

R.H. Fauntleroy papers

S449

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit

August 19, 2014

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Rare Books and Manuscripts
140 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204
317-232-3671

Table of Contents

<u>Summary Information</u>	3
<u>Biographical Note</u>	4
<u>Scope and Contents</u>	4
<u>Arrangement</u>	4
<u>Administrative Information</u>	5
<u>Controlled Access Headings</u>	5

Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	R.H. Fautleroy papers
Date	1845/06/22
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S449

Preferred Citation

R. H. Fautleroy papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

Biographical Note

Robert Henry Fauntleroy was born in 1806 in Greenville, Virginia to Joseph and Elizabeth Fouchee Fauntleroy. In 1827 he moved to New Harmony, Indiana with his sister Emily and her husband, and first cousin, Joseph Fauntleroy. He married Jane Dale Owen, daughter of social Reformer Robert Owen, on March 23, 1835; she was a Scottish Presbyterian, he a southern Episcopalian. They had four children, and Jane wrote an unpublished account of their father's life and work for them, entitled "Records of a Beloved Life, For My Children." He was an engineer and was awarded patents for two inventions, a gun lock and a fly driver. In 1835, he joined the Topographical Bureau in Washington to begin a preliminary survey of Indiana for a system of internal improvements. He was then appointed Resident Engineer of one of these transportation projects, a line of railroad on the Jeffersonville and Crawfordsville Road; his yearly salary was \$1,500. He was a partner in a mercantile business, Sampson and Fauntleroy, for 3threeyears, after which debts caused him to leave the partnership. In 1845, he surveyed a canal route from Terre Haute to Evansville. He began work for the U.S. Coast Survey in 1846, mostly along the Gulf of Mexico. He wrote a number of scientific articles, detailing various experiments he had conducted. He died of cholera on December 13, 1849 in Galveston, Texas.

"Fauntleroy, Robert H.". U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedules Index, 1850-1880. Retrieved 2014/07/09. <http://archives.ancestry.com>

"Fauntleroy, Robert Henry". Letter by Jane Dale (Owen) Fauntleroy to Anna Maria Goldsmid, 1835. Retrieved 2014/07/09. <http://sparedshared3.wordpress.com/letters/1835-jane-dale-owen-fauntleroy-to-anna-maria-goldsmid/>

"Robert Henry Fauntleroy". Retrieved 2014/07/09. <http://faculty.evansville.edu/ck6/bstud/rhfauntleroy.html>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes an autographed, signed letter from R. H. Fauntleroy in Indianapolis, Indiana on 1845/06/22 regarding canals and various formulas regarding the construction.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from F. Vernon Smith on 1935/06/25.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2014/07/09 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2014/07/09 by Edythe Huffman.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)
- New Harmony (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Canal construction workers
- Correspondence
- Engineering