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SAMUEL B. WEEKS JOURNEY MEMOIR AND DIARY TRANSCRIPTIONS, 1846–1856

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION: 2 folders

COLLECTION
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Samuel B. Weeks was born February 3, 1830 in Gloucester County, New Jersey. It is unknown when he moved to Indiana, but he was here at the age of sixteen, when in 1846 he enlisted in the U.S. Army to fight in the Mexican-American War. He was trained at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland and traveled to the area of Santa Cruz, then part of Mexico in the Alta California territory. During his time in the Mexican-American War, Weeks kept a detailed journal. Following the war, Weeks returned to Indiana and on May 21, 1851; he and Ann Jessie Wood were married at the home of Calvin Fletcher, Sr. They had eight children. From 1850–1856 Weeks maintained a diary of his life in Indianapolis. In January 1864 he enlisted in Company L, Indiana 9th Cavalry Regiment as a private. He was later promoted to Sergeant Major and was mustered out of the Army on August 28, 1865 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was awarded a military pension from the U.S. government in 1900. Weeks died at the age of eighty years on August 28, 1910 in Phillipsburg, Kansas.

Sources:

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Indiana, Marriages. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013.

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Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains two spiral bound transcriptions of personal writings of Samuel B. Weeks. The first is entitled "Sam Weeks Journey: A Memoir" and covers the years 1846–1847. This memoir details his experiences in the Mexican American War, including his enrollment, his travels throughout the northeast, and other men he encountered at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland. The memoir also details the ship voyage to the area of Santa Cruz, then part of Mexico, as well as Weeks' experiences in the city.

The 1850–1856 diary details his work as a farmer and seller of leather, hides, and sugar, his personal life, his attendance at the Commercial Institute, Indianapolis politics, and his friendship with Calvin Fletcher, Sr. The diary also describes religious sermons, lectures, and political clubs that Weeks attended or to which he had an affiliation.

Both the journey memoir and diary were transcribed by Weeks' great-great-great granddaughter, Jean Black. The journey memoir was transcribed from the original and the diary was transcribed from a copy.

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"Sam Weeks Journey: A Memoir, 1846–1847,"
transcription.

"The Diary of Samuel B. Weeks, Indianapolis,
Indiana, 1850–1856," transcription.

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