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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Born Sept. 9, 1832; died Sept. 5, 1867; Youngest of seven children. Parents, Adam and Ann (Pennyback) Douglass; married Ann Elizabeth Stockslager. Had three children. Claude Newell Douglass (1862-1928), Benjamin Pennybacker Douglass (1864-64), and Kate Sarah Douglass (1867-1933)

Sources:

Information in collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Contains letters, initiations and genealogy. 52 letters from friends and family. (1838-93.)

1838, June 30 McCord, Mary C., Strasburg, Va. To Uncle, Philip A. Stockslager, St. Charles, Mo. Death of Father; will. School. News of town.

1839, July 14 Stockslager, Sarah C., Mauckport, to brother, Philip A. Stockslager, St. Charles, Mo. Visit to Greenville. Jacob and Sally. Family in Va.

1844, Jan. 26 Boon, H.C., to Ben (likely Benjamin P. Douglass; possibly from Hiram C. Boon?) Chitchat. Girls in area.

1846, April 28 Parrell (?), Sarah, Winchester, Va., to cousin, Miss Sarah Cooper, Corydon. New of family and former neighbors in Brucetown; mentions cousin Augustus F. Member of congress.

1849, Dec. 16 Pell, Marina (?), Rosiulair, to B.P. Douglass, Laconia. Welcome to Carra and old Indiana Friends. Expects Carra on St. Boat Lafayette. Brother James in New Orleans; coming up for visit.

1853, Oct. 4 Boon, Victoria, Sandy Farm to Benjamin P. Douglass, Corydon. Chitchat about summer's events. Elopement Pollie Willett and Dr. Lockhart.

1853, Nov. 21 Heth, John B., New Albany, to Samuel W. Douglass. Writing on I. (J?) B. Norman's time. River boats. Lucy Stone lecture.

1854--26 (Luckett?) Mary, Valley Farm, to Sam. Hopes will come out to farm in spring or find employment in St. Joseph or go to Kansas. Has not visited much since he left. News of neighbors.

1854 ?, Apr. 2 Clarke, C.M. Mauckport, to Charlotte (likely Charlotte N. Douglass) comments on friendship; new friends.

1856 ?, Apr. 22 \_\_\_\_\_, Maggie, Anderson's seminary, to friend, Annie (possibly Annie Stockslager. She and Ada had expected visit. Studying for exams.

1856, Oct. 29 (possibly Lewis Jordan), Corydon, to Charl, Local politics, democratic bias. Rev. Terrell speeches. Etc.

1857, Oct. 24 McRae, H.S., Maple Grove Academy, near Vincennes, to S.W. Douglass. School keeps busier studying than in college. Few Social opportunities; Knox County Fair. Debating club.

1857, Dec. 18 Jordan, Lewis, Washington, D.C., to Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Politics, national and state politics.

1857, Dec. 21 Douglass, B(enjamin) P., Louisville, to Sam(uel W. Douglass) instructions about pork if hogs are killed.

Dec. 28 Same to same. Saw DePauw. Nelson Smith thinks Davy Bell a very bad man and believes him guilty of aiding in escape of Ditto's negro. Times tight here.

1858, Jan 1 Same to same. Settled with DePauw. Most of democracy he has talked with side with Douglas. Clark County very tender-footed on Kansas question.

Jan. 26 Jordan, Lewis, Washington, D.C., to Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Sending Globe with congressional debates. Kansas. Approves resolutions passed at Indianapolis convention; regrets Fitch's remarks on Wallace's resolution; puts party in corner. Thinks Indiana Senators regret commitment for Lecompton Constitution. Dilemma of Douglas. Republican policies, banks, Wabash Canal. City gay.

1858, Feb. 20 Jordan, Lewis, Washington, D.C., to Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Kansas bill, etc. Problem of desire for free state. Republicans like situation for propaganda. Indianians' democratic Club, Washington, resolution in conflict with January 8<sup>th</sup> platform. Frank Gwin in Washington about reappointment. Rascally looks for pro-slavery candidates for office in Kansas.

