

The Filson Historical Society

**Stow family
Papers, 1820–1923**

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Scope and Content Note

This collection centers on several generations of the Stow family, Methodists and farmers in Switzerland County, Indiana in the 19th century. Members of the Stow family immigrated to Indiana from western New York as children, and letters document the psychological impact of migration. Letters and diaries written by Stow family members and their acquaintances document many aspects of 19th century life. Agricultural work and methods are prominently featured, as the Stow family and their extended relations were primarily farmers. Many Stow family members were active members of the Methodist Church, and their papers document 19th century Protestant religious practices, including revivals, preaching, temperance activities, and mourning the dead. The collection also pertains to student life from early childhood through the college years. In addition, the political environment of the 1850s and 1860s surfaces in the collection; letter writers discuss their viewpoints as well as temperance and abolitionist activities. Other subjects often referenced in letters and diaries are social events and relationships, the buying and selling of goods, the weather, and the sicknesses and deaths of family and community members. Family and friends write letters from states across the country, including New York, Ohio, Kansas, California, and Alabama. (For further elaboration on the collection's themes, see Ellen Stepleton's "Description of the archive & its themes" in Folder 1.)

Folders 1-6 [Binders 1-2] contain information about the historical context and provenance of the collection. Several folders include genealogical charts and compiled research on letter writers.

Folders 7-15 [Binder 3] contain correspondence of the Hyde family. Many of the letters were written by Judith Hyde Manser's sisters, who remained in Steuben County, New York when the Mansers immigrated to Indiana. Letters discuss relatives and friends, agricultural practices, and social and religious events, touching on familial separation, aging, and impending death. Another significant part of the Hyde correspondence are letters of Calvin C. Hyde, an immigrant to Kansas and active participant in the Free State Movement.

Folders 16-22 [Binder 4] contain correspondence of William Manser and his family. William was a merchant in Cincinnati, Ohio who became owner of the ironworks the Covington Rail Mill. His letters relate to his business interests as well as to personal matters, especially his resentment of his younger brother and his sense of superiority over his rural Indiana relations. The letters of his wife Mary Elizabeth Barrett Manser record the financial difficulties she experienced after the death of her husband, and the seamstress trade pursued by two of her unmarried daughters.

Folders 23-36 [Binder 5] contain the letters of Edward Manser and his wife Fannie Caffee Manser of Cincinnati, Ohio and Covington, Kentucky. Edward Manser's correspondence touch on his employment at various commercial firms, including his father's ironworks the Covington Rail Mill. A few letters discuss his military service during the Civil War with the Navy, where he

was an executive officer aboard tinclads *Petrel* and *Peosta* on the Mississippi. Finally, there are letters relating to his uncle's farm in rural Indiana, including Manser's efforts to attract African American laborers to work on the farm, and the shipment of hay to market in Covington.

Folders 37-44 [Binder 6] contain Manser family correspondence, including the families of Catharine Manser Stow's younger sisters: Harriet Manser Seymour Malin, Lucinda Manser Wells, and Angeline Manser Slawson Graham. A significant portion of the correspondence relates to the school career of Oliver E. Seymour at Moore's Hill College. Also of interest are two letters written by Edward Wells, a federal soldier serving in Reconstruction-era Alabama.

Folders 45-52 [Binder 7] contain the letters of George and Olive Manser Winchester and their daughters. Much of the correspondence was written by George W. Winchester, a Methodist circuit preacher in Indiana for several decades in the late 19th century. His letters report on the results of his ministry: accessions of believers into the church, true converts and backsliders, the construction of church buildings, and sales of subscriptions to Methodist publications. Family correspondence also discuss the career of daughter Claribel "Clara" Winchester, who taught music privately and in the public schools and directed church choral groups.

Folders 53-57 [Binder 8] contain correspondence of the Stow family. Brothers Uzziel and Shelomith Stow, both farmers, frequently write about agricultural work. Their mother Livia Hayward Stow's letters contain information about recruiting a teacher to instruct children in Marble Hill, Indiana. All practicing Methodists, the Stows also occasionally comment on church meetings and visiting preachers.

Folders 58-69 [Binder 9] contain general correspondence, 1833-1895, received by Uzziel Stow. Letters regard sale of land and agricultural products, land management, and reports from friends about the prices of agricultural commodities in various cities. Several letters concern the activities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, especially its involvement in the temperance movement and Christian education. Of especial interest are the letters of David Deal, a Methodist minister in California during the Gold Rush, as well as those of Marshall Bennett Hyde, a minister who established a school to educate Mormon children in Ogden, Utah.

