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**MERRILL-GRAYDON FAMILY
PAPERS, 1836–1930 (BULK 1890–1920)**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 manuscript boxes, 4 OVA photograph folders

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1836-1930; Bulk 1890-1920

PROVENANCE: Evans Woollen III, Indianapolis IN, and Katharine Merrill Woollen Fitts, 19 November 1991, 28 May 1992

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Samuel Merrill M 0204; John L. Ketcham M 0173, BV 1035-1046; Jane Chambers McKinney Graydon Papers SC 2222

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1950.0803, 1953.0502, 1955.0203, 1992.0037, 1992.0534

NOTES: SC 2074, Catharine Merrill, has been transferred to this collection. A number of books to Print Collections; several artifacts to Artifacts.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

This collection contains the papers of two families connected by marriage, and spreads over two generations. This sketch will attempt to place the family members whose papers appear in the collection, but will omit several brothers and sisters whose papers do not.

The first family is that of Samuel Merrill (1791-1855). Born in Peacham, Vermont, he moved first to York, Pennsylvania, then to Vevay, Indiana. He was a man of many talents. He served as state treasurer (1822-1834), as president of the State Bank of Indiana (1834-1844), and as president of the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, the first in Indiana (1844-1848). Finally, through owning a bookstore, he became involved in publishing, and founded the firm which eventually became Bobbs-Merrill. By his first wife, Lydia Jane Anderson, he had a number of children, of whom four appear in this collection.

The first was Catharine Merrill (1824-1900). Following in the footsteps of her father who also taught school at times, she started a school for local children and ran it for some years. In 1859-1860 she took her younger siblings on an educational tour of Germany, and wrote a series of travel letters which were published in the Indianapolis Journal. Having gained more formal experience at teaching in a young ladies' school in Cleveland and in another in Crawfordsville, she began teaching at Northwestern Christian University (now Butler), where a chair in English literature was later endowed in her memory. In 1896 she wrote an anonymous history of The Soldier of Indiana in the War of the Union. She was an active member of several clubs, including the Indianapolis Woman's Club and the Contemporary Club. The Catharine Merrill Club, still in existence, was founded in her honor. Her younger sister, Mina Merrill, was associated with her in her early teaching.

Another sister, Julia Dumont Merrill (1826-1912) married Charles Washington Moore (1828-1864), and they had two sons, lawyer and Congressman Merrill Moore (1856-1929), and lawyer Charles Washington Moore II (1862-1923), many of whose letters appear in this collection.

A fourth sister, Mary Merrill (1835-1917) was married in 1857 to William Mordecai Graydon (1825-1903), thereby making the connection with the second family in this collection. He was the son of Alexander Graydon (1791-1868) and Jane Chambers McKinney Graydon (1802-1891). Jane Graydon was the daughter of Mordecai McKinney, and her sister Mary Ann married William Patterson Alexander, an early missionary to the Sandwich (Hawaiian) Islands. Her family tree also included the Bodine family. Alexander and Jane Graydon lived at first in Harrisburg, where they were energetic members of the anti-slavery movement. In 1843 they moved to Indianapolis.

They were both active in the Second and then the Fourth Presbyterian Church; she served as a nurse during the Civil War and was a founder of the Home For Friendless Women (now the Indianapolis Retirement Home). One of their children was William Mordecai Graydon, referred to above.

William Mordecai and Mary Merrill Graydon had three daughters whose papers appear in the collection. The first was Katharine Merrill Graydon (1858-1934). She graduated from Butler in 1878, taught Latin and Greek at Hastings College, a newly founded Presbyterian institution in Nebraska, then occupied the Catharine Merrill Chair of English at Butler until she retired in 1930.

The second daughter, Jane (Jennie) Graydon (ca 1865-1957), graduated from Butler in 1887. She also taught for some time at Hastings College, and later at Public School #2 in Indianapolis. She was a founder of the Dramatic Club and an active member of the Indianapolis Woman's Club.

