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William B. Webber
Papers, 1846-1916

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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 vacation 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 Thomson R. Webber's estate; T. R. apparently left behind some surprising debts, n.d.

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

1877-91: 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)
1910-13 (11 items)
undated (12 items)
Papers relating to Phenix Insurance Co., 1885-86

Court Filings and Proceedings

Court Papers - General, 1867-1901
 Custody (Child) - Alfred Beckwith, 1901
 Divorce
 Burnett v. Burnett Vouchers, 1871-76
 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
 Kankakee - U.S. Drainage Bond (unissued), 1886
 [filed in flat storage, gray cabinet, drawer 20]
 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, n.d.
 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, 1879-80
 Wills (copies), Fielding D. Scott; Jacob Heater, 1861-64

Box 2:

Other Private Law Documents

Bankruptcy Form, 1874

Chattel Mortgages, 1857-97
 Civil War Bounties
 Bounty Claim Forms, 1862-65
 Parents' Declaration for Additional Bounty (for soldier killed
 at Fort Donelson), 1874
 Contracts
 Building, 1862-68
 General, 1870-98
 Sale of Business, 1874, 1878
 Insurance Policies, 1898
 Legal Agreements, 1877-99
 Pleadings, Affidavits, and Court Papers, 1872-99
 Powers of Attorney, 1862-81
 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. 1900-9

Political Matters

Champaign County - Township Treasurer's Statement of Funds
 (District No. 8, Township No. 20, Range No. 11E & 14N),
 1897-99
 List of Township Chairmen, n.d.
 Lists of Democrats (Champaign County), ca. 1886
 Logan County - U.S. Funding Bond (not subscribed), 1880
 Town 19, Section Plat Map, n.d.
 Township Assessment Role, n.d.
 Unnamed Township, 23-9, 22-10, Plat Map, n.d.
 Urbana
 Gas Ordinance, 1895
 Improvement Bonds, 1894-96 (unissued) [filed in flat storage,
 gray cabinet, drawer 20]
 Paving Ordinance, 1894
 Printing Bonds, quote from engraver, 1880
 Sewer Special Assessment Notice, 1900
 Sewer Work Estimate (District No. 6), n.d.

Financial Matters

Personal Financial Matters

Account Book, 1876-95
 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 (see Box 3)
 Checks and Deposit Slips - various banks (blank), ca. 1860-70s
 Deposit Slips - Gardner, Curtiss, & Burpee, 1875, Busey
 Brothers, 1876-78; First National, 1893
 Insurance - Northwestern Masonic Aid Association Papers, 1897,
 1905-6
 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.),
 1883-84
 General Receipts, 1856-99

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:

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