Folders 70-75 [Binder 10] contain general correspondence, 1847-1890, received by Catharine Manser Stow. Several letters recommend domestic workers. Other letters are written by former employees who worked in the Stow household or as farm laborers. Letters touch upon social events, such as Uzziel and Catharine's 50th wedding anniversary in 1884. Of particular interest are several letters from Sarah Wigglesworth, a former housekeeper to the Stows, who fell upon hard times after the desertion of her husband and left her daughter in the care of the Stows.

Folders 76-81 [Binder 11] contain the correspondence of Hiram and Baron Stow. Hiram Stow's letters document his education at Hanover College's grammar school in 1847 and at Indiana Asbury University in Greencastle, Indiana in 1853. Baron Stow's letters consist of his childhood correspondence, primarily from friends and classmates, and letters written to his brother Loring who was away at school.

Folders 82-87 [Binder 12] are comprised of the correspondence of Loring Stow. Loring's letters touch on his education at various institutions: Hanover College's grammar school in 1847, Indiana Asbury University in 1856, and Farmer's College near Cincinnati, Ohio in 1858-1859. Of particular interest are letters documenting a student/faculty disagreement at Indiana Asbury University and correspondence describing hot air balloon contests in Cincinnati. Several letters written in 1860 describe a trip to New Orleans via flatboat to sell a hay crop.

Folders 88-98 [Binder 13] consist of letters written to Loring Stow by his friends. Many of the correspondents are Loring's college friends from his years at Indiana Asbury University in 1856 and Farmers' College in 1858-1859. Several of the female correspondents are friends of Loring's sister, Viola, many of whom are studying at Elizabethtown Female Seminary in Ohio. One mysterious woman named Isabella Gleason writes several flirtatious letters to Loring, believing him to be the young man she was taken with while riding a train near Indianapolis.

Folders 99-110 [Binder 14] contain letters written by Viola Stow Dufour. Viola's letters from the 1850s primarily concern her education at Elizabethtown Female Seminary in Elizabethtown, Ohio, including discussion of her studies and daily life at the boarding school. Viola's letters from the 1860s-1880s, most written to her mother Catharine, document her life as a mother of young children. In a final series of letters, 1889-1912, Viola relates news of the family and happenings in the Stowtown area to her daughter Lella, who has left Indiana for distant places.

Folders 111-126 [Binder 15] consist of the correspondence of Julia Stow and Lemuel Bledsoe. Included are letters written by Julia Stow while she was a student at Elizabethtown Female Seminary from 1856-1859. Other letters document the courtship of Julia and Lemuel up until their marriage in April 1860. Letters to Lemuel from 1860-1900 include ones from his cousin after the death of Julia in 1865 and from his sister Bettie Bledsoe and his son Benjamin as Bettie, her husband, and Benjamin traveled to New Orleans via flatboat in 1870-1871.

Folders 128-139 [Binder 16] contain the correspondence of Horace Stow, his second wife Almira, and their children. Horace and Almira's letters document Horace's farming endeavors, financial troubles, and their family's health issues in the Indiana counties of Jefferson, LaPorte, Starke, and Grant in the 1840s-1850s. Letters from their adult children discuss agricultural work, sicknesses, and schooling in the second half of the 19th century. Horace's 1896 memoir [Binder 16 appendix] recounts his childhood back East, his family's trek to Indiana, and his life there.

Folders 140-151 [Binder 17] contain letters of members of the Dean family: Uzziel's sister Abigail Stow Dean, her husband Argus Dean, their son Hiram and his wife Harriet "Hattie" Wells Dean, and their other children William, Franklin, Mary Livia, and Abigail "Abbie." Most of the letters are from Hattie, writing from Otto and Marble Hill, Indiana to her Aunt Catharine Stow about fruit crops, sicknesses and deaths, social activities, the weather, and housekeeping in the 1860s-1890s. A few letters from William, Franklin, and Mary Livia reference some of William and Franklin's Civil War experiences in the Union Army.

Folders 152-154 [Binder 18] hold the late 19th and early 20th century correspondence of Frank and Viola Stow Dufour and some of their adult children. Most of the letters are from female family members writing about the weather, sicknesses, their travels, sewing projects, Methodist

fundraising events, and news from Vevay and Florence, Indiana. Also included are letters about the death of Frank and Viola's son Loring and a 1918 letter written by Loring's son Wilfred.

