

McLean County Museum of History

Hay Family Reunion Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box
COLLECTION DATES:	1937 to 1986
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

The first reunion of the descendants of Jacob Hay (1818-1882) and Sarah Philpps Hay (1818-1897) was held September 19, 1937, at Miller Park, Bloomington, with fifty members present. Mrs. Priscilla Hay, Leroy, was the oldest at 90 years of age, and Donald Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Copley of Farmer City, was the youngest at ten months of age. The reunions continued until 1986, when the decision was made to disband because of small attendance.

Jacob Hay was born in Pennsylvania on December 16, 1818. He married Sarah Phipps in 1837. They lived in Bellflower and had five children. Most of the Hay family is buried in the Bellflower Township Cemetery.

Scope

The Hay Family Reunion Collection is comprised of four spiral-bound notebooks with minutes and financial reports of the reunions from 1937 until 1986. Folder 1 includes family information on Jacob Hay and Sarah Phipps Hay and newspaper clippings about some of the reunions.

Box Inventory

Folder 1: Family and Reunion Information

- 1.1 Jacob Hay information (findagrave.com).
- 1.2 Sarah Phipps Hay information (findagrave.com).
- 1.3 "Hay," *Pantagraph*, August 22, 1944, notice of reunion, held at LeRoy Washington School, and officers elected.
- 1.4 "Hay," *Pantagraph*, July 12, 1962, notice of 26th family reunion held at North Park in Gibson City.
- 1.5 "Hay Family," *Pantagraph*, August 26, 1948, notice of reunion held at Miller Park and officers elected.
- 1.6 Letter from "Officers" to Hay Relatives indicated the reunion will be canceled and disbanded due to low attendance, May 28, 1986.
- 1.7 Copy of gift agreement for Carol Howard's donation of documents in this collection to the McLean County Historical Society, May 11, 2021.

Loose:

Spiral-bound notebook containing notes and attendance for reunions 1937-1945, green cover, 8.5 x 7".

Bound "Bit-10" notebook with notes and financial records for 1939-1950. Pasted in the back pages are marriage and death announcements, green cover, 6.5 x 8.5".

Spiral-bound notebook of mailing lists and attendance records for 1962-1974, brown, 5.5 x 8".

Spiral-bound notebook of mailing lists, notes, financial records, and attendance records for 1983-1984, yellow, 8x11".