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Brawley / Carpenter Collection
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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Author: Henry B. and Maria E. Brawley and Ann E. Carpenter

Title: Brawley / Carpenter Collection

Date: 1854 – 1871

Abstract: Personal journal, notes, school attendance record, and autograph album owned by the families

Quantity: .3 cu.ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE BRAWLEY’S AND CARPENTER

Henry Baltzer Brawley was born in Brownsville, PA on December 19, 1806. His widowed mother came with her four sons to Ohio and settled in what is now Ames Township, Athens County. Brawley married Elizabeth McCune in Amesville on October 31, 1833. They had four children, Edward H., Maria E., John P., and M. Kate. Elizabeth died in Amesville on June 22, 1863 after 30 years of marriage.

Henry Brawley, in addition to being a farmer, served as Justice of the Peace of Ames Township for one term in 1840. He was a devout and active member of the Amesville Methodist Episcopal Church and he was well known for his outstanding integrity and kindness. He died in Amesville on June 5, 1879.

Maria E. Brawley, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth, was born in Ames Township in 1837. She began teaching school at the age of fifteen in Sharpsburg in the “Possum Schoolhouse.” At the age of seventeen she left that school and taught elsewhere in the township.

Ann Elizabeth Carpenter was born in Canaan, Athens county, Ohio in 1837 of Harvey and Abbie (Arnold) Carpenter. She married Charles Henry Brown on April 7, 1867 and died six months later on October 23, 1867 at the age of 30.
SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The Brawley Collection contains a private journal of Henry B. Brawley dating from 1867 to 1871. The journal contains daily records of weather conditions and work activities on the farm in Ames Township. The first six pages list his purchases and items sold in 1867 and 1868 and lists accounts held with Hardin and Nimrod Goen, Austin Smith, Samuel Weaver, and Aaron Dunfer. The last page contains an inventory of property owned as of 1867.

Several loose articles in the journal include a “Programme of the Ohio Methodist Church,” 1870; two short memos from Brawley, 1847; three court summons written by Brawley, 1845 – 1846; and, an abstract of the enumeration of the youth between the ages of five and 21 in Ames Township, September 1869.

The Collection also contains an attendance record of the schools taught by Maria Brawley. It includes student names, attendances and absences from 1854 – 1859. The names of the schools are not provided. There is a short passage written by Maria indicating her previous teaching positions.

Finally, the Collection contains a bound “Moss Rose” autograph album belonging to Ann Carpenter. The album was published by J.C. Riker and contains five multi-colored sketches of various flowers. The album has 32 entries covering the period 1855 – 1866. These include autographs of students at Ohio University and friends of Carpenter. Most autographs include a short poem or famous quote. An entry by Dr. Gabrielle Miesse of Greenville, OH reads, “This day at 4:00 a.m. the southerners commenced battle against the laws of the Constitution of the U.S.”

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

These records are organized into the following series:

N/A

Abbreviations with in content list:

N/A

RELATED MATERIALS

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Restrictions: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Ohio University
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 as a gift from Dr. Paul Krauss in 1949.

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Processing: The Collection was processed by Carolyn Copper in 1985

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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

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