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**ADAMS-PAULSON FAMILY
PAPERS, 1785-1870**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript boxes, 3 oversized manuscript folders, 1 photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1785-1870; Bulk 1820-1840

PROVENANCE: Margaret Paulson Brozovich, Altadena, CA

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL/ HISTORICAL SKETCH

Henry Adams, squire of Knockmoreleagh, near Youghal in County Cork, Ireland, wrote his will in 1819 and died before 1822. He left a son, Richard, his wife, Anne, and four grandchildren, Henry, John, Alley [Alice?], and Eliza. Richard Adams had gone bankrupt in 1818.

Richard and Anne Adams leased out their lands in Ireland, and came to America in 1822. By 1824 they were living in Richmond, Indiana. Anne's father, John Hudson, and her brother, Thomas Hudson, managed her affairs in Ireland. Richard Adams wrote his will in 1833 and died in 1835. Anne wrote her will in 1847 and died in 1859.

Henry Adams, the son of Richard and Anne, left Richmond, selling his farm to Charles Paulson. He was in Cincinnati in 1837 unsuccessfully looking for work, then in New Boston, Ill., and Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Thirty years later he is listed as working at the Springs Foundry in Richmond.

Anne Adams's daughter, Eliza (1809-1862), married Charles Paulson (1803-1858), the son of Aaron Paulson of New Castle, Del. The Paulsons had two children, Ann Eliza and Richard, and are buried in Elkhorn Cemetery near Richmond. William R. Paulson was Charles's brother. Alexander Paulson was also related to Charles, but exactly how is not clear.

George F. Paulson, whose relation to Charles is also unclear, married Ann Amelia Davenport, daughter of Warner Davenport (1826-1908) and Rebecca LaRue (1831-1903).

Most of the people mentioned in this account lived in or near Richmond.

Sources:

Materials in collection

Bailey, Wayne County Gazetteer, 1868

Emswiler, Poems and sketches...Richmond, Indiana, 1897

Biographical and Genealogical History of Wayne, Fayette, Union, and Franklin Counties,

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling two manuscript boxes and three oversize folders, contains letters, accounts, deeds, and legal documents, and three account books, covering the period 1785-1870. The collection is arranged chronologically. When received, some of the items were mildewed and redolent of tobacco; they have been fumigated.

Basically, these are family papers, with no particular common subject, and are mainly useful in establishing the relationships among the various Adamses, Paulsons, and Davenports.

Worthy of special mention are the following:

- a long series of letters from John and Thomas Hudson in Ireland to Anne Adams and Richard Adams, giving family and other news. An 1827 letter describes poor crops and discontent in Ireland, with the comment that "the country is now quiet owing to numerous executions amongst the deluded unfortunate".
- apprenticeship papers of 1830 for Martin Davenport, aged seven and a half years, to learn the "art, trade, mystery, or occupation" of a farmer from Richard Adams.
- a series of letters from Henry Adams to his mother, describing the depressed job market in Cincinnati in 1837 and his subsequent travels to Illinois and Iowa.

Twenty-one photographs, some of the Paulson family and the Elkhorn Church, have been transferred to Visual Collections.

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