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IONE SWAN PAUGH COLLECTION, 1872-1971

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 5 manuscript boxes, 1 artifact, 1 oversize manuscript folder, 2 photograph folders, 1 printed item

COLLECTION DATES: 1872-1971

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NOTES:

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 NOTE

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.

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Greeting cards, 1928

Dance programs, 1928-1929

Dance programs, 1930-1932, n. d.

Fowler Presbyterian Cookbook, 1909.

Photographs: William F. Swan; Mr. and Mrs. Sanders

Hair comb

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