographs, booklets, and Ludlow Hall photographs.

Series 2: Sarah Fletcher Wagner Materials - This series contains materials related to the family of Sarah Fletcher Wagner. Items include family photographs, Fletcher Wagner's Rhodes Scholarship papers, and a scrapbook containing various material on Camp Limberlost.

Series 3: Emily Fletcher Materials – This series contains materials related to Emily Fletcher. Items include various residential photographs, Daughters of the American Revolution application and certificate, CLSC certificate, Mitchell's Ancient Atlas book, and a Ludlow photograph book gifted from Emily to her father.

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Series 1: Calvin Fletcher, Jr. Materials

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Genealogical Chart, 1848

Calvin Fletcher Memoir Booklet, 1869

Autograph Book, ca. 1870s

Correspondence, ca. late 1800s

Newspaper Clippings, 1883-1977

Miscellaneous, ca. late 1800s, early 1900s

Calvin Fletcher Diary Readings at IHS, 1983

Fletcher Family Album, ca. 1870s

Portrait of Calvin Fletcher, Sr. or Jr. with
embellishment, n.d.

Fletcher Family, n.d.

Fletcher Family – Florida, ca. 1880s

Old Seminary Boys and Girls Annual Reunion, 1883

Fletcher Family – Spencer, Indiana, ca. 1888

Mrs. Burtt, n.d.

Miscellaneous People, n.d.

Exterior Views of Ludlow Hall/Fletcher Estate, ca.
late 1800s

Exterior Views of Ludlow Hall/Fletcher Estate, ca.
late 1800s

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Box 1, Folder 2

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PAA Album Storage

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Folder 1 of 6

Photographs,
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Photographs,
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Presbyterian Church & Manse – Spencer, Indiana, n.d.	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 5
Farmhouse, n.d.	OVA Photographs, Folder 5 of 6
Miscellaneous Houses, n.d.	OVA Photographs, Folder 6 of 6

Series 2: Sarah Fletcher Wagner Materials

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Fletcher Wagner – Rhodes Scholarship, ca. early 1900s

Wagner Brothers, ca. early 1900s

Dr. Theodore Wagner, ca. early 1900s

Wagner Family Scrapbook, ca. 1930s

Loose Photographs Wagner Family Scrapbook -
Photographs, ca. 1930s

Loose Items Wagner Family Scrapbook – Camp
Potawatami, ca. 1930s

Loose Items Wagner Family Scrapbook – Camp
Limberlost Recital Programs, ca. 1930s

Loose Items Wagner Family Scrapbook – Camp
Limberlost Misc., ca. 1930s

Series 3: Emily Fletcher Materials

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Mitchell's Ancient Atlas, 1872

Chautauqua Scientific and Literary Circle Certificate,
1886

Daughters of American Revolution Application, 1899

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Photographs,
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Daughters of American Revolution Certificate, 1899	OM 778, Folder 1
Ludlow Book, 1900	Box 1, Folder 12
Exterior Fletcher Estate/Ludlow Hall, ca. late 1800s	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 9
Interior Ludlow Hall, 1889	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 10
Miscellaneous Houses, ca. early 1900s	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 11