

Processing Fairfield County Archival Collections - Fairfield Heritage Association
OHRAB Re-Grant Mid-term Report, October 18, 2013
Submitted by Andrea Brookover, Executive Director

The Fairfield Heritage Association's (FHA) archival processing project is well underway. Although the grant request was not awarded until August, we began work on the project in May, following the outline that was presented in the grant narrative. Two summer interns started taking inventory of the collections, enabling us to get a better grasp on the scope of our holdings. The inventory was created using Excel, which allowed for all input to be searchable and sorted by series (see Attachment A). From the inventory, it was determined that those collections that had already been semi-arranged during the last few years would be the most logical to process. For example, in 2012 a large collection of letters sent between members of Lancaster's Effinger family (son Michael was a Miami University graduate and one of the early physicians in Fairfield County) had been arranged chronologically and filed in plastic sleeves held in 3-ring binders. This filing arrangement made it easier to process the letters into acid-free folders while maintaining their chronological order.

In late July, we were informed that we would be awarded nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the grant amount that we requested. When the funds were received, we placed the order to Gaylord to purchase the supplies that were listed in the grant budget (see Attachment B). Since the full grant was not awarded, we did not purchase the \$300 upgrade to our PastPerfect software, and we will seek other ways to make our finding aids accessible through our website. With the supplies in hand, the summer interns and Assistant Office Manager Kady Wolfe were trained by Executive Director Andrea Brookover in basic archival procedures, and they have begun processing those collections that had been semi-arranged, as described above. The first completed finding aid can be reviewed in Attachment C. Those processed collections are currently shelved on existing storage units in the FHA office (see Attachment D). There is much left to do, but we are confident that the bulk of our holdings will be processed by the end of the year.

Thus far, this project has uncovered several treasures that we had forgotten or did not know existed. One such gem is a collection of ledger-style pages listing tuition payments for students at the Lancaster Academy in the late-1820s. This academy was run by the Howe brothers, who established schools in Ohio, Iowa and California, and their students included the Sherman and Effinger children. These documents paint a picture of early education in Lancaster and Fairfield County that we are only beginning to discover.

Binder Title	Document Title	Year	Names Included in Document	Document Type	Notes
Miscellaneous 19 th Century Letters and Documents	A letter written by Elizabeth Christie to Anson Rogers	12-8-1817	Elizabeth Christie, Anson Rogers, Peggy (Relation of some kind), Aubury (Relation), Edward (Relation or friend), Merry (Nickname, al- sorelation or friend), Mr. Swazey (friend or ac- quaintance) Fairfield County, Lancaster	Letter	
Miscellaneous 19 th Century Letters and Documents	a letter written by Charles Goddard to Thomas Ewing	05-16-1818	Charles B. Goddard, Thomas Ewing,	Letter	
Miscellaneous 19 th Century Letters and Documents	A letter to Gen. Philemon Beecher from Jonas Stanberg	07-05-1825	Jonas Stanberg, Philemon Beecher, Seth Hard- ry, Fairfield County, Lancaster, Washington City	Letter	
Miscellaneous 19 th Century Letters and Documents	A Letter from Joel S. Parsons to Nathaniel Parsons	05-23-1828	Joel Parsons, Nathaniel Parsons, Boston	Letter	
Miscellaneous 19 th Century Letters and Documents	A letter to Mr. M. Effinger from P. B. Ewing	07-10-1829	M. Effinger, P. Ewing,	Letter	Handwriting Difficult to Decipher
Miscellaneous 19 th Century Letters and Documents	A Letter from Daniel Webster to citizens of Lancaster	06-26-1833	Daniel Webster, E. Scofield, William W. Irvin, John Creed, Robert McNeil, John T. Brasee, Joshua Clark, H.H. Hunter, M.Z. Kreider, William J. Reese, George Meyers, William Medill, John M. Creed, P. Van Trump.	Letter	
Miscellaneous 19 th Century Letters and Documents	A letter from M. Z. Kreider to Spangler Medill	Undated	Spangler Medill, M.Z. Kreider	Letter	

Charles D. Martin Papers Collection

MS 1

1850-1925

Extent: .5 Linear Feet; partial oversize box- OV1

Collection Scope and Content

The Charles D. Martin Papers collection consists of correspondence, photographs, documents and news clippings about Charles D. Martin's life.

Colleagues of Charles D. Martin write to Senator Calvin Brice asking for support to have Martin appointed to the Supreme Court in February and October of 1893. There are also memorials from friends and associates as well as local and state newspaper clippings honoring the life of Charles D. Martin. This collection also holds briefs and case files from Martin's profession as well as documents confirming state appointments.

History

Charles Drake Martin was a U.S. Representative from Ohio. Born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, Martin attended the public schools and Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. He studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1850 and commenced practice in Lancaster, Ohio. Born: August 5, 1829. Died: August 27, 1911, Lancaster, Ohio. Education: Kenyon College. Party: Democratic Party

Restrictions

No Restrictions.

Provenance

Unknown.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Kayla Speakman in September/ October, 2013.

Contents List

MS 1 Box 1

- 1 Certificate of qualification for Law Practice, 9/21/1850
 - 2 Pass for HQ of military dept., Washington D.C, 06/24/1861
 - 3 Petition to have Charles D. Martin app. to Sup. Court, 02/27/1883
 - 4 Letter to Sen. Brice from J.M. Shallenberger asking for support, Charles Martin to be appointed to Sup. Court, 03/02/1893
 - 5 Letter from M.A. Daugherty to Calvin S. Brice for support for Charles Martin appointed to Sup. Court, 03/02/1893
 - 6 Letter from Phillip M. Cullinan to Charles Brice, expressing support for Charles Martin being appointed to Sup. Court, 03/03/1893
 - 7 Letter to Senator Brice, from C.T. McCoy Rec. Charles Martin to Sup. Court, 03/03/1893
 - 8 Letter from John Friesner to Calvin Brice Rec. Charles Martin to Sup. Court, 03/03/1893
 - 9 Letter from Fall Slough to Calvin Brice, Rec. Charles Martin to Sup. Court, 03/04/1893
 - 10 New Paper Clipping, Lanc Eagle, Charles Martin's obituary, 08/28/1911 & Life and Death, 09/05/1911
 - 11 Appellant Brief of the case, Samuel C. Shaeffer vs. John I. Blair, written by C.D. Martin and R.A. Harrison, 01/1892
 - 12 List of cases, January Term, 01/1895
 - 13 Unidentified Doc., Brief about Judge's death, 12/14/1925
 - 14 Memorial Letter for Judge Martin from E.C. Rutter, 08/29/1911
 - 15 Draft of a memorial by one of Martin's students, undated
 - 16 Memorial for Charles Martin by George E. Martin, undated
 - 17 Memorial by John W., 10/23/1911
 - 18 Memorial by William Davidson, undated
 - 19 Letter to Miss Martin from Julius Pickering, 03/20/1913
 - 20 Photograph of Judge Martin, undated
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Over Sized Box (OV 1)

- 1 Memorial for Charles D. Martin by the Lancaster Bar, undated
- 2 Memorial and biography for Charles D. Martin, undated
- 3 Writings/ Correspondences by Charles D. Martin
- 4 Memorial by Lancaster Daily Eagle for Charles D. Martin, 10/30/1911
- 5 Bar Memorial by the Lancaster Daily Eagle for Charles D. Martin, 11/06/1911
- 6 Ohio Eagle, Charles D. Martin, 11/09/1911
- 7 Confirmation, Trustee of the Columbus Asylum for the Insane, 03/15/1892



A section of shelving in the Fairfield Heritage Association office that is now used for archival collection storage