

L. DUNHAM INGERSOLL PAPERS, 1878, N.D.

Collection #
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

L. Dunham Ingersoll (fl.1850-1878) lived in Crawfordsville, Indiana. During the early 1850s he was one of the publishers of a short-lived newspaper called *The Locomotive*. He died of tuberculosis in Greeley, Colorado, but is buried in Crawfordsville.

Ingersoll had two sisters. One, Sue, married George McWilliams and lived in Covington, Fountain County, Indiana. The other, Emma, married James Wilson (1825-1867), a Crawfordsville native and Wabash College graduate who served in the Mexican and Civil Wars, served two terms in Congress (1857-1861), and was minister to Venezuela in 1866-1867.

Sources: Materials in collection

Biographical Directory of United States Congress

Bowman, *History of Montgomery County* (1913), p. 360

Montgomery County Remembers, p. 208

Mills, *Early Days in a College Town*, pp. 61, 80

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains three items. The first is a small, undated, handmade Valentine addressed to Miss Mamie McWilliams, Covington, Indiana.

The other two items are letters written in 1878 by L. D. Ingersoll, War Department, Washington, to his sister, Sue Ingersoll McWilliams, in Covington, Indiana. One letter asks for family photographs. The other, addressed "Old Girl," jokes about exchanges of letters, and is signed "Razor-Strop Man." Ingersoll's sense of humor also includes reversing his sister's maiden and married names. The second letter also mentions the other sister ("The Honorable Mrs. Wilson").

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Ingersoll, L. Dunham, fl. 1850-1878

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Ingersoll, L. Dunham, fl. 1850-1878

McWilliams, Sue Ingersoll

Valentines

Covington (Ind.)

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