June 5 Rice, Annie L., Rural Retreat, to friend Sam (S. W. Douglass likely) Mentions Mary Jane and Lucretia, church, driving buggy, basket meting; tells of teaching.

June 22 Douglass, B(enjamin) P., Louisville, to Samuel W. Douglass. Messers. Richards and Keene interested in establishing business in West Louisville.

1859 ? Douglass, B(enjamin) P., Galt House, Louisville, to Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Going to Georgetown and Cincinnati. Deposited money for Hisey, etc. (postmark may be '59; stamp like 1859-60 ones)

1859, Apr. 2 Jordan, Lewis, Washington, D.C., to Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Busy nights studying law. Urges Douglass to take up some professing. Washington quiet. Glad president has not called extra session as Congress is "curse of land" causing strife.; Time wasted wrangling and orating to excite people. Sectional feeling. Breach growing.

1859, June 20 Walker, John B., Covington (Ky.?), to Sam(uel Douglass) Leaving Friday to visit Douglass, etc. friends mentioned.

(1859) July 12 Walker, M. A. (Mary Alice?), Covington, to cousin , Samuel W. Douglass. (These Walker relatives do not appear in genealogy notes, although these are a number of letters to and from them.) Enjoyed visit in Corydon. Trip up in stage. Will Miller. Urges not to trifle with any girl's affections. Twits about Miss Rice.

July 13 Walker, John B., Cincinnati to Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Trip home with Sarah and Mary. (Envelope, John Shillio & Co.)

July 13 O'Beirne, P, Salem, Washington Co., to (Samuel W.) Douglass, Corydon. Busy surveys and map of Washington Co. Asks to talk with commissioners about Harrison County map. 2p.

July 21 Douglass, S(amuel) Walter, Corydon, to Cousin Mary (Likely Walker) comments on her stage ride home from visits. News of family and friends.

July 31 (Walker ?), Mary, Covington, to cousin, Sam(uel W. Douglas), Corydon. Pleased to hear from. Letter from Mrs. Nance. Regrets I. Lockett's illness. She and Sarah thank for paper sent. Mentions Rebecca and brother Jim. Coming attractions at Opera House. Inquires for W. Miller, Annie Stockslager, Mr. Jordan.

Aug. 6 Jordan, Lewis, Washington, D.C., to Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Douglass' nomination for Recorder, Harrison County, Democratic ticket; campaign. Possible Doe Jones opponent. Relieved Convention repudiated Gen. Cass' stand for foreign protection. Comments on Kentucky and Tennessee elections. Enervating influence of job in Washington. 4 p. (Envelope franked "Wm. H. English, M.C.)

Oct. 16 (Walker ?), Mary, Waste Wild, Carrollton, to Cousin Sam(uel W. Douglass) Mrs. (Benjamin P.) Douglass' death and Mrs. Nance's illness. Apparently has situation as governess with Scotts. Brother Will has gone to Evansville.

Oct. 31 Douglass, (Samuel) Walter, Corydon, to Cousin Mary (Walker ?) Answering letter of 16<sup>th</sup>. Glad does not regret leaving father's home in Covington. Asks about Richard. Mentions Will Miller and Robert Leffler. Visit from Jane For Christmas? Business as county auditor.

1859, Dec. 12 (Walker ?), Mary, Waste Wild, Carrollton, to cousin, Samuel Walter Douglass, Corydon. Letter from Jane says Sam may return to Covington with her after possible visit to Corydon. Richard has returned from St. Louis. Going home for Christmas. Looking forward to sleighing. Mentions Uncle Bob, Will Miller, Misses Rice, Locketts, Mrs. Nance.

Dec 16 Jordan, Lewis, Washington, D.C., to Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Questions if Union can survive shock of John Brown's foray. South ready for dissolution if any Republican elected. Great difficulties for northern Democrats. J.G. Davis has not affiliated with the Republicans; his tactics. Need for conservatives in State Convention. Country in confusion.

Dec. 19 Douglass, Benjamin P., Cincinnati, to Sam(uel W. Douglass). Selling West Louisville property. Sallie better. Southern people looking forward to dissolution of Union as highly probability.

