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**JAMES ROUDEBUSH
COLLECTION, 1845-1964**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James Roudebush (August 11, 1821-December 1, 1885) was the son of Jesse Roudebush and Huldah Ray Roudebush of Carroll County, Ohio. In the months before his wedding to Margaret Hoobler (September 27, 1820-December 25, 1906) in June of 1845, Roudebush traveled to Hamilton County, Indiana to purchase land. In the 1850s, the Roudebushes moved their family from Steubenville, Ohio to Wayne Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. The Roudebushes had seven children: Nancy Roudebush Armstrong, Anna Roudebush Teter, Mary, Francis, George, and Sarah Roudebush McCarty. Roudebush's farm prospered and over the years he acquired more land. He was active in Republican politics and served the community as a Justice of the Peace.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

"Justices of the Peace," *The Republican-Ledger*. Noblesville, 4 August 1882, Page 6.

"Personals," *The Republican-Ledger*. Noblesville, 28 July 1880, Page 1.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a diary that was kept by James Roudebush beginning on March 6, 1845 as he traveled from his home in Steubenville, Ohio along the Ohio River to Cincinnati and then over land through Eaton, Ohio into Indiana via Richmond and New Castle to Noblesville. In Indiana, Roudebush visited his uncle Jacob Stern and cousins Christian and John Stern and he remarked on how well timbered the land was with beech, walnut, poplar, and ash trees. He described Noblesville as a “beautiful piece of ground” with about one hundred and fifty houses, five or six stores and two or three taverns. Roudebush then traveled to Indianapolis with his cousin Christian to purchase eighty acres of land in Wayne Township about five miles away from Noblesville, the Hamilton county seat. While in Indianapolis, Roudebush remarked that the Statehouse is said to be the most splendid in the union. The diary also details his trip back to Ohio. Travelling through Connersville, Roudebush remarks that Fayette County has the best land he’s seen in Indiana. Crossing into Ohio, his last entry on April 13, 1845 describes passing through the Cincinnati-Whitewater Canal Tunnel from Cleves to North Bend and seeing the estate of General William Henry Harrison.

Also included in this collection is the original will and testament of James Roudebush.

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Diary Transcription by Ruby Whisman McNally, 1964

Will, 1884-1885

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