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EZEKIEL MERRILL TALBOT COLLECTION

INTRODUCTION TO COLLECTION

The Ezekiel Merrill Talbot Collection was donated by Dan N. Hansell, former resident and owner of 324 Tinkler Street in Lafayette. The Tinkler property was purchased by Barnett(?) Irving Johnston in 1887. After Johnston's death in 1930, the home was owned by his daughter, Altha Johnston Childers and her husband. The property was eventually bequested to Dan and Mae Hansell. The contents of this collection were probably found in the house by the Hansells; Mr. Hansell arranged the materials in two scrapbook/albums. For storage and conservation of the items, they were removed from the albums when the collection was processed.

Ezekiel Merrill Talbot was a civil engineer for the town of Lafayette (ca. 1875-78, according to the 1878 county atlas). Talbot platted Purdue University; he determined the placement of the wrought-iron fence at the Tippecanoe Battlefield. He also was chief engineer of the construction of the Cincinnati, Lafayette & Chicago Railroad and of the Lafayette, Muncie, & Bloomington Railroad. Prior to coming to Lafayette, Mr. Talbot was city engineer of Peru, Indiana (he is listed in the 1871-72 Lafayette City Directory). In 1848, E. M. Talbot married Nancy Whitman Talbot; their daughter, Nancy (Nannie) Talbot became the wife of Barnett Irving Johnston.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

1 (2-1/2" wide) document box

See also Separation List, attached.

CONTAINER LIST

EZEKIEL MERRILL TALBOT (1823-84)

BOX 1

FOLDER

1. Genealogical notes, etc.
2. Character and professional reference letters, notes. 1840-57. Maine militia discharge. 1851.
3. Professional letters, references. 1869-79.

EZEKIEL MERRILL TALBOT/MARIETTA VERMILYEA TALBOT ()

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER

4. Insurance-related items. 1868-85.
5. Miscellaneous bills, receipts. 1875-86; 1898.
6. Personal property records. 1881-92.
7. Funeral address for E. M. Talbot, delivered 13 February 1884. Funeral bill for Nannie Talbot Johnston (daughter of E. M. Talbot). 1886.
8. Unidentified letters, etc.

BARNETT (?) IRVING JOHNSTON ()

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER

9. Indentures, mortgage receipts. 1878-1914.
10. Letters, etc. re application for patent for collar button. 1895-96.
11. Bank account books, receipts, etc. ca. 1885-1900.
12. Miscellaneous.

SEPARATION LIST

LETTERHEAD, ETC. COLLECTION

Mathematical notations written on paper with the Fowler National Bank letterhead. Date on item, 6 March 1886.

Blank deposit slip for the Fowler National Bank. 188?

2 envelopes: American Express Company from Lafayette Office. March, 1880. Post Office Department, post office at Lafayette, Official business.

Blank form: The Western Union Telegraph Company. 189?

POLITICAL COLLECTIONS

Republican National Convention, guest's ticket. 21 June 1904.

ARCHIVES

Brochure: 'Prospectus, High Park Mining Company, Lafayette, Indiana.' ca. 1899.

RAILROAD COLLECTION

Pamphlets: Railroad timetables.
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific R.R. (n.d.)
Monon R.R. 28 April 1957.
Monon R.R. 29 September 1957
Norfolk and Western R.R. 1 June 1969.

ARTIFACT COLLECTIONS

Set of drawing instruments in walnut box, used by E. M. Talbot.

LIBRARY

"The Tippecanoe Battle-field Monument...the work of the commission and the ceremonies at the dedication of the monument," 1909.

PEOPLE

Talbot, Ezekiel Merrill
Talbot, Marietta Vermilyea
Johnston, Barnett Irving
Childers, Altha Johnston
Hansell, Dan
Hansell, Mae
Talbot, Nancy Whitman
Johnston, Nancy Talbot

CLASSIFICATION

Correspondence, Business
Engineering
Genealogy

SUBJECTS

Clothing- Men's
Correspondence

Engineering
Monon / Hoosier Line
Purdue University