

McLean County Museum of History

Wheeler Family Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1868-1927
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	None

Historical Sketch

The Wheeler family papers were given to the McLean County Historical Society by Harriet W. Hoffman of Pontiac, Illinois. The documents are largely from upstate New York, Iowa and Missouri. These papers may be of interest to persons doing Wheeler family genealogy.

Harriet Wheeler apparently was an assistant professor of Business Education at Illinois State Normal University/Illinois State University from 1951-1968.

Scope and Content

The Wheeler Family Collection contains estate settlement documents, land deeds, receipts, etc. Also included are diaries from Harry O. Wheeler, including a notepad of financial balances, spanning 1868-1876.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Col. Wheeler

- 1.1.1 "Col. Wheeler Temporarily Transferred," newspaper article, undated. Wheeler transfers from military to WPA.

Folder 2: Misc. Papers

- 1.2.1 *The Bees*, no. 5, published by Daniel Cooledge: New York, including a lyrical short story, "The Sister's Grave"
- 1.2.2 "Grand Rapids As It Is" short informational handout giving facts and figures about the Michigan city
- 1.2.3 Memo from The Pedigo Washer Company of Harrodsburg, IN, to Mrs. W. A. Wheeler quoting price to buy a washer, September 15, 1905
- 1.2.4 A Christmas card from "Auntie Holt" 1890
- 1.2.5 Nathan W. Wheeler official recording of two stallions imported for breeding, at District of Oswegatchie, New York, June 21, 1848

Folder 3: Iowa Note Secured by Cattle

- 1.3.1 One year promissory note by W.A. and Lorena Wheeler payable to J. S. Butler & Son, for \$145
- 1.3.2 Chattel mortgage of W.A. and Lorena Wheeler of Linn, Iowa, with J. S. Butler & Son secured by seven specified cows. Marked paid on October 5, 1898.

Folder 4: Court Estate Papers

All these documents relate to estates settled in upstate New York.

- 1.4.1 Five copies of a court summons to the Wheeler family to appear as defendants in case brought by Avah Pierce in New York concerning the estate of Henry Wheeler , December 14, 1877
- 1.4.2 Citation for a final settlement of the estate of Harry O. Wheeler for executor Harriet S. Wheeler, June 20, 1879
- 1.4.3 A court summons for Wheeler family members for the judicial settlement of executor's accounts in the last will and testament of John H. Wheeler, June 12, 1882
- 1.4.4 A court citation to Wheeler family on appointing H.H. Childs guardian to minor Harriet L. Wheeler, May 1882.
- 1.4.5 A court citation to prove the will of Alvah Pierce, January 30, 1892
- 1.4.6 A court declaration of the General Guardian of the Wheelers, May 2, 1882
- 1.4.7 Court citation regarding the settlement of estates to Harriet S. Wheeler, June 10, 1879
- 1.4.8 Ontario county court notice regarding the estate of John H. Wheeler, June 12, 1882
- 1.4.9 Court summons for the next of kin of Betsey Wheeler, April 17, 1882
- 1.4.10 Court notice regarding proving the last will and testament of Betsy Wheeler, April 24, 1882

Folder 5: Doctor's Receipts

- 1.5.1 Twelve receipts for payments to medical practitioners ranging from October 1, 1897 to November 1, 1909. Many are from Davenport, IA.

Folder 6: Misc. Receipts

- 1.6.1 A promissory note for the Continental Insurance Company of New York, June 25, 1898
- 1.6.2 A statement of policy premium due to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
- 1.6.3 Telegram concerning the contract for a 50 acre farm, November 12, 1896
- 1.6.4 Business card for Joel. B Swett, with balances written on the back
- 1.6.5 Purchase of lot form for W. A. Wheeler, October 15, 1911
- 1.6.6 Police report card
- 1.6.7 Receipt for W. A. Wheeler, June 27, 1900
- 1.6.8 \$23.90 received by W. A. Wheeler, June 30, 1898
- 1.6.9 Credit loan for \$10 from Hoffman Bros., paid back May 27, 1899
- 1.6.10 Handwritten payment receipt, January 12, 1897
- 1.6.11 Insurance payment register for 1896
- 1.6.12 Refurnishing receipt, May 28, 1912
- 1.6.13 Letter from the International Correspondence Schools to W. A. Wheeler regarding education payments, March 4, 1904
- 1.6.14 Undated, handwritten payment receipt
- 1.6.15 Receipt from July 10, 1910
- 1.6.16 Receipt from February 14, 1913
- 1.6.17 Receipt from November 2, 1914
- 1.6.18 Receipt from W. A. Wheeler, May 29, 1985

Folder 7: Letters

- 1.7.1 A sketch of life Rev. Lolam Goodale (?), mostly in New York State, three pages, including a picture of a young girl
- 1.7.2 From Alvah Pierce at Hamilton to "dear daughter" Feb 4 1878, concerning property matters following Henry's death including appraisals and enclosing \$50.
- 1.7.3 From F. J. Pierce at Hamilton to W. A. Wheeler at Springville, IA, March 25, 1892, concerning Wheeler investing in farm land and incurring debt plus enclosing \$3000 on loan.

Folder 8: Real Estate Transactions

- 1.8.1 Fragment of a real estate transaction form
- 1.8.2 An envelope addressed to W. A. Wheeler, May 1927
- 1.8.3 Memo from Joseph Pollard Jr, Abstractor and Exchange Agent in Washington, IA, to W. A. Wheeler of Salem, MO, 12 Nov 1896 concerning desired land transactions.
- 1.8.4 W.A. Wheeler's agreement to purchase Davenport IA lot via Ruhl and Mittelbuscher, General Sales Agents, Oct 15 1911.
- 1.8.5 Four warranty deeds for land in Linn County, IA, 1894
- 1.8.6 Warranty deed for Missouri land to Wm. Wheeler, February 8, 1896
- 1.8.7 A notice of appraisal, July 1882 by Harriet L. Wheeler's estate administrator Francis L. Pierce
- 1.8.8 Warranty deed for land in Linn County, IA, February 9, 1892
- 1.8.9 Handwritten note concerning lease agreement on the Wheeler farm
- 1.8.10 Option on Real Estate agreement from W. A. Wheeler to John E Stephens for Missouri land, March 1927

- 1.8.11 Note to the First National Bank in Salem, Missouri, concerning a transaction of funds from W. A. Wheeler to John M. Stephens
- 1.8.12 Letter from lawyer John M. Stephens to W. A. Wheeler at Davenport, IA, about payment transfers, March 18, 1927
- 1.8.13 Letter from Stephens to Wheeler about the sale of land in Dent County, May 28, 1927
- 1.8.14 Contract selling Missouri land from W A Wheeler of Davenport IA to J. W. Hughes and Marcus Butts, May 17, 1927

Loose Items:

Journal: Pocket Diary for 1871

Diary of Harry O. Wheeler 1871. In the final pages are finance balances and a final diary entry tucked into the back cover pocket.

Journal: Diary for 1868

Diary of Harry O. Wheeler containing balances and financial figures on both covers, a few entries, and some finances and receipts in the back cover pocket.

Journal: Diary for 1875

Diary of Harry O. Wheeler. There are finances written onto the back cover.

Journal: Brown Notepad with Red Star

A notepad full of finances, balances, and receipts.

Journal: Excelsior Diary 1876

Diary of Harry O. Wheeler containing a few entries and a many financial balances written into the final pages and back cover.

Journal: Pocket Diary for 1872

Diary of Harry O. Wheeler containing a few entries and some financial balances written toward the end and on the back pages.

Journal: Pocket Diary for 1872

Another Diary of Harry O. Wheeler containing a few entries and some financial balances written toward the end and on the back pages.