



## **Abram and Sarah Hendricks Correspondence, 1836-1887**

### **MSS 17**

#### **Overview**

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#### **Collection Information:**

##### **Scope and Content Note**

The Abram and Sarah Hendricks collection includes materials related to the Hendricks family of Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana, dated 1836-1887. The collection contains mostly correspondences between Abram and his family, Sarah and her family, as well as their own correspondences, the majority of which take place in the 1850s. Topics discussed include Hendricks family history, religion, college vicissitudes, social customs and 19<sup>th</sup> century entertainment, law practice, civil war recruitment, travels and vacation, city life, current events, fashion, décor, and marriage.

##### **Historical Information**

Sarah Butler Hendricks was born on January 26, 1835 in Madison, Indiana. She was the only child of Ezra Reed Butler and Rebecca Prall Medrum. She attended the Springler Institute in New York City, which was a school for girls and then returned to Madison, IN. On 2 December 1856 she married Abraham W. Hendricks, a young attorney who lived in Madison, IN. Hendricks died on 12 November 1915 in Indianapolis, IN.

Abraham Hendricks was born in Ligonier Valley inside Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania in October 1822. At age 17 he moved to Madison, IN and lived with his uncle William Hendricks. After completing his undergraduate degree at Transylvania University he returned to attend law school and then started his practice in Madison, IN. He formed a law partnership with his cousin Thomas A. Hendricks, who later became Vice President of the United States. During the Civil War he served as a major and was

a quartermaster. After the war he continued law in Indianapolis. Hendricks died 25 November 1887.

**Organization**  
Chronological.

## **Administrative Information:**

### **Related Items:**

Related materials may be found by searching the [Hanover College online catalog](#).

### **Acquisition:**

Donated by Victor Hendricks, 2000.

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## **Container List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	1	Correspondence and Documents	1836-1839	Madison, IN; Indianapolis, IN; Bols House; transportation
1	2	Correspondence and Documents	1841-1855	Abram Hendricks; Jefferson College, PA; Louisville, KY; election campaign; Indianapolis, IN; Transylvania Law School; Madison, IN; Sigonia Valley; Springler Institute; travel; Walker Wright; Sarah Butler; Chicago, IL; Law-practice; post-secondary education; family life; church news; social customs; entertainment; holidays;
1	3	Correspondence and Documents	1855-1856	Hyde Park, Chicago, IL; Evergreen farm; extended familial relations; Springler Institute (Chicago); post-secondary education; courtship; Abram Hendricks; Sarah ("Sally") Butler; Cincinnati, OH; law practice; College Point; Holiday traditions; Indianapolis, IN; Bates-Hendricks house; church; church concert(s)

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Date	Notes
1	4	Correspondence and Documents	1856-1864	Louisville, KY; Webster's photograph gallery; Matriomony; Abram Hendricks; Sarah Butler Hendricks; Religion; Christianity; Cincinnati, OH; social customs (Opera); Chicago, IL; Hyde Park; Madison, IN; dress party; Civil War; Civil War recruiting; Indianapolis, IN; Presbyterian Church; Law-Philosophy; Bates-Hendricks house; Civil War regiment transport; St. Louis, MO; Camp "Andy Johnson"; Nashville, TN; Barbourville, TN
1	5	Correspondence and Documents(Abram)	1856-1858	Indianapolis, IN; music concert; Hanover Landing; Regional vacation; Palmer House, Indianapolis, IN; Ohio Hills; Law practice; Law advertising; Parade Procession, Indianapolis, IN; The Old Fellows Celebration; Greenteel House, Indianapolis, IN; Madison, IN; Physical health; church; religion
1	6	Correspondence and Documents	1865-1868	Pittsburg, PA; Civil War Regiment transport; Chicago, IL; Rail travel; Louisville, KY; Philadelphia, PA; New Hope, KY; church; religion; Indianapolis, IN; agriculture; community relations; textile making; Evansville, IN; Law practice; Thomas Hendricks; B.N Lanham clothing; P.W. Ramsey Jewelry; news script; Cincinnati, OH; "Silver Wedding"; wedding practices; Riehard Point; Christ Church, Indianapolis, IN; Abram Hendricks; Sarah Butler Hendricks; offspring; Young Men's Christian Association; workplace conditions; family portraits; New Albany, IN
1	7	Correspondence and Documents	1869-1887	Richmond, IN; Chicago, IL; Rail transportation; Fashion—19 <sup>th</sup> Century; Madison, IN; Evanston, IL; Mackinaw, MI; Interior décor—19 <sup>th</sup> Century; Methodist Church; Political campaigning; Niagara, NY; New York, NY; Homeopathic Medicine; Law Practice; Peoria, IL; Education; Kankakee, IL; Lafayette, IN; The Fountain Spring House, Waukesha, WI; Winter holidays
1	8	Correspondence and Documents	Undated	Bates House, Indianapolis, IN; Springston, IL; Madison, IN; Evanston, IL; Butler Family history; Church; Religion; Hyde Park, Chicago, IL; Ligonier Valley, PA
2	9	Correspondence and Documents	Undated	Sarah ("Sallie") Butler's short stories: The River; The Song of The Knife; The Thread of Life; "Nellnorwood"