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Box 1

Correspondence

Personal Correspondence

From:

John W. Busey (friend), Penfield, Ill., informs Webber that his pony has been seen near Penfield, Sept. 8, 1879 (postcard)

P. S. Donnelly (nephew of Patt?), [New Brunswick?], to Patt (?), discusses St. Patrick's Day, family, and wonders about life in America; much of the letter is addressed to W. B. Webber, Mar. 20, 1880

A. W. Webber (cousin), Clayvillage, Ky., updates W. B. about family and friends in Kentucky and asks for money, July 23, 1869

Clarence Webber (nephew), Minneapolis, Minn., asks W. B. if the Urbana Webbers have any claim to the \$45 million estate of the Holland Webbers (newspaper clipping about the estate attached), Aug. 17, 1897

Grace Webber (daughter)

June 11, 1881 (Silent Shade, Ky.): angry that her father has not written to her while she and her mother have been in Kentucky

June 16, 1881 (Peytona, Ky.): regards her visit to Kentucky (postcard)

Sallie Webber (wife)

June 2, [1881] (Silent Shade, Ky.): discusses her family in Kentucky

June 3, [1881] (Silent Shade, Ky.): describes Grace's experiences

June 10, 1881 (Silent Shade, Ky.): regards her visit to Kentucky

May 25 (?): regards Susan Webber Blaydes' illness; W. B. is visiting Susan

Susan Webber Blaydes (sister), regards the settlement of R. Webber's estate; T. R. apparently left behind some surprising debts, undated

Mary Weed (aunt), Mendon, Ill., asks for money, May 16, 1876

Jas. A. Barnett, Bagdad, Ky., to Mrs. W. B. (Sallie) Webber, informs his sister of their father's death, 1895 (Western Union telegram)

Katie (last name unknown, friend of Grace Webber), Woodland, Ill., to Grace Webber, writes about her family and reports that she will start school the next day, Sept. 5, 1885 (postcard)

Legal Correspondence

1860s (6 items). Two items from O. L. Davis, Danville, Ill.

1870s (34 items)

1880s (30 items)

1890s (15 items)

1900s (27 items)

J. O. Cunningham to J. D. England, regarding dispute over church land, Aug. 16, 1880 and Aug. 25, 1880 (J. D. England to W. B. Webber, Sept. 16, 1880, on back of Aug. 25 letter). [Several

earlier items are addressed to the firm of Cunningham & Webber.]

Political Correspondence

1877-1891: Correspondents include George Scroggs, publisher of the *Champaign County Gazette*; E. A. Barringer, Monticello, Ill., Attorney-at-Law; William B. Gish, Lincoln, Ill.; H. P. Beach, publisher of the *Piper City Advocate*; J. G. Chambers, Sadorus, Ill.; H[enry] Pentz, Postmaster, Mahomet, Ill.; Jno. Coler, Chairman of Fourth of July Committee, Sadorus Lodge No. 738, I.O.O.F.

Legal Matters

Collections (correspondence, billing statements, receipts, etc.)

1840s (1 item)
 1850s (8 items)
 1860s (17 items)
 1870s (63 items)
 1880s (94 items)
 1890s (98 items)
 1900s (45 items)
 1910-1913 (11 items)
 undated (12 items)
 Papers relating to Phenix Insurance Co., 1885-1886

Court Filings and Proceedings

Court Papers - General, 1867-1901
 Custody (Child) - Alfred Beckwith, 1901
 Divorce
 Burnett v. Burnett Vouchers, 1871-1876
 McGill Claim, 1879
 Jury Instructions, Drafts
 Maxwell v. Sims, Deposition of Mrs. Flora A. Sims, 1884
 Murder
 Swearingen Case (subpoenas, witness statements), 1902
 Edward Whitter Indictment, 1901

Drainage

Assessment Notices, 1885-1913
 Correspondence, 1884-1913
 Court Papers, 1880-1913
 Election Notice Broadside, Hensley Drainage District, 1889

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Kankakee - U.S. Drainage Bond (unissued), 1886

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Notes, William B. Webber (pocket note book), ca. 1885-1913
 Notes, misc., ca. 1885-1913
 Petitions
 To Legislative Committees on Drainage, 1885
 To Local Government Authorities, 1895-1913
 Promissory Note, Beaver Lake Drainage District, 1880
 Receipts, 1901

Legal Dockets, Schedules, and Registers

Bar Dockets (court schedules), Champaign County Circuit
 Court, 1887-1910, incomplete [filed in Box 3]
 Illinois Appellate Court, 3rd District - Nov. Term, 1879,
 Docket and Filing Deadline Schedule
*Legal Register of the North American Mercantile Agency
 Company, January 1898* (New York: N.A.M.A. Co., 1898)

