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JOHN CARR FAMILY PAPERS, 1829–1925

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript boxes, 1 photograph box, 2 tintype boxes, 1 oversize manuscript folder, 1 OVA photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1829-1925

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RELATED HOLDINGS: Samuel & John Carr, Papers (SC 0178, OM 0010); Carr Family Correspondence (SC 2386, F 1166).

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Prominent individuals in the collection include John Carr (1793-1845) and his son, Andrew Jackson Carr (1822-1885). John Carr was born on Fayette County, Pennsylvania and moved to Clark County, Indiana in 1806. He fought at the Battle of Tippecanoe (1811) and was a lieutenant in a company of U. S. Rangers charged with the defense of the western frontier, 1812. John Carr later became a major general in the Indiana Militia. A Jacksonian Democrat, Carr served as Clark County Clerk, 1824-1830, and was a presidential elector for the Jackson/Calhoun ticket, 1824. He was also elected to the U. S. House of Representatives from Indiana in 1831, and served as a member of Congress for six years.

Andrew Jackson (A. J.) Carr was born in Charlestown, Clark County, Indiana, and attended Hanover College and Indiana Asbury (DePauw) University and studied law. He served as a 2nd Lieutenant with the 3rd Indiana Volunteer Regiment during the Mexican War. A member of the Democratic Party, Carr was elected to the Indiana House of Representative in 1859, and served one term in the legislature. He also served as Clark County Treasurer for four years. Carr married Sarah Whiteman in 1851, and they later produced four children.

Sources:

Biographical Directory of the U. S. Congress, 1774-1989. Washington D. C.: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1989.

Centennial History of the Indiana General Assembly, Volume 1. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1980.

Baird's History of Clark County, Indiana. Indianapolis: B. F. Bowen, 1909.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains the correspondence and records of the Carr family. Included are the letters from John Carr while serving in the U. S. House of Representatives to his son, Andrew Jackson Carr, regarding a number of personal subjects including the choice of a college and other career decisions. There are also letters to Andrew J. Carr while a student at Hanover College and Indiana Asbury University, and letters from John Carr in Washington, D. C. and Charlestown, Indiana, to other family members, 1839-1842. Also included are letters to Sarah Whiteman from family members and friends, 1849-1862. There are also letters from Andrew Carr to Sarah Whiteman before and after their marriage, 1849-1859.

The papers also contain the letters of the Carr family in Charlestown and LaPorte County, Indiana, including letters to Mollie Carr while a student at Nazareth Academy and Pittsburgh Female College and later in Denver, Colorado, and letters to Mary N. Carr in Denver, Marguerite Carr in Denver and Laramie, Wyoming, and McCauley Carr in Charlestown and Denver, 1875-1925. The letters are personal in nature and mainly contain family information.

Also contained in the collection are documents, records, and literary writings of the Carr family. Included are indentures, ledgers, printed invitations and announcements, school work, speeches, and newsclippings regarding Andrew Carr and members of his immediate family, 1829-1925. There are also Mollie Carr's school writings and related materials while a student at Pittsburgh Female College, 1876-1878, and photocopies of a series of stories written for the *Charlestown Hustler*, May, 1901.

The collection also contains six folders of photographs relating to the Carr family. Included are tintypes, cartes de visites, snapshots, post cards, and a photograph album. The photographs are mainly unidentified portraits of members of the Carr family, although there are some snapshots of family activities such as vacations, outings, everyday life, etc. and some unidentified residences.

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