

IONE SWAN PAUGH COLLECTION, 1872-1971

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	5 manuscript boxes, 1 artifact, 1 oversize folder, 2 visual materials folders.
COLLECTION DATES:	1872-1971
PROVENANCE:	Gift of Mrs. Russel H. Paugh, Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin, 1975.
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	No
RELATED HOLDINGS:	No
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NOTES:	No

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William F. Swan (1837-1929), son of Robert and Elizabeth Swan, settled in Union Township, Benton County, Indiana, about 1860, and was a farmer there until 1907, when he moved to Crawfordsville. During the Civil War he enlisted in the Tenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and saw service at several battles including Perryville, Chickamauga, and Kenesaw Mountain, and at the siege of Atlanta. He married Elizabeth Sanders in 1870, and had four children. He laid out the village of Swanington, southeast of Fowler, Indiana, at the junction of two railroads, and was apparently a successful stock farmer.

His brother, James Swan (1833-1907), also served in the Tenth Indiana, and claimed credit for shooting Confederate General Felix K. Zollicoffer at the battle of Antietam. He did not marry, and made his home with his brother William.

Robert A. Swan (1883-1971), son of William F., attended Eureka College in Illinois, and made his living as an abstracter in Fowler, Indiana.

Robert A. Swan's daughter, Ione Swan Paugh, gave the collection to Indiana Historical Society.

Sources: clippings and correspondence in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES

The most interesting part of the collection (Boxes 1-2) deals with William F. Swan. It contains his diaries nearly complete from 1871 to 1884, and a considerable body of his correspondence with his son Robert from 1895 to 1924. The diaries are rather laconic, dealing mainly with the weather and with farm activities. The correspondence contains considerable material about farming, real estate dealings in Fowler, and advice to his son.

The diaries of James Swan (Boxes 2-3) are similar to his brother's, and cover the same period.

The two small diaries of Ellen Mahaffey (Box 3), half-sister of Mrs. William Swan, deal mainly with weather and family activities.

All in all, this part of the collection gives something of a picture of the activities of an Indiana farm family over two generations.

The material on Robert A. Swan (Boxes 3-4) shows him running his abstract business, taking care of various errands, corresponding with distant relatives, and showing an interest in duck-shooting.

Box 5 contains miscellaneous material largely giving an example of 1920s taste in dance programs and greeting cards. Other items are: newspapers and clippings with family obituaries and articles by William F. Swan; Fowler Presbyterian Cookbook; hair comb; family photographs.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1. Correspondence of William F. Swan, 1895-1938; Diaries of William F. Swan, 1872-1880.

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	Correspondence of William F. Swan and Robert A. Swan, 1907-1908.
2	Correspondence of William F. Swan and Robert A. Swan, 1909.

3	Correspondence of William F. Swan and Robert A. Swan, 1910.
4	Correspondence of William F. Swan and Robert A. Swan, 1911.
5	Correspondence of William F. Swan and Robert A. Swan, 1913-1918.
6	Correspondence of William F. Swan and Robert A. Swan, 1919-1924.
7	Miscellaneous correspondence of William F. Swan, 1929, 1938.
8	Diaries of William F. Swan, 1872-1973.
9	Newspaper clippings from 1873 diary of William F. Swan.
10	Diaries of William F. Swan, 1874-1975.
11	Diaries of William F. Swan, 1876-1977.
12	Diaries of William F. Swan, 1878, 1880.

Box 2. Diaries of William F. Swan, 1881-1897, and James Swan, 1874-1883.

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	Diaries of William F. Swan, 1881-1882.
2	Diaries of William F. Swan, 1883-1884.
3	Diaries of William F. Swan, 1886, 1897.
4	Diaries of James Swan, 1874, 1877.
5	Diaries of James Swan, 1879, 1883.

Box 3. Diaries of James Swan, 1884, Ellen Mahaffey, 1873-1874, and Robert A. Swan, 1955-1956; Correspondence of Robert A. Swan, 1912-1961.

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	Diary of James Swan, 1884.
2	Diaries of Ellen Mahaffey, 1873-1874.
3	Family correspondence of Robert A. Swan, 1912-1955, 1961.
4	Correspondence of Robert A. Swan with Ruby Saunders, 1942.
5	Correspondence of Robert A. Swan with Jay H. Williams, 1945.
6	Correspondence of Robert A. Swan re: duck-shooting, 1958.
7	Diaries of Robert A. Swan, 1955-1956.

Box 4. Diaries of Robert A. Swan, 1965-1971.

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	Diaries of Robert A. Swan, 1965, 1967.
2	Diary of Robert A. Swan, 1968.
3	Diary of Robert A. Swan, 1969.
4	Diary of Robert A. Swan, 1970.
5	Diary of Robert A. Swan, 1971.

Box 5. Newspapers and Clippings, 1880-1964; Greeting Cards, 1928; Dance Programs, 1928-1932, n. d.; Cookbook, 1909; Photographs, n. d.; Artifact, ca. 1920-1945.

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	(OM) Newspapers, Sept. 1880; Feb. 7, 1923. (See also: OM 0375)
2	Newspaper clippings mostly of family obituaries and articles by William F. Swan, 1905-1964, n. d.
3	Greeting cards, 1928.
4	Dance programs, 1928-1929.
5	Dance programs, 1930-1932, n. d.
6	Fowler Presbyterian Cookbook, 1909. (See also: TX 715 .C66 1909)
7	(VC) Photographs: William F. Swan; Mr. and Mrs. Sanders (parents of Elizabeth [Mrs. William F. Swan), n. d. Tintypes: William F. Swan; Ellen Mahaffey (half-sister of Elizabeth Swan), n. d.
8	(ART) Artifact, ca. 1920-45, (R 307) Hair comb.

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's [online catalog](#)
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