1860, Mar. 12 (Walker ?), M. Alice, Covington, to cousin Sam(uel W. Douglass) Richard may have been attraction in coming home. News of friends. Asks about Annie, is she intending to teach again. Will never teach again in Kentucky. Will Miller. Messages from sister Sallie.

Apr. 27 Newman, Ettie (or Ellie ?), Liberty Hill (envelope postmarked "liberty Furnace, Va.") to cousin, Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Regrets, with Lizie, that visit to Virginia is prevented by office as Auditor. News of family; Uncle Joel still holding office in Washington; Aunt Sarah Pennybacker in Harrisonburg; cousin John State Senator; death Cousin Kitty Samuels (?); Cousin Joseph now with son Green Sympathy with Ben in his loss. If can't come, send ambrotype. 8 pg.

Apr. 29 (Douglass, Samuel W.) to cousin M. Alice (Walker ?) Answering hers of Mar. 12. Comments on her news and on romance of Mary A. Walker and Richard. Sorry can't come down with Robert. Evidently from Cincinnati. (Stationary Auditor's Office, Corydon.)

(1860, Apr. 1 ?) Douglass, S(amuel) Walter, to Annie (Stockalager) Draft. Her trip. Dr. Clark has bought farm on Buck Creek near Crisp Camp Ground. Marriage Matty Benson and Mr. Sharp. Dinner at her Mother's and other town news.

1860, Apr. 4 S(tockslager), Annie E., Wheeling, Va., to Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Enjoyed letter; sorry Clarkes leaving Corydon; Miss Mattie's Marriage. Trip; New Albany; boat; Cincinnati; cars; Wheeling.

Apr. 20 Stockslager, Annie E. Muskingum County, Ohio (on envelope, "Adams Mills"), to S(amuel) Walter Douglass, Corydon. Bored. Describes cousins. Is on trip with grandmother. Freshet.

Aug. 8 W(alker), M(ary) A., Covington, to cousin, Samuel W. Douglass, Corydon. Trip home. News of home and inquiries about Corydon friends.

Sept. 13 (Walker ?), Mary, Covington, to cousin Sam(uel W. Douglass). Hopes for visit. National fair. Family and neighborhood news.

Dec. 5 Same to same. Family visits, and news.

1861, Feb. 26 Newman, Ettie (or Ellie ?), Liberty Hill, Texas? (envelope "liberty Furnace") to cousin Sam(uel) W. Douglass, Corydon. Pleased with paper sent; gratified "in right way politically." Most of friends secessionists; father and brother exceptions. Death Cousin Willie Moore. She and cousin would like to visit, but lack escort. Likes ambrotype. Sends a "Tenth Legion," a peace story and all wrong politically.

Oct. 3 Edgar, Richard J, Cincinnati, to Sam(uel W. Douglass.). is he raising company? Has concluded duty to join those fighting for liberty. Walkers all well.

1868, Mar. 19 Sensen, R.E. (Sensery, R.C. ?), Wheeling, to aunt. Sympathies with troubles. Living with Ginnie Cooper, widow of John. News of family. Mentions Winchester relatives.

1877, Apr. 22 Stockslager, Georgia, Shreveport, La., to Mr. Stockslager. Father, Philip A. Stockslager, born Strasburg, Shenandoah Co., Va., son of Daniel Stockslager. Had brother Jacob and sister Sarah, or sister-in-law. Letter from Sarah mentioning Polly Henry. Also letter niece, Mary C. McCord (see letters of 1838 and 1839) Father moved to Muackport, then to Missouri, and Texas.

1878, Oct. 29 Stockslager, Georgia, Shreveport, La., to Mr. Stockslager. Father, Philip A. Stockslager, born Strasburg, Shenandoah Co., Va., son of Daniel Stockslager. Had brother Jacob and sister Sarah, or sister-in-law. Letter from Sarah, mentioning Polly Henry. Also letter niece, Mary C. McCord (see letters of 1838 and 1839) Father moved to Muackport, the into Missouri, and Texas.

1879, May 6 Stockslager, Georgia, Shreveport, La., to Cousin. About family.

