Guide to the Collection on Hiram P. Graham, 1854-1932

Overview of the Collection

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Collection Number: University Historical Collection 320

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Title: Collection on Hiram P. Graham

Dates: 1854-1932

Quantity: 0.1 linear feet (3 folders)

Location of Collection: A10/3f

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Summary: Correspondence, clippings, and a cemetery plot certificate pertaining to Hiram P. Graham, president of Phoenix Manufacturing Company, first mayor of Eau Claire, and postmaster general from 1888-1889. Includes an 1885 letter from Eau Claire citizens recommending him as postmaster general.

Biographical / Historical Note

Hiram P. Graham was born in Windham, NY on March 29, 1820. He came to Eau Claire as an employee of the Eau Claire Lumber Company in 1856, and his
family joined him shortly thereafter. After four years with the Eau Claire Lumber Company, he bought a planing mill (Graham, White & Company), which eventually evolved into the Phoenix Manufacturing Company. Graham served as president of both the Phoenix Manufacturing Company and the Dells Lumber Company. Graham also held a number of positions in public service. He was appointed county sheriff in 1862, and he served as postmaster general under President Cleveland from 1888 to 1889. He was also a trustee of the village of Eau Claire and was later elected as the first mayor of Eau Claire. He died on January 24, 1902.

Content Description

This small collection includes newspaper clippings about Graham’s career, correspondence about Graham and by members of his family, and a cemetery plot certificate. The most unique document in the collection is a copy of a letter of endorsement for Graham as postmaster general, signed by 25 Eau Claire citizens.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information:

Donated to Special Collections & Archives prior to March 2006.

Access Restrictions:

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Subjects

Personal Names:

Graham, Hiram P., 1820-1902