WILLIAM GREEN COLLECTION
CA. 1911-1936

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 Folder

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1911 - 1936

PROVENANCE: William Green, Jr., Vincennes, Indiana, November and December, 1936.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Green (1812-1912) was born on April 17, 1812 and grew up on a farm in Summerson, Huntingtonshire, England. Discouraged by low wages and conflict in Europe, Green immigrated to the United States at the age of 19. He departed from Liverpool on the ship Ceres and arrived in New York (bound for Evansville, IN) on June 6, 1831. Upon arriving in Indiana, Green cleared land in exchange for board, and soon after found work as a stage driver. On February 4, 1845, he married Hannah Bartlett.

In 1855, Green purchased land on the corner of Busseron and 2nd Streets in Vincennes, Indiana (the previous site of the home of Francis Vigo and Governor William Henry Harrison), and built the town’s first opera house. Though it burned down in 1885, the opera house was rebuilt later that year. Over the course of his life, Green also worked as a fire chief, a U.S. mail contractor and ran a successful livery stable in Vincennes. He died on December 24, 1912 at the age of 100.

Sources:

Materials in the collection


SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is primarily composed of the written reminiscences of William Green Jr. regarding the life of his father, William Green. It also contains two newspaper clippings, one undated from an unknown paper describing the famous Al G. Field Minstrel troupe’s tribute to William Green, and a second from the March 18, 1911 Indianapolis News describing William Green taking part in the burial of Colonel Francis Vigo. Included in the written reminiscences are the stories of Green’s immigration to the United States, his journey to Indiana and descriptions of his life and work. Of note is a detailed description of the interior of the opera house Green built in Vincennes, Indiana, ca. 1855, as well as a rendering of the opera house done by William Green Jr.
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Reminiscences of William Green Jr. about the life of his father, William Green

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