

Collection #  
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**TOMLINSON FAMILY  
COLLECTION, 1789–1943**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 manuscript folders, 1 photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1790–1943

PROVENANCE: Donated by Willard C. Heiss

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: *William G. Sullivan papers, 1935–1957, M0271*

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NOTES:

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

James Tomlinson was born in 1768 in Willistown, Pennsylvania, to John Tomlinson and Sarah Ellis. He married Sarah Yarnall in 1787 in Chester, Pennsylvania, and together they had seven children. He died in September 1800 in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

John Tomlinson was born on 9 February 1789 in Willistown, Pennsylvania, to James and Sarah Tomlinson. He married Florinda (Flora) McCartney on 6 January 1811 in Indianapolis, Indiana, and together they had six children. He died on 12 July 1825.

Stephen Decatur Tomlinson was born on 17 August 1815 to John and Flora Tomlinson. He died on 14 November 1870. He was unmarried and had no children.

William Sullivan was born in Kent County, Maryland, on 25 April 1803. He married Clarissa Tomlinson, daughter of John and Florinda Tomlinson, on 18 March 1835. He died in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 22 September 1886.

William George Sullivan was born in Indianapolis on 1 June 1884 to George Robert Sullivan and Annie M. Sullivan. He graduated from Yale University in 1907 and was the vice-president of American States Insurance Company. He also served as a member of multiple organizations, including the Indiana Pioneer Society, the Indiana Historical Society, and the Art Association of Indianapolis. He died on 18 September 1959 in Indianapolis.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Materials in collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of genealogical materials relating to the Tomlinson family. Folder 1 includes copies of individual wills and indentures relating to James and John Tomlinson. Folder 2 contains transcripts of letters written by and concerning Stephen D. Tomlinson. Folder 3 contains assorted genealogical materials tracing the Sullivan and Tomlinson family genealogies in addition to a family history of the McCartney family, who are related through marriage. Much of the material traces the genealogy of William George Sullivan. The collection also contains photographs of the Tomlinson Family Bible which has birth, marriage, and death records.

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Photographs,  
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