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**HUMPHREYS FAMILY
PAPERS, CA. 1821–1920**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1821–1920

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Humphreys (or Humphries) family hailed from Parke County, Indiana. They also had family connections in Indiana, Virginia, and Kentucky. Several of the Humphreys men served in the War of 1812 and in the Civil War. The Humphreys are related through marriage to the Woods, Stockton, and Fisher families.

John Humphreys was born in Pennsylvania in 1783 and served in the War of 1812 as a Private in Captain Samuel Steel's Company of the Virginia Militia and was later promoted to First Lieutenant. He served five months, the minimum time required of him, from March–August 1813 before ending his military service. He married Elizabeth Woods in 1819 and in 1834 they moved to Parke County. In 1850, Humphreys took advantage of Bounty Land, which entitled military veterans to purchase land as a reward and incentive to serve in the military and he purchased land in Parke County. He died in 1864.

James Humphreys was born in 1831 in Virginia and was the fourth of fourteen children born to John Humphreys and Elizabeth Woods. James married Margaret Pinnegar (sometimes written as Pinegar) in 1863. Together they had four children. He worked as a farmer on the family farm south of Rockville. He died in 1911 in Rockville, Indiana.

Cornelia Humphreys was the seventh child of John Humphreys and Elizabeth Woods. She was born in 1836 in Parke County, Indiana. She obtained her teaching license and taught for several years. She never married and died in 1917.

George Stockton was born in 1781. He was a First Sergeant in the Ohio National Guard during the Civil War. He died in 1865.

John Pinnegar was born in Virginia in 1785. He was the son of Mathias and Margaret Pinnegar. John married Elizabeth Pinnegar, who was born in Virginia in 1789. They resided in Crawfordsville, Indiana, where John worked as a farmer.

William Woods was born in 1706 in Northern Ireland and moved with his family to Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1720. He was the oldest of Michael Woods and Mary Campbell's ten children. William was married three times to Susanna Wallace, Ann Reid, and Nancy Richardson and had a total of nine children. He was heavily involved in the Mountain Plains Church and ran the family farm. He died in 1768.

Sources:

Material in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is arranged chronologically. The majority of items included in the collection are correspondence from various members of the Humphreys family throughout the 1800s. Some of the family correspondence has a typed transcription. Each transcription includes notes on the names and relation of the writers. Other correspondence is not transcribed, but is arranged by date. The letters typically discuss family matters, such as death. Several of the letters were sent to and from John M. Lambert, a cousin to the Humphreys family who was a prisoner of war during the Civil War. At least three members of the Humphreys family served in the Civil War.

Other items in this collection include teaching licenses, deeds, certificates, and military service awards given to various members of the family, specifically John Humphreys, James Humphreys, Cornelia Humphreys, George Stockton, and John Pinnegar. This collection also includes some genealogical information and family trees, detailing how the Woods and Fisher families are related to the Humphreys family. This collection also includes military records, compliment cards, and Parke County election records. There is also a sample of fabric from a dress that Bell L. Humphreys wore in her childhood.

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