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Overview of the Collection

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Creator:

Richard H. Patchin; Patchin, John; Patchin, Leah; Stevens, Sarah.

Quantity:

4.00 Boxes

Repository:

Special Collections Research Center

Information About Using the Collection

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Biographical Note

Richard H. Patchin worked as a teacher, farmer, clothing sales clerk, and lecturer in New York during the 1870s.

Scope and Contents

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Index Terms

This Collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Genre/Form of Material:

Account books

Certificates

Clippings

Diaries

Invoices

Occupation:

Farmer

Lecturer

Teacher

Topical Term:

Mental