OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Authors: George Dana, William F. Dana, Joseph Barker, Luther Barker, and John Dana

Title: Dana Family Papers

Date: 1814 -- 1912

Abstract: Ledgers, genealogical data, and correspondence

Quantity: 1 cu.ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE DANA FAMILY

Captain William Dana emigrated from Massachusetts to Ohio in 1788, thus establishing his family as one of the first in the region. He and his descendants became involved in a number of enterprises including a farm, nursery, vinegar works, and a cannery. William’s grandson, George, ran a food and dry goods market. Mrs. Elizabeth Barker (nee Dana) came to Southeast Ohio from New Hampshire in 1789. Her two sons, Joseph, Jr. and Luther were early students at Ohio University.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection contains business ledgers, genealogical data, and personal correspondence of the family in Washington County, OH. The ledgers are from the Belpre food and dry goods market. The genealogical data takes the family from the early twentieth century to the seventeenth century. The eighteen items of correspondence include letters from Ohio University students.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

These records are organized into the following series:
Administrative Information

Restrictions: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Ohio University Libraries.

Preferred Citation: Researchers are requested to cite the collection name, collection number, and the Ohio University Libraries, in all footnotes and bibliographical references.

Accession Number: Unknown

Provenance: The Ohio University Archives received the collection prior to 1977.

Property Rights: Ohio University retains all property rights to the collection.

Copyrights: Ohio University retains all copyrights unless retained by the donor, other correspondents, or other artists.

Photoduplication: Ohio University will entertain requests to photocopy reasonable amounts of material from the collection for the convenience of individual researchers.

Processing: Jeanette Davis processed the collection in May 1984.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Container List

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Series 1: Personal Papers

1 / 1 “The Ancestors of George Dana,” compiled by William F. Dana, February, 1912

2 Items from “The Ancestors of George Dana,” 1640 – 1928 (8 items) including mimeographed copy of 17th century genealogy information on the Fisher family of Massachusetts from which is descended the branch of the Dana family from Southeast Ohio.

3 Dana Family correspondence, 1811 – 1916, and n.d. (18 items) including letters written by Joseph, Jr. and Luther Barker, sons of Mrs. Elizabeth Barker (nee Dana) while they were students at Ohio University and late 19th century letters written by John Dana, President of the George Dana & Sons Canning Company of Belpre, OH to his brothers.

Series II: Business Papers

4 Ledger, 1814 – 1840 records the sales of items at a food and dry goods market owned by George Dana that began as a vinegar works in the 1830’s and later included a canning company.

5 Items for above ledger

6 Ledger, 1838 – 1863

7 Ledger, 1848 – 1851

2 / 1 Ledger, 1848 – 1854

2 Items from above ledger

3 Ledger, 1851 – 1864

4 Items from above ledger

5 Ledger, 1856 – 1859

6 Items from above ledger

7 Ledger, 1860 – 1862
8 Ledger, 1863 – 1864
9 Ledger, 1865 – 1866
10 Ledger, 1867 – 1869
11 Items from above ledger
12 Ledger, 1880 – 1890
13 Items from above ledger