Schreyer family letters
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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Schreyer family letters
Date	1846-1886
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials in German and English.
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Biographical Note

Johann "John" Wolfgang Schreyer (1804-1873) and his wife, Margaret Hagen Schreyer (1816-1891), were German immigrants and early pioneers of Marshall County, Indiana. They arrived in America in 1841 and first settled in North Canton, Ohio before setting off for Indiana in August, 1843. They had 3 children: Christiana (1843-1906), Margaret (1850-1901), and John C. (1852-1919). They moved to South Bend, Indiana in 1870 and lived in that city until their deaths.

Sources:

Information found within collection.

Ancestry.com. "John W. Schrayer." *1860 United States Federal Census*. Accessed September 26, 2016. http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/.

"Death of Mrs. Margaret Schreyer." *South Bend Tribune* (IN), February 28, 1891.

"John Schreyer, Old Resident, Dies." *South Bend Tribune* (IN), April 19, 1919.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains copies of typed transcriptions of 3 letters sent and received by Johann and Margaret Schreyer. The letters were written in German and translated into English by Miss Thekia Sack. The first letter was written by Johann and sent on June 22, 1846 to his sister-in-law and brother-in-law in Haag, Germany. He shares his experiences and observations about living in America and writes about farming, trades, politics, and social life. The second letter, written September 22, 1846, is a response to Johann's letter and includes the announcement that his in-laws were planning to immigrate to America the following spring. The third letter, dated January 6, 1886, was written by Margaret Schreyer and contains her remarks concerning the letter written in 1846 that inspired many to immigrate to America.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

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Controlled Access Headings

Family Name(s)

- Schreyer family

Geographic Name(s)

- Marshall County (Ind.)
- South Bend (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Family history
- Frontier and pioneer life--Indiana
- Immigrants--Germany--Correspondence