The third daughter, Julia Moores Graydon (1870-1935) graduated from Butler in 1890. She married Alexander Jameson, a dentist. She wrote many papers for the Indianapolis Woman's Club, and also was active in the Family Welfare Society and the Fairview Presbyterian Church. Her activities in the Marion County Tuberculosis Association caused the Jameson Camp to be named for her. Her daughter Lydia was married first to banker Evans Woollen, Jr., and then to Dr. James O. Ritchey; her children Evans Woollen III and Katharine Merrill Woollen Fitts are the donors of this collection.

Sources: Materials in collection

Indiana Scrapbook Collection vol. 5 pp. 59-60

Indiana Biographical Series vol. 11 pp. 109-110, vol. 14 p. 69, vol. 48 p. 118

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling four manuscript boxes and covering the years 1836-1930, consists of correspondence, club papers, a few official documents, clippings, books, and photographs. It is arranged according to correspondent.

In Box 1, Folders 1-7 contain genealogical material on the Alexander, Bodine, Dumont, Graydon, McKinney, and Merrill families. In Folders 8-11 are letters concerning the older members of the McKinney and Graydon families: letters, 1836-1847, to Mary Ann McKinney Alexander from two of her sisters; a letter from Jane Chambers McKinney Graydon while a nurse in the Civil War (see SC 2222), a poem by Ellen McKinney, and a tribute to Emma Graydon Alexander. In Folders 12-14 are incidental papers from the Merrill family, including a family temperance pledge of 1852.

Folders 15-31 contain papers of Catherine Merrill, mainly letters from her longtime friend Mary L. Meek and her letters from Germany in 1859-1860. Folders 32-33 concern Mina Merrill. Folders 34-40 contain papers of Jane Graydon, mainly a series of charming letters from her cousin Charles W. Moores.

In Box 2, Folders 1-15 contain the papers of Katharine Merrill Graydon. These include a few letters, including one from Oliver Wendell Holmes for the dedication of the Hastings College library; several club papers; and partial diaries for 1879 and 1889. The diary for 6 September 1879 mentions talks with two professors at Butler whom she finds "not unfavorable" to opening the college to girls.

In Folders 16-17 of Box 2 are the 1890-1891 journal of Julia Graydon Jameson, and some of her correspondence.

The papers of Julia Graydon Jameson continue in Box 3. In Folders 1-17 are some of her club papers. In Folder 18 is a paper on Early Times in Indianapolis probably by Julia Dumont; in Folder 20 a grammar workbook; in Folder 21 the catalog of Cleveland Female Seminary for 1856-1857; in Folders 22-26, clippings.

A considerable number of identified photographs are stored in Visual Collections.

In Box 4 are a number of family-related books (see box and folder listing).

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Ketcham family letter 1844 to Priscilla Wilson	Box 1, Folder 12
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Catharine Merrill--from Elizabeth L. Meek-- 1845-1851	Box 1, Folder 17
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Catharine Merrill--from Hattie E. Beecher 1856	Box 1, Folder 21
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Julia Graydon Jameson--"Some modern tendencies" 1904	Box 3, Folder 4
Julia Graydon Jameson--"Near the babbling Wye" 1906	Box 3, Folder 5
Julia Graydon Jameson--"The man Lowell" 1908	Box 3, Folder 6
Julia Graydon Jameson--"Modern American poetry" 1914	Box 3, Folder 7
Julia Graydon Jameson--"The divine whisper of today" 1929	Box 3, Folder 8
Julia Graydon Jameson--"The alchemist's touch"	Box 3, Folder 9
Julia Graydon Jameson--"Fashions in heroines"	Box 3, Folder 10
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Julia Graydon Jameson--"Some people that have passed my windows"	Box 3, Folder 15
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Julia Graydon Jameson--"What is worth while"	Box 3, Folder 17
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The school of good manners--early primer

Thomas Day-- *Sandford and Merton* New York, 1830

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Indiana Magazine of History September and October 1938--articles on Julia Dumont

Butler Alumni Quarterly April and July 1934, July 1937--articles on Katharine M. Graydon

Visual Materials

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