OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Author: Johnson Mortimer Welch
Title: Welch Collection
Date: 1852-1864
Abstract: Personal letters
Quantity: .6 cu.ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF Johnson Mortimer Welch

Johnson Mortimer Welch, son of the Honorable John and Martha (Starr) Welch, was born in Rome Township, Athens County, Ohio. Johnson’s parents moved to Athens when he was fifteen months old, and lived in a home on the site of the present Lindley Hall. After attending grammar school, he attended Ohio University, graduating in 1852. In 1858, he began the study of law under the tutelage of his father, and in 1858 was admitted to the Athens Bar.

In 1861, soon after enlisting in the Union Army, he was promoted to the rank of Major and was in command of the Second Division, 14th Army if the Army of the Cumberland. After his military service, he returned to Athens where he entered a partnership with his father. In 1878, he was appointed Vice President of the First National Bank of Athens and President of the stock holders of the Athens Gas and Light Company. In 1895, he was appointed to the Ohio University Board of Trustees, where he served until 1911.


SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The Welch Collection consists of letters written to Johnson Mortimer Welch from relatives and friends. Most of the letters discuss business, such as the
purchase of farm equipment and the loan of bank funds. The remainder are letters inquiring about the personal affairs of Johnson.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

These records are organized into the following series:

N/A

Abbreviations with in content list:

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Accession Number: N/A

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**Processing:** Tarita Stokes processed the collection in March of 1980.

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

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