July 22 Same to same. Sends photo. Intrigued with knowing father's family.

Aug. 19. Same to same. Tells of mother's family, daughter of George Boggs, granddaughter of John Marshall. Married Stockslager in St. Louis. (page missing.) mentions letter Mary McCord (6-3-1838, q.v.)

1889, Dec 25 McGrain, Harry, Corydon, to Miss Kate Douglass. Appreciation for note from Sunday School class. Recalls her as member of original class which he taught.

1893, Feb. 19 L(uckett, belle S(parr), Washington, D.C., to Aunt Annie (Mrs. S. W. Douglass likely) Invites to Washington for President Cleveland's inaugural.

5 invitations, printed.

1862, Nov. 20 Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Culbertson, at Home. With Envelope.

1890, Sept. 25 Bluff City Dancing Club, Fair Dance at Masonic Hall. With paragraph on Fair at Rockport on back. With envelope.

1891, Sept. 24 Same, but different form.

1896, July 23 Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Thornton, marriage of daughter Charlotte, to Charles Swain Thomas, Bedford.

\_\_\_\_, Nov. 12 Mr. and Mrs. R.G. McCord, marriage daughter, Mary Esther, to Edward G. Rogers, New Albany. With cards for church and reception, and envelope.

18 documents (8 printed) 4 articles on Corydon places. Church program and 2 poems, printed.

n.d. (ca. 1830-5) Articles of association and rules of a choir. List of subscribers, male and female.

1858, Jan. 1 Douglass, B.P. Promissory note, to Samuel W. Douglass.

1860, Nov. 16, Watkins, Stephen, Promissory note, to James M. Bean

1863, Aug 1 Douglass, B. P. receipted bill to Mrs. Rebecca Kintner, 1860-3

1863, Aug. 1 Douglass, B. P., Promissory note, to Rebecca Kintner

1864, Sept. 12 Harrison County Agricultural Society, Certificate of stock, \$25, Samuel W. Douglass, signed by Thos. McGrain, Jr., Sec. Printed form. Revenue stamp.

1864, Dec. 2 Hancock, Wm., Receipt for \$5,419 collected by Samuel W. Douglass as Clerk of Harrison Circuit Court.

(ca. 1888) Zenor, William T., Judge, Harrison Circuit Court, to Jonas G. Howard, Member Congress, petitioning for bill to provide pension for Nancy Applegate, widow of Cincent Applegate, Civil War pensioner.

1889, Aug. 27 Jones, Thos. L., Publisher Rockport Democrat. Agreement to insert advertisement of Centaur Company. Printed form. Douglass, C.N. Agreement to publish in Rockport Democrat advertisement of Chamberlain & Co.

1890, Jan. 17 Douglass, C. N. Agreement to publish in Rockport Democrat advertisement of Chamberlain and Co.

1889, Oct. 25 Evansville Insurance Co. Policy with C.N. Douglass for insurance on printing press, type, etc., Rockport.

1894, Dec. 10 Prudential Insurance Co. Policy, life, Hannah L. Douglass, age 23, 10 cents weekly premium. Printed form.

1891, Sept. 28 Evansville Insurance Co. Policy with C.N. Douglas, insurance on printing presses, type, etc., Rockport. Rider attached permitting use of electric lights.

Abstract of title to part of lot 57, Corydon. July 6, 1894. With accompanying documents.

Deed, Rebecca Kintner to Jacob Stockslager, SW 21 and part of SE 21, 3 E, April 30, 1852.

Cedar Glad. By Frederick Porter Griffin. 15p. Typed. With accompanying letter, Jan. 26, 1948, to Aunt Kate (Mrs. Kate Douglass Funk)

Adams, Mary Rowland Posey House, Corydon. 3 p. typed.

mss. Notes on Cow Street, Corydon. (By Mrs. Kate Funk)

mss. Notes on the springs around Corydon. (By Mrs. Funk)

Presbyterian Church, Corydon, Program, Flag Sunday, June 18, 1944

Two poems on Corydon: "Old memory," 1890; "In and around ye old Corydon," by Dr. T. F. Reavis, Corydon Democrat, July 7, 1943.

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