

GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL MATERIAL
IN THE
EMELINE FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Stopping one day when passing through Terre Haute, the editor made the acquaintance of Miss Florence Crawford, the librarian of the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, and examined hurriedly the collections which she has made. Thinking that others might not know about the existence of this material, it seemed desirable to publish a brief description. The work of collecting, preserving, and indexing such material is an important and commendable function which many libraries might well emulate. It may be possible to visit other libraries in the future, but whether that is possible or not, other librarians are invited to send to the *Indiana Magazine of History* a brief statement of their manuscript collections and copies of choice manuscripts that may be suitable for publication.

Miss Crawford sent a list of the manuscript holdings from which the following was prepared:

Cemetery records

Report of City cemetery 1857-

Report of Woodlawn cemetery 1844-1885

Church records

First Presbyterian, St. Stephens, and St. Joseph of Terre Haute

St. Mary of the Woods

Prairieton, Quaker Church

Daughters of the American Revolution

Excerpts from original papers with index of ancestors and members of the Fort Harrison, Clinton, and Brazil chapters

Society of Colonial Wars, State of Indiana

Excerpts from original papers with index of ancestors and members

Genealogies

240 in manuscript

Marriage records

Knox County, Kentucky, 1800-1819

St. Mary of the Woods, 1837-1880

Vigo County, Indiana, 1818-1850

Landholders

A copy of names of first landholders in Terre Haute was made from the plat of the city in the abstract office.

Scrapbooks

Genealogical items clipped from the *Boston Transcript*, the *Hartford Times*, the *St. Johnsville Enterprise*, and the

Indianapolis *Star*, and indexed; twenty volumes and index

Obituary items kept by older citizens

Manuscripts

Diaries

Diary of Enoch Honeywell, New York to Fort Harrison, 1815

Four diaries of "Forty-niners" on their journeys to California in 1849

Civil War diaries and letters

William H. Wiley, History of Terre Haute Schools, 2 vols.

The author was superintendent of city schools and a trustee about forty years.

William H. Wiley, History of Libraries in Terre Haute

All papers read at the Vigo County Historical Society

Other miscellaneous material

Indexes

County histories of Clay, Davis, Green, Knox, Owen, Parke, Sullivan, and Vigo counties

American Archives, 3 vols.

Ledgers or account books, 1817-1853

The first account book from which names were copied was kept in Fort Harrison in 1817. Names are listed and dates copied. This work gives a fairly good directory of citizens of this period previous to the publication of the first city directory in 1858.