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SAMUEL K. RICHARDS COLLECTION

INTRODUCTION

The Samuel K. Richards Collection contains a diary, a letter-copy book, letters received, and a scrapbook; the materials were donated to TCHA at various times. Accession numbers, when present on an item, are noted in the inventory listing. SKR served as chief engineer during the construction of local railroads. Letters referring to local railroad construction date from 1849 to 1858 (Lafayette & Indianapolis Railroad) and from 1871 to 1872 (Cincinnati, Lafayette & Chicago Railroad).

In 1873 SKR served as City Engineer of Lafayette, and in 1883 he was elected Tippecanoe County Surveyor. He resided on the family farm in Lauramie Township.

In 1847 he attended the Jordan Academy in New York State, and for a short time, he was a student at the Western Military Institute in Kentucky.

In 1853 SKR married Susan T. Watt. A scrapbook in the collection was compiled by Susan Watt; the clippings were pasted over the pages of an 1835 account book kept by her father who ran a general store at Jefferson, Clinton County, Indiana. Besides clippings of a domestic and general nature, the scrapbook contains handwritten recipes.

For additional biographical information about Samuel and Susan Richards, see the photocopy of a biographical sketch of SKR from "Biographical Record and Portrait Album of Tippecanoe County, 1888" in the supplementary file.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

1 (2-1/2") document box

CONTAINER LIST

SAMUEL K. RICHARDS (1825-1905)

BOX 1

FOLDER

1. Letter-copy book. ca. 1847-51.
2. Diary. 25 September 1848 to August 1851. Also handwritten copy, transcriber unknown; #3287.
3. Letters (3), personal addressed to SKR. 1 March 1848; 23 May 1848; 29 May 1851.

4. Letter. 15 December 1849.

Booklet re regulations of the Western Military Institute, Kentucky. 1850. #4350.

2 items re Addisonian Literary Society, Western Military Institute, Kentucky. 1850; 1851. #2289 (87) [This number does not correspond to the recorded accession 2289. Jmh]

5. Letters (8).

J. L. Meredith, Lafayette, to SKR. 2 March 1852; 3 January 1853; 31 January 1853; 24 February 1853; 4 April 1853; 19 April 1853.

D. C. Snyder, Indianapolis, to SKR. 11 July 1853.

Albert White, Lafayette, to SKR. 31 May 1858.

Above letters refer to construction of Lafayette and Indianapolis Railroad.

6. Letters (5).

E. H. Waldron, Supt. of Cincinnati, Lafayette & Chicago R.R. to SKR. 14 August 1871; 2 November 1871; 22 May 1872; 13 November 1872.

E. H. Waldron to "Dear Sir." 20 December 1871. Form letter re passes for year 1872. Letterhead: "The Short Line via Cincinnati, Lafayette & Chicago Railroad, Superintendent's Office, Lafayette, Ind."

7. Miscellaneous items (3). Includes a note from Clark's Hill, 19 June 1885, to "Dear Sir," Chase and Chase [perhaps from SKR] re laying out the Town of Fowler. #4674

8. Letters (2).

SKR, Oxford, Indiana, to "Dear Susan" [probably his wife]. 20 June 1871. #4673

SKR, Fremont, Ohio, to "Dear Children." 8 August 1880.

SUSAN T. WATT (1833-79), WIFE OF SAMUEL K. RICHARDS

BOX 1 (CONT.)

FOLDER

9. Letters (3), personal, probably to STW. 15 February 1849; 11 December 1850; 20 July 1854.

10. Scrapbook. n.d. (ca. 1840-49?). #3291. Includes handwritten recipes.

PEOPLE

Richards, Samuel K.
Richards, Susan T. Watt
Meredith, J. L.
White, Albert
Waldron, E. H.
Watt, Susan T.

CLASSIFICATION

Correspondence, Personal
Engineering
Railroads

SUBJECTS

Diary
Engineering
Correspondence
Townships, Tippecanoe County - Lauramie

SEARCH TERMS

Railroad, Lafayette & Indianapolis
Railroad, Cincinnati, Lafayette & Chicago