

# WHITE-PETTIJOHN FAMILY PAPERS, 1858-1988

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Collection #  
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## USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 7 folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1858-1988

PROVENANCE: Aletha Pettijohn, Indianapolis IN, 22 May 1992

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Lilburn and Adelia White were early Quaker settlers in Westfield, Indiana. He was reputed to have been active on the Underground Railroad. Adelia White's parents, also Quakers, lived in Bloomingport in Randolph County. The Whites had two daughters, Jane (Jennie) and Aletha. Aletha White married [?] Smith, and from her were descended Martha and Aletha Pettijohn.

Sources: Materials in collection  
Haines, *History of Hamilton County* (1915), 491

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling seven folders, contains correspondence, 1858-1900, two club folders, and a booklet of family

reminiscences. The correspondence is arranged chronologically.

In Folders 1-2 are letters written to Jane White, 1858-1859 and n.d., by her family and friends while she was away at school (possibly teaching).

Folder 3 contains letters to Aletha White, written 1899-1900. In Folder 4 are notes written by Aletha White Smith to her granddaughter Martha Pettijohn when the latter was in St. Vincent's Hospital in 1929. Folder 5 contains a mimeographed booklet of letters written by Aletha White Smith and Grace Smith to their respective daughters, 1883-1936.

In Folder 6 is a copy of "...and a time to laugh," a booklet of family reminiscences by Martha P. Schulze and Aletha Pettijohn.

Folder 7 contains an undated yearbook of The Present Day Club in Indianapolis, and a photocopy of a 1988 history of the Fortnightly Literary Club.

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### CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: White family

SUBJECT ENTRIES: White family

Pettijohn family

White, Jane, fl. 1850s

Smith, Aletha White

Schulze, Martha Pettijohn, 1905-

Pettijohn, Aletha, 1902-

Present Day Club (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Fortnightly Literary Club (Indianapolis, Ind.) (1885- )--History

Women--Indiana

Mothers and daughters--Indiana

Women--Indiana--Indianapolis--Societies and clubs.

Literature--Societies, etc.

Indianapolis (Ind.)--Clubs

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