Haskins Family papers
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Summary Information

Repository | Eastern Michigan University Archives
Creator | Haskins
Title | Haskins Family papers
Date [inclusive] | 1860-1870
Extent | 0.2 Linear feet 1 halfsize archives box
Language | English

Abstract | The Haskins Family papers contains a small selection of personal papers of both David E. Haskins and his wife Mary (May) Van Vleet. Included in the collection are duplicates of correspondence and official papers related to his time enlisted in the military during the Civil War, early photographs of both David and Mary, a few items indicating their membership in the Michigan State Normal School Lyceum, publicity materials from the various candidacies of Haskins for public office, and an incomplete journal kept by Van Vleet in 1870 when she was attending the Michigan State Normal School. Both attended the school in the 1870s, and Haskins received two degrees from the School, one in 1870 the other in 1893.

Preferred Citation note

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Biographical Note

David Haskins was born in Cleveland, Ohio December 8, 1840. In 1851 he came to Wright, Hillsdale, County, Michigan where he worked as a farmhand and attended district school in the winter. In 1860 he began teaching at the district school in Burlington, Calhoun County, Michigan where he met the Van Vleet family. Haskins enlisted in 1862 in Co. F, 18th Michigan Infantry and was honorably discharged in 1865. Haskins attended Michigan State Normal School, was a member of the Normal School Lyceum, and graduated in 1870. From there he was responsible for the Union schools in Parma, Brooklyn, Hanover, Union City and was the superintendent of the prison school in Jackson. He received another degree from the Normal School in 1893 and left the teaching profession to serve as the postmaster in Concord, Michigan for eight years.

Mary (May) Van Vleet was born in 1844 in Burlington Township, Calhoun County, MI to Reuben Van Vleet and was named for her paternal grandmother. Mary attended school in the Mederoll school and after completing the work offered at the county school became a teacher. She taught one year in the Trumansburg, New York. Van Vleet attended Michigan State Normal School at the urging of Haskins, where she was also a member of the Michigan State Normal School Lyceum.

The couple was married in 1870 and had three children: Frances Genevieve, Zenia Beatrice, and Zaida May. Zaida died in infancy and is buried in Concord, MI. Haskins died in 1906 and is buried in Mosherville, Michigan, Van Vleet died in 1927 and is buried at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Jackson, Michigan.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Eastern Michigan University Archives 2014 October 16

Conditions Governing Access note

Researchers are asked to request materials 24 hours prior to visiting the University Archives.

Controlled Access Headings
Corporate Name(s)

- Michigan State Normal Lyceum.

Subject(s)

- American Civil War, 1861-1865
- Michigan State Normal School
- Students
- United States -- History -- Civil War--1861-1865.
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