

JOHN H. HOLLIDAY PAPER, CA. 1896

Collection #
SC 2415

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 item

COLLECTION DATE: ca 1896

PROVENANCE: Hilton U. Brown, Indianapolis, 1953

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OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: SC 771, John H. Holliday Papers; SC 2226, John H. Holliday Letter; SC 2287, John H. Holliday: "A Hundred Days of War"

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

John Hampden Holliday (1846-1921) was born in Indianapolis. He attended Northwestern Christian (Butler)

University and Hanover College, and served in the Civil War in the 137th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. In 1869 he founded the *Indianapolis News*, an independent paper less strictly partisan than the *Democratic Sentinel* and the *Republican Journal*; he was owner and managing editor until he sold the paper in 1892 to William Henry Smith and Charles R. Williams. In 1893 Holliday founded the Union Trust Company, of which he was president until 1899. He was active in many civic causes, notably the founding of the Commercial Club and its campaign to have the railroad tracks in Indianapolis elevated.

Daniel Lancaster Paine (1830-1895) was born in Maine, and in his youth was apprenticed to a printer. In 1849 he moved to Minnesota and stayed there for ten years. In 1859 he moved to Indianapolis. After working on both the *Sentinel* and the *Journal*, he took a job on the recently founded *News*. He remained there until ill health (rheumatism) forced him to retire in 1888.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains one item, the 14-page typescript of a paper by John H. Holliday about Daniel L. Paine, who had worked for him for nineteen years at the *Indianapolis News* and had recently died. The paper was written for a club, and was then submitted unsuccessfully for publication. It came into the hands of a colleague of both men at the *News*, Hilton U. Brown, who gave it to Indiana Historical Society. The paper is unusually objective, praising Paine's qualities as a person and as a critic but noting his lack of "a nose for news" and of a newspaper temperament. Paine also wrote verse, and the paper gives two examples of his work.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Holliday, John H. (John Hampden), 1846-1921

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Paine, Daniel L., 1830-1895--Biography

Journalists--Indiana--Indianapolis--Biography

Obituaries--Indiana--Indianapolis

Poetry

Holliday, John H. (John Hampden), 1846-1921

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