Real Estate

Abstracts
 Abstract of Title to Land in Cedar County, Mo., 1877
 Daily Abstract Report, Oct. 23, 1902
 File Notes (chiefly abstract notes), 1856-1900
 Letter Re: Abstract of Title, Northwestern Mutual Life
 Assurance Co. Loan to John Foohy, Champaign County,
 Ill., 1897
 Deeds, 1858-1901
 Lands in Somer Township, Champaign County: descriptions,
 owners, and P.O. addresses, undated
 Leases, 1846-1901
 Letter from Frederich Schlorff to Geo. and Martha Webber,
 demanding possession of 90 acres in Champaign County,
 Ill., Sept. 11, 1880
 Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, 1858-1901
 Purchase Contracts, 1875-83
 Tax Notices Re: Sale of Lands, 1880

School Districts

School District Petitions
 Somer, 1881
 Union, 1899
 School Districts Map, Ludlow Township, Champaign County,
 1900
 Student Jurisdiction Questions, Decatur District No. 4 and
 No. 5, 1900
 Disputed authority of a school district (Ford County), 1900

Wills, Estate Administration, and Fiduciaries

Custody, Conservator for Truman, McClellan, 1876

Department of Interior, Pension Office, Notice of Issues
and Fees (for Peter D. Watson, W. B. Webber, Attorney),
1880

Guardianship Letter - John Hodges, 1897

Probate and Estate Administration

- Fiduciary Correspondence, 1858-1900
- Legal Correspondence, 1879-1904
- Papers and Proceedings, 1850-1901
- Papers Re: Estate of Elizabeth Burnett, 1875, 1889
- Papers Re: Estate of Alexander Taylor, 1879-1880

Wills (copies), Fielding D. Scott; Jacob Heater, 1861-1864

Other Private Law Documents

Bankruptcy Form, 1874

Chattel Mortgages, 1857-1897

Civil War Bounties

- Bounty Claim Forms, 1862-1865
- Parents' Declaration for Additional Bounty (for
soldier killed at Fort Donelson), 1874

Contracts

- Building, 1862-1868
- General, 1870-1898
- Sale of Business, 1874, 1878

Insurance Policies, 1898

Legal Agreements, 1877-1899

Pleadings, Affidavits, and Court Papers, 1872-1899

Powers of Attorney, 1862-1881

Promissory Notes, 1876-1901

Other Legal Papers

Loan Application Forms (blank), Pearsons & Taft, Chicago,
ca. 1890s

Notes and Legal Document Fragments

Shepard's Citation Updates, ca. 1901

Wm. B. Webber, Lawyer, Blank Letterhead, ca. 1900-1909

Political Matters

Champaign County - Township Treasurer's Statement of Funds
(District No. 8, Township No. 20, Range No. 11E & 14N),
1897-1899

List of Township Chairmen, undated

Lists of Democrats (Champaign County), ca. 1886

Logan County - U.S. Funding Bond (not subscribed), 1880

Town 19, Section Plat Map, undated

Township Assessment Role, undated

Unnamed Township, 23-9, 22-10, Plat Map, undated

Urbana

- Gas Ordinance, 1895

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Improvement Bonds, 1894-1896 (unissued)

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Paving Ordinance, 1894

Printing Bonds, quote from engraver, 1880

Sewer Special Assessment Notice, 1900

Sewer Work Estimate (District No. 6), undated

Financial MattersPersonal Financial Matters

Account Book, 1876-1895

Box 2

Bill, W. B. Webber's rental of H. Spencer's office, made out by J. O. Cunningham, 1881

Cancelled Checks [filed in Box 3]

Certificate of Membership, Northwestern Masonic Aid Foundation, 1883

Check Register and Bank Account Books, 1867-1916 [filed in Box 3]

Checks and Deposit Slips - various banks (blank), ca. 1860-1870s

Deposit Slips - Gardner, Curtiss, & Burpee, 1875, Busey Brothers, 1876-1878; First National, 1893

Insurance - Northwestern Masonic Aid Association Papers, 1897, 1905-1906

Receipts

General, 1871-1904

Tax Receipt, 1881

Request for Money (Western Union telegram), 1901

Financial Matters Re: Individuals other than W. B. Webber

J. H. Bartholow, Mahomet, Ill., Druggist: Purchase List and Receipts from Fuller & Fuller Co., Wholesale Druggists, Chicago, and orders, receipts, and billing statements, 1893

A. L. Bradford Account Book with A. S. Boyd Fine Groceries, ca. 1870s

F. A. Sims (Urbana-Champaign), lists of purchases of "Family Medicines" from C. Wakefield & Co. (Bloomington, Ill.), 1883-1884

General Receipts, 1856-1899

Obituaries and Ephemera

Obituaries, Mary Stidham (1894) and Claude Fisher (1906)

"List of those present at the Old Settlers' Gathering, at
the residence of Frank G. Jaques," Aug. 23, 1878
Cards and Advertisements, ca. 1880s-90s
Illinois State Fair at Chicago, Season Passes, 1885-86
The North, Central, and South American Exposition, New
Orleans, La., Season Pass, 1885-86
Train Ticket, The Indiana, Bloomington, and Western Railway
Co., 1885

Box 3

Small printed materials as noted in brackets above (Bar
Dockets, Cancelled checks, Check register and account
books)