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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Ulysses P. Schenck, was born in the Canton of Neuchatel, Switzerland, May 16, 1811. His parents, John J.P. and Matilda Schenck came to the United States in 1817, and located on a farm above Vevay, Indiana. He obtained a common school education and was employed as clerk by his father in Louisville until he became of age and then began business for himself in the same city. On September 21, 1830, he married Justine Thiebaud [Thoebaud], of Swiss parentage, whose family were among the early settlers of Vevay. They had eleven children.

In 1837 he moved to Vevay and in the following year began merchandising on the site of the present mammoth Schenck store. He added largely to his profits by sending flat-boats with produce down the Ohio River to Southern markets, and he soon became identified with steamboat interests to a large extent. In 1854, with his brother, he built the "Switzerland," which, on the outbreak of the civil war, he sold to the government for a gunboat. In 1876 the "U.P. Schenck," one of the largest boats on the river, was built for the Cincinnati and New Orleans trade. He owned and controlled many boats on the river.

He was also prominent in the financial and manufacturing interests of Vevay; was president of the First National Bank of Vevay; president of the Union Furniture Manufacturing Company; and was one of the principals in the construction of the Versailles Turnpike. From the enormous quantities of hay he purchased and handled, he was long known as "The Hay King." He donated large sums to Franklin College, a Baptist institution of which he was trustee for several years. He was always a Democrat but avoided official position, except where local offices were urged upon him.

Personally he was a gentleman of quiet air, over modest in his estimate of himself, frank and kindly in his manners. He possessed a remarkable memory and an extraordinary stock of patience, at all times perfectly familiar with every detail of his immense business, and deliberate in all his transactions. His death occurred on November 16, 1884, and the vacancy thus occasioned in the commercial affairs of Vevay was keenly felt throughout the entire county.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes two commercially printed, hand-addressed postcards from Philip Golay in Cincinnati, Ohio and George T. Egbert in Catlettsburg, Kentucky regarding business advertising.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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- Cincinatti (Ohio)

Personal Name(s)

- Schenck, Ulysses Phillip, 1811-1884

Subject(s)

- Advertisements
- Business
- Postcards