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Box 1

Correspondence, 1836-1847 and undated

Letterbook, 1836-1838

"Adventures of Joshua and William"
William Osman to Joshua Osman. Personal narrative on
William and Joshua’s adventures from November 1 to
November 11, 1838.

1838
Wilhelm [William?] Osman[?] to John Snyder [Schneider],
April 19, 1838 (in German)
George Schreiber to “Nefyou” [William Osman?], August 1, 1838
George F. Weaver to William Osman, August 30, 1838
Unsigned, September 8, 1838 [possibly a draft]
George F. Weaver to William Osman, September 10, 1838
Unsigned to William Osman, December 5, 1838

1839
Samuel Osman to William Osman, January 20, 1839
John Hise to Osman, February 25, 1839
C. Witmer to William Osman, February, 1839
John Hise to William Osman, March 3, 1839
John Hise to William Osman, March 4, 1839
John Hise to William Osman, March 12, 1839
John Hise to William Osman, March 29, 1839 [written over another letter]
Unsigned, May 16, 1839 [possibly a draft]
John Hise to William Osman, May 29, 1839
William Osman to John Hise, May 31, 1839 [possibly a draft]
Samuel Osman to William Osman, June 9, 1839
George F. Weaver to William Osman, June 22, 1839
Moses Osman to William Osman, June 26, 1839
George F. Weaver to William Osman, July 1, 1839
M. [?] Beck to William Osman, July 6, 1839 [contains note from Moses Osman to William Osman]
George F. Weaver to William Osman, September 15, 1839
William Osman to George William Heilig, October 1, 1839
[possible draft]
George William Heilig to William Osman, October 21, 1839
Moses Osman to William Osman, November 1, 1839
Samuel Osman to William Osman, November 10, 1839

1840
Samuel Osman to William Osman, May 17, 1840
George F. Weaver to William Osman, May 25, 1840
George F. Weaver to William Osman, June 29, 1840
W. [?] Tobey to William Osman, August 21, 1840
Moses Osman to William Osman, September 29, 1840
Samuel Osman to William Osman, October 3, 1840
George William Heilig to William Osman, November 3, 1840
Moses Osman to William Osman, November 10, 1840

1841
George William Heilig to William Osman, May 1, 1841
Samuel Osman to William Osman, May 4, 1841
Moses Osman to William Osman, May 30, 1841
George William Heilig to William Osman, July 29, 1841
Moses Osman to William Osman, August 17, 1841
William Osman to Moses Osman, October 12, 1841

1842
Willet Terry to John T. Stewart [Stuart], January 3, 1842
Moses Osman to William Osman, January 28, 1841
Jacob Waelder[?] to William Osman, May 9, 1842
1843
Moses Osman to William Osman, January 27, 1843
Joshua Osman to William Osman, March 24, 1843
R. E. Goodell to William Osman, March 28, 1843

1844
Burton C. Cook to Moses and William Osman, July 16, 1844
  [includes a news report by Cook]
J. M. (?) Roberts to William Osman, September 19, 1844
Minutes from Bassetts School patrons meeting, December 17, 1844
Alice to “Dear Friend” [William Osman?], December 30, 1844

1845
Burton C. Cook to William Osman, January 20, 1845 [contains letter to the “editors”]
Jacob Waelder (?) to William Osman, June 29, 1845
Rollin Means to William Osman and Burton C. Cook, October 17, 1854
Unsigned to “Brother Bill”, December 2, 1845

1846
Jacob Hise to “Dear Son” [John Hise?], March 22, 1846

1847
William Osman to W. H. L. Wallace, April 12, 1847

Undated
Unsigned, essay on wit
Essay by “W” [William Osman?] on “Roorkback,” or defamation
William Osman (nephew) to William Osman, August 20, [1846?]
Unsigned to “Dear brother”
Unsigned note fragments on history
Unsigned instructions on dying fabric
“Cousin Barney” to unknown
Unsigned draft of a speech on childrearing

Diary
April 4-April 8, 1839
April 9-April 16, 1839

Legal papers
Undated draft of “Articles of the Dissolution of the Co-Partnership Between John Hise and Wm Osman, of the Town of Ottawa, La Salle Co. Ills.”
Handwritten copy of the Will of Robert Osman, dated August 21, 1826; also includes a section which grants Letters Testamentary to William and John Osman, dated March 23, 1831

Obituary
Photocopied clippings of William Osman’s obituary, Daily Free Trader, January 19, 1909

Newspapers
The Illinois State Register and Illinois Advocate (Vandalia, Illinois), March 25, 1836
Reprint of The New York Herald (New York City, New York), April 15, 1865
The Ottawa Free Trader (Ottawa, Illinois), March 2, 1867
Free Trader-Journal and Ottawa Fair Deal (Ottawa, Illinois), January 5, 1927
The Daily Times (Ottawa, Illinois), October 14, 1994
The Daily Times (Ottawa, Illinois), October 13, 1993
Miscellaneous
Newspaper clippings relating to the Osman family, 1898-1946

Photocopies
Photocopies of “Adventures of Joshua and William”
Photocopies of letterbook, diary fragments, correspondence dated 1838-1847, undated letters, and legal papers

Transcripts
Typed transcription of 1836-1838 letterbook, created circa 2000

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