Folders 155-165 [Binder 19] consist of miscellaneous sets of correspondence to Stow family members in the second half of the 19th century. Included are letters from former Stowtown teacher Mary Tatterson and from Henry Manwaring, whose brother Thomas Manwaring had been an itinerant book peddler in southeastern Indiana. Other letters are from members of the Brown and Chamberlain families; from Amzi and Charles Godden, both of whom move to southern states and write defensively about slavery; from Robert G. Simpson in Crawfordsville, Indiana; from Robert Quincy in Marion County, Illinois; and from Lorinda "Laura" Washer and Solomon Washer, Jr., who write about farming, German Americans, and Reconstruction policy.

Folders 166-179 [Binder 20 and appendix] consist of Civil War-era letters to Stow family members from Union soldiers Josiah Thompson, Moses Cole, George Cole, Jehial Hammond, Benjamin Bledsoe, John Hall, Phelix Gallagher, and Newton Kirkpatrick. These men write from Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Alabama, Maryland, and Kansas, describing camp conditions, politics, and engagements with Confederate soldiers and guerrilla bands.

Folders 180-184 [Binder 21] contain miscellaneous papers of Uzziel Stow, including 1840s receipts for the Methodist newspaper *Western Christian Advocate*, an 1849 farm contract with G. W. Winchester, 1856-1858 receipts and contracts relating to the Log Lick Turnpike, and 1857-1863 contracts and accounts for the development of the fairgrounds for the Switzerland and Ohio County Fair in Enterprise, Indiana.

Folders 185-189 [Binder 22] and folders 190-193 [Binder 23] hold copies of land titles, warranty deeds, and other legal and financial records of Uzziel Stow and a few other family members from 1823-1859. Papers include the 1840 will of Jonah Stow; an 1846 account register of Horace Stow; and legal documents relating to Uzziel's guardianship of Mary Louise, William, and Oliver Seymour. Many of the papers have sustained mold damage; in addition to the originals, photocopies and some transcriptions are included.

Folders 194-232 contain a bound map, road logs, diaries, and account and memoranda books belonging to Stow family members and a few other individuals from 1839 through the 1890s. These journals document agricultural work, transportation by road and river, purchases and sales of goods, social relations and activities, and sicknesses and deaths. Folders 207-212 hold diaries of Uzziel Stow that have sustained severe mold damage. Photocopies of the pages of the diaries are available on a SanDisk drive and at O:\DIGITAL COLLECTIONS – Reference Room Access\Mss A S891 – Stow Family. These files are restricted to in-house viewing.

Folders 233-243 contain songbooks and school items. Included are an undated "Revival Hymns" booklet and a songbook compiled in 2016-2017 with music and lyrics of songs referenced in the Stow papers. Among the school items are early 1853 issues of the newsletter "The Student's Offering," published by students who attended a Stowtown school; student essays and a Latin exercise attributed to Hiram and Loring Stow; Loring's list of students involved in a faculty/student disagreement at Indiana Asbury in 1856; and 1857-1859 catalogs and a photocopy of an anniversary address for Elizabethtown Female Seminary in Ohio.

Arrangement Note: Upon arrival at the Filson Historical Society, a large portion of the Stow papers were housed in three-ring binders. Documents were removed from binders for ease of use, with the original location of the material noted in the folder listing.

Related Collections:

Stow family photograph collection (018PC4).

Museum item: 19th century carton from perfume and ink manufacturer Apollos W. Harrison, Philadelphia.

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Biographical Note

The collection centers on the family of Uzziel Hayward Stow (1809-1890) and Catharine Manser Stow (1811-1899) of Switzerland County, Indiana. Uzziel and Catharine shared New England ancestral origins, as well as similar experiences migrating from western New York to southeastern Indiana as children in the late 1810s. Independently, their parents settled in Cotton Township, Switzerland County, Indiana in the early 1820s, and there Uzziel and Catharine ultimately met. They were married in 1834, and for the remainder of their lives resided at “Stowtown,” south of East Enterprise, Indiana. They had four children: Hiram S. Stow (1835-1853), Loring B. Stow (1838-1860), Viola A. Stow Dufour (1841-1912), and Baron P. Stow (1847-1864). Tragically, the three sons of the family all died young.

The Stows were farmers who by the 1850s were entering upon prosperity, due in part to the sheer industriousness of Uzziel Stow, and his pursuit of “improvement” in agricultural practice and technology. The family home was situated in the Ohio Valley, along one of the major inland transportation and migration routes of the day. The Stows were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and commentators on matters of importance to the church during the mid-19th century. Uzziel and Catharine are buried in the family cemetery at Stowtown.

For more information on Uzziel and Catharine Stow and their extended relations, consult the descendant charts and person reports in Folders 3-6.

Sources:

Ellen Stepleton notes on the origin of the Stow archive. [Mss. A S891 / 1]

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