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Gary Giessmann Collection

Giessmann, Gary. Papers and records, 1862–1957. 1 foot.

Collector. Letters (1862–1863) from Union soldier Robert Stansberry to his family; business records (1904–1929) from the Southwest Merchandise Company; Sanders family correspondence and records (1870–1957); and a diary (1886) by an unknown author, recounting a trip from Carrolton, Arkansas, to Indian Territory.

Box 1 Papers of Robert Means Stansberry and A.J. Sanders

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1. 25 letters (1862-1863) from Robert Stansberry to his father, brother, and sister. Stansberry was a Union soldier who fought under General Grant. These letters were written while Stansberry was assigned to the 116 Regiment, Company F, during the Civil War. Stansberry was 21 years old when he died of an illness in 1864.

 1 letter from Jas. McMackin, 11-13-1862.

 1 letter from John M. Green, n.d.
2. Correspondence between A.J. Sanders and Department of Interior re. allotments and pension claims of Agnes Barnes and Pollie Sowers, 1897-1918.
3. Notice of death of Aunzie Sanders, 1864.
4. Personal, report cards on Dwight Sanders from Southwest City High School, funeral notice re. Levi Ketchum, draft classification re. H.A. Sanders, and poem by Bernie Harp, 1870-1918.
5. Personal, Sanders family correspondence (14 letters), 1879-1942.
6. Appointment of A.J. Sanders as student at Arkansas Industrial University and appointment of A.J. Sanders as Postmaster, Madison County, Arkansas, 1877 and 1879.
7. Dues statements, etc. re. membership of A.J. Sanders in the South West Lodge, No. 466, A.F. & A.M., 1886-1934.
8. Correspondence, guardian bonds, etc. re. estate of E.W. Morrison, 1887-1909.
9. Genealogical materials re. Sanders family 1972, 1980 & 1991.

Box 2 Financial Records of A.J. Sanders

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1. Financial records (receipts - banking, etc.), 1893-1954.
2. Financial records (11 letters re. businesses of A.J. and H.A. Sanders, wheat crop insurance, company advertisements, and 2 letters concerning the Southwest Mercantile Co.), 1906-1957.
3. Financial records - real estate tax receipts, Carroll County, Arkansas, 1882-1898.
4. Financial records - real estate tax receipts, poll tax receipts, etc, 1873-1930.
5. Financial records - real estate tax receipts, 1930-1957.
6. Quit claim, warranty and mortgage deeds, reports of sale, and oil and gas mineral leases, 1882-1953.

Box 3 Diary, Account Books and Ledgers

Diary (author unknown) of trip from Carrolton, Arkansas to Oklahoma. Describes places including legal descriptions (township, range & section) of Indian agencies and reservations, the Chisholm Trail, etc, July 20, 1886 - August 18, 1886.

Check book (blank)

Accounts book (titled "compliments of Rice, Stix & Co.), shows charges and payments on sales of dry goods, 1925-1929.

Account ledger - shows charges and payments on sales of dry goods (probably Southwest Merchandise Co.), 1901-1905.

Account ledger - shows charges and payments on sales of dry goods (probably Southwest Merchandise Co.), 1904-1906.

Ledger titled "Certificate of Stock Ledger." Record of timber sales, logs scaled, and check register, 1925-1929.

Box 4 Papers of Charles Robert Edgerly

File folders 1-3 contain letters written by Charles Robert Edgerly to his parents, brother and sister. Edgerly was receiving military training in Company 57, 164 Depot Brigade,

Camp Funston, Kansas. He describes his training (drilling, duties such as kitchen police, etc.) for the Quartermaster's Corps., and daily happenings (a bout of "la grippe," weekend pass, etc.).

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1. Letter (18) of Charles Robert Edgerly, May - July, 1918.
2. Letter (10) of Charles Robert Edgerly, August - September, 1918.
3. Letter (20) of Charles Robert Edgerly, October - November, 1918.
4. "Character," an oration given at Blue Mound High School by M.H. Edgerly, 1911
5. Receipts, deposit slips of A.J. Sanders, Avoca, Arkansas, 1925-28.
6. Personal, biographical information about Charles Robert Edgerly and various people mentioned in his letters, and "family group record" of the Edgerly family, 1994.

Dr. Chase's Family Physician, Farrier, Bee-Keeper, and Second Receipt Book by Dr. A.W. Chase, 1877.

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner and The Vision of Sir Launfal edited by William Vaughn Moody, The Lake English Classics, 1906.

"Forget Me Not" album, contains poems and aphorisms addressed to Charlie Edgerly from his classmates, Blue Mound, Kansas, 1902-04.

The Wedding Service The Form of Solemnization of Matrimony and marriage certificate of Thomas P. Giacomini and Ina L. Kerby, 1907.

The Treatment of Fractures by Lorenz Bohler, 1929.

Box 5 Printed Materials

The Snow Image and Enoch Arden, Student's Series of Four Penny Classics, 1900.

Sunny Face Pictures and Stories, 1896.

Triumphant Songs No. 3 by E.O. Excell, 1892.

The Song Century compiled by C.W. Bardeen, 1892.

Maynard's English Classic Series, Selected Poems of Wordsworth.

Poor Richard's Almanac by Benjamin Franklin.

Gospel Hymns Consolidated.

Sunday School and revival.

The Biglow Papers edited by Homer Wilbur.

The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table by Oliver Wendell Holmers.

Various pocket editions (7) of *The New Testament.*