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Isaac Cook Family Papers, 1800-1940

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Isaac Cook was born July 4, 1813, in Long Branch, New Jersey. In 1834 he moved to Chicago, where he became a successful and wealthy businessman. He served as Cook County sheriff from 1846 to 1850 and U.S. postmaster at Chicago from 1852 to 1860. In 1862 he moved to St. Louis, where he became president of the American Wine Company. His son Isaac Cook, Jr., married Edith Mudd, daughter of Dr. Henry Mudd. Isaac Cook died June 23, 1886, at Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection contains correspondence to Isaac Cook from various individuals dated 1845-1853, including a letter from Stephen A. Douglas dated May 27, 1853. Collection also includes papers regarding Mrs. Edith M. Cook's stock in the Boreel Mining Company, 1902-1939; newspaper and magazine articles, dated 1928, regarding a memorial to Dr. John Thomson Hodgen and Dr. John Thomson Hodgen in Pittsfield, Illinois; and correspondence of Mrs. N.E. Collins, matron of the Home of the Friendless (St. Louis, Mo.), dated 1935, regarding the care of residents of the home.

Folder 1

- 1800 Jan 16 Reproduction of letter signed James Brown, Hanover, Virginia, to his son William Brown, care of Patrick Brown, Hardin County, Kentucky. Advises his son to sell his land in Kentucky and return to Virginia. Mentions family members George Street and Miller [Brown]. Mentions the death of Mary Austin.
- 1837 Mar 6 Lyrics to a song titled "The Wild Irishman in London," dated Chicago, March 6, 1837.
- 1845 Jan 18 Letter signed Stephen Cook, Chicago, to Isaac Cook, Springfield, Illinois. Includes appended letters signed Moll and Cad. Letters discuss family news.
- 1845 Jan 23 Letter signed Cornelius Lansing, Chicago, to Isaac Cook, Springfield, Illinois. Mentions that he will send Cook \$50, and that Lot Whitcomb asked him to sign a petition in favor of General Stewart. Also mentions that all his friends are supporting Silas W. Sherman for collector.
- 1845 May 9 Letter signed Geo. N. Landon [George N. Landon], Detroit, to Isaac Cook, Chicago, Illinois. Tells Cook he can expect the appointment from the president.
- 1845 Sept 3 Letter signed Thos. Larkin [Thomas Larkin], Ottawa, to Isaac Cook, Chicago, Illinois. Asks him to send a certificate of deposit for the purchase of a lot of land.
- 1845 Sept 22 Letter signed Thomas Ford, Springfield, to Isaac Cook, Chicago, Illinois. ". . . I can now see you will have a regret to forfeit and take at a new valuation. . . ."
- 1846 Feb 22 Letter signed E.C. McLoud [Eben C. McLoud?], Lockport, Illinois, to Isaac Cook, Chicago. States that if Cook desires the office of sheriff, he would be the best qualified man for the office.
- 1846 Apr 2 Letter signed S. Breese [Sidney Breese], Washington, to Isaac Cook, Chicago, Illinois. "I have just arrived here from N. York and have had an interview with the President. I think I am safe in saying he will appoint you upon my pledge that you have reformed & that you will not do any improper act hereafter. . . ."
- 1846 Aug 17 Letter signed Edward Castle, Chicago, to Isaac Cook, sheriff of Cook County, Illinois. Proposes "to find two horses & buggy and do all that two horses and one man could do you should keep my horses and myself when from here and give me five hundred dollars per year. . . ."

- 1846 Dec 10 Letter signed Charles Waterman, Freeport, to Isaac Cook, sheriff, Chicago, Illinois. Regarding the arrest of a man named Sanders.
- Folder 2**
- 1847 Feb 20 Letter signed A.J. Douglas, Lockport, to Isaac Cook, Springfield, care of N.B. Judd. Regarding legal dispute over contract for work done on the Illinois and Michigan Canal.
- Folder 3**
- 1847 May 8 Letter signed James Laffarty, Ottawa, to Isaac Cook, Chicago, Illinois. "You will please to deliver up the deed and paper that is in your posession belonging to Jams[?] Ryen[?] concerning the bail in our suit, to Mr. Curtis. . . ."
- 1847 June 10 Letter signed A.H. Howland, Ottawa, to Isaac Cook, sheriff, Chicago, Illinois. States that he would like to buy 45 acres of land lying on the Fox River if the price is low.
- 1853 May 27 Letter signed S.A. Douglas [Stephen A. Douglas], London, England, to Isaac Cook, Chicago. Asks Mr. Cook to see if the taxes have been paid on his property.
- 1897 Sept 15 Letter signed Isaac, University Club, St. Louis, to Edith. ". . . it is eight months today dear since you gave me the first great proof of your love, & little more than a month remains for you, before we will end our betrothal. . . ." Mentions that "Dixie Shaw has announced her engagement to a Cleveland man."
- 1897 Oct 20 Marriage certificate of Isaac Cook, Jr., of St. Louis and Edith Mudd of St. Louis, who were married at the 2nd Presbyterian Church.
- 1900 Aug 5 Printed circular titled "Januarius," addressed to Janvier and January relatives and sent from Amos J. Johnson (Valley Centre, California), Mrs. Emma Troudner (Carbondale, Kansas), and William A. January (San Jose, California) (4 pages) Circular includes the genealogy of the Janvier/January surname, and solicits genealogical information from descendants of this family.
- 1902 Mar 27 Stock certificate of Edith M. Cook in the Boreel Mining Company, New York.
- 1914 July 8 Circular letter of Patrick J. Burke, secretary and treasurer, Boreel Mining Company, New York, to Dear Sir. "The Board of Trustees at a meeting held this day, voted a further distribution from the assets of 3 cents a share **payable to all stockholders of record**, at the office of the Company, on presentation of their certificates. . . ."

- 1921 Printed poem titled "New Year's Greetings, 1920-21."
- 1922 Jan 19 Typescript address extolling the career of Dr. Henry Hodgen Mudd (1844-1899) on the occasion of the presentation of a portrait of Dr. Mudd to Washington University Medical School as a gift from Dr. Mudd's brothers, Seeley Mudd and Dr. Harvey G. Mudd. (5 pages) On September 20, 1869, Dr. Henry Hodgen Mudd married Miss Elizabeth Hassel Albright, daughter of Thomas J. Albright. Their children were John Hodgen Mudd, Robert Henry Mudd, Mrs. Isaac Cook, and Mrs. Sidney Walker.
- 1926 Mar 25 Letter signed Elsworth S. Smith, 4502 Maryland Ave., [St. Louis, Mo.], to Edith. Encloses a copy of his remarks made on the occasion of the presentation of her father's portrait to the faculty of Washington University Medical School.
- 1928 Oct Two pages from the *Illinois Medical Journal* regarding the unveiling of a granite marker in Pittsfield, Illinois, to Dr. John Thomson Hodgen (1826-1882) and Dr. Henry Hodgen Mudd (born in 1844). Article includes portraits and brief biographical sketches of each doctor. (2 copies)
- 1928 Oct 31 Photocopy of incomplete *Pike County Democrat* (Pittsfield, Illinois) newspaper clipping titled "Dr. Henry T. Mudd and Dr. John T. Hodgen. Pioneer Physicians of Pike Honored by Old Home County by Dedication of Boulder."
- 1928 Nov 14 Photocopy of *The Pike County Republican* (Pittsfield, Illinois) newspaper clipping titled "Hodgen-Mudd Memorial Unveiled."
- Folder 4**
- 1928 Dec Pages from the *Quincy Medical Bulletin* (Volume 5, Number 12) including an article on the unveiling of the Hodgen-Mudd Memorial in Pittsfield, Illinois. Article includes biographical sketches and portraits of Dr. Henry Hodgen Mudd (1844-1899) and Dr. John Thomson Hodgen (1826-1882). (2 copies)
- Folder 5**
- 1931 Page of reproductions of two letters regarding the genealogy of the Hodgen family of Virginia: Letter signed Frank B. Crawford, Winchester Virginia, to Mr. Wm. S. Hodgen, September 1931, and letter signed Pattie L. Luke, Perryville, Virginia, to Mr. Wm. S. Hodgen, October 1931. Includes photographs of home known as Claremont, built by Robert Hodgen in 1778 in Frederick County Virginia.
- 1935 Jan 15 Typescript letter signed M. Hayward Post, St. Louis, Mo., to Mrs. N.E. Collins, Home of the Friendless, 4431 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. States

that he has been asked to give an eye examination to an “inmate” of the home and asks about the procedure for this. Mentions Miss Lucy O’Fallon.

- 1935 Jan 18 Letter signed Emily F. Runge to Mrs. Collins. States that her sister Annie’s eyesight is deteriorating and requests that Dr. Post see her. Letter is written on stationery of the Juvenile Court, St. Louis.
- 1935 Jan 18 Letter signed N.E. Collins, matron, to Mrs. Kotany. Encloses Dr. Post’s letter. Mentions Mrs. O’Fallon, Miss Inman, and Miss Foote.
- 1935 Feb 12 Letter signed Mrs. Collins, matron, to the Board of Managers. “Miss Foote continues to ask if she can have Dr. Post come see her about her eyes. Mrs. Wolff wishes a new full set of teeth[?]. Mrs. Davies the new nurse keeps asking for an electric plate up in the Infirmary. . . .”
- 1936 Jan 10 Typescript letter signed lawyer Bernard Cowen, New York, to Mrs. Edith M. Cook, St. Louis, Mo. Offers to claim an unclaimed dividend for her.
- 1936 Jan 20 Typescript letter of Henry M. Cook to Bernard Cowen, New York City. Regarding uncollected dividends due to his mother, Mrs. Edith M. Cook.
- 1936 Jan 23 Typescript letter signed lawyer Bernard Cowen, New York, to Henry M. Cook, St. Louis, Mo. Regarding the dividend that had been mailed to Edith M. Cook, 3 Hortense Place, St. Louis.
- 1936 Mar 30 Sponsor’s copy of typescript letter of Frederick M. Pryor, Investment Council Department, to Jerome Trachtenberg, receiver, Boreel Mining Company, New York City. “The enclosed stock certificate, #458, 1225 shares Boreel Mining Company, is owned by our client, Mrs. Edith M. Cook, whose present address is 5290 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. . . .”
- 1936 Mar 30 Sponsor’s copy of typescript letter of Frederick M. Pryor, Investment Council Department, to Jerome Trachtenberg, receiver, Boreel Mining Company, New York City. “We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 30th which advises us that you forwarded to Mrs. Edith M. Cook of 5290 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, check in the amount of \$104.12 representing final liquidating payment on her stock in the Boreel Mining Company. . . .”
- 1936 Mar 30 Copy of typescript letter of attorney Jerome Trachtenberg, New York, to Charles D. Barney & Co., New York City. “I have this day forwarded to Mrs. Edith M. Cook of 5290 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., a check in the sum of \$104.12, representing a final liquidating dividend on her stock in the Boreel Mining Company. . . .”

- 1936 Mar 30 Typescript letter signed Fred, Chas. D. Barney & Co., New York, to Doc. "I just returned from vacation and found that no word had been received on the Boreel Mining stock matter. . . ."
- 1938 Dec 6 Typescript note of Emilia Berg, St. Paul, Minn., to Mrs. Isaac Cook, Jr. Thanks her for the check, and asks her to extend her thanks to the members of the Relief Guild.
- 1938 Dec 10 Letter signed Mrs. Pearl D. Bubb, Altoona, Pa., to Mrs. Akin. Thanks Mrs. Cook for the gowns she sent to her daughter Louise [Bubb]. Discusses Louise's inability to get a college scholarship. (Envelope is addressed to Mrs. Isaac Cook, 5290 Waterman Ave., St. Louis, Mo.)
- 1938 Dec 10 Letter signed Mrs. Pearl D. Bubb, Altoona, Pa., to Mrs. Isaac Cook, Jr., 5290 Waterman Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Thanks Mrs. Cook for the gowns she sent to her daughter Louise.
- 1939 Mar 21 Copy of typescript letter of attorney Jerome Trachtenberg, New York, to George F. Torrey, c/o Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co., St. Louis. Regarding a dividend due the estate of Kate M. Walker on 1225 shares of the Boreel Mining Company.
- 1939 Mar 27 Typescript note signed Geo. F. Torrey [George F. Torrey], assistant trust officer, Mercantile-Commerce Bank and Trust Company, St. Louis, to Henry Cook, Newhard Cook & Co., St. Louis, Mo. "Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from Trachtenberg relating to the Kate M. Walker dividend on the Boreel Mining Company stock. . . ."
- circa 1940 Typescript document of The Salvation Army, Central States Territorial Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois, titled "We're in the Army Now!" Describes the life of a Salvation Army officer and the mission on the organization. (5 pages)
- No year Dec 25 Letter signed Jno. Wentworth [John Wentworth], Washington, to Isaac Cook, Chicago, Illinois. ". . . I think we will get a good harbor appropriation, and also a port of entry. When Van Buren is inaugurated in 1845, if he is, I shall be on hand here. I saw him at his house & he remembered you well."
- no date Typescript transcription of five pages regarding Thomas Mudd and his descendants, taken from George Norbury Mackenzie's *Colonial Families of the United States of America*.
- no date Reproduction of handwritten, two-page biographical sketch of William Brown (died October 1825) and his wife, Hannah Brown (died August 1843), who were married in March 1792. Includes explanatory note signed "M.T.C." [Mary Thompson Churchill], dated 1871. Also includes

accompanying typescript note of Ada M. Judd, dated June 16, 1932, stating that the biographical sketch was written by Sarah Street Sweezy.

no date

Letter signed P. Ballingall, Naperville, to Isaac Cook, Chicago, Illinois. Congratulates him on his election as treasurer. Mentions Nathan Bolles.