

ROYSE-GANDY PAPERS, 1837-1918

Collection #
SC 2478
OM 323

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 6 folders, 1 oversize folder

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1837-1918; bulk 1864-1865

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RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 93.0425

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James F. Royse (1842-after 1878) lived in Washington County, Indiana. On 27 July 1861 he enlisted in the 23rd Indiana Regiment, and served until 23 July 1865, first as private and then as corporal. In March 1865 he was sent to

Fort Schuyler Hospital in New York for care of his eyes.

The 23rd Indiana Regiment, organized at New Albany, saw action at Fort Henry, Shiloh, and Vicksburg; it then served with Sherman, pursuing Hood and marching to Savannah.

In early 1866 James Royse was teaching school in Fredericksburg, Indiana, and still having trouble with his eyes. He is listed as owning eighty acres in Brown Township, Washington County, in 1878.

Royse's correspondent, Mary F. Gandy, lived in New Albany. She may have been the recipient of a letter to "Cousin Mary" in 1918.

Sources: Materials in collection

W. H. H. Terrell, *Adjutant General's Report*, II and IV

Atlas of Washington County (1878), 8

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling six folders and one oversize folder, contains correspondence, certificates, and one photograph. It is arranged chronologically.

Folder 1 contains four items: an 1837 letter from Betsy Carpenter in Leicester, Mass., to Nancy Carpenter at Attleboro, Mass.; a fragment of writing by Royse's brother Martin, who died in 1860; the 1862 Memphis bill of sale at \$1400 of "a negro man slave named Fletcher"; and a discharge of James Royse in 1863 to reenlist as a veteran.

Folders 2, 4, and 5 contain the bulk of the collection, correspondence 1864-1866 between James Royse and Mary Gandy. Most of it is typical courtship correspondence, spiced with occasional verses. In 1866 Royse is complaining about his eyes and the possibility of going blind.

Folder 6 contains a carte de visite of "my cousin William Sauerhebn." In Folder 7 are two unrelated items. One is the 1899 commission of John F. McIntosh as postmaster of Canton, New York. The other, a two-page letter in pencil from Joe in Leavenworth, Indiana, to his Cousin Mary, mentions two deaths from influenza as well as personal and war news.

FOLDER LISTING

FOLDER

1: 1837-1863

2: 1864

3: (OM 323) Appointment as corporal 9-1-1865

4: 1865-1866

5: Undated verses

6: (VC) Photo of Wm. Sauerhebn

7: 1899, 1918

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Royse, James F., b. 1842

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Royse, James F., b. 1842

Gandy, Mary F.

United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 23rd (1861-1865)

Soldiers--Indiana--Washington County

Love-letters--Indiana

Slaves--Tennessee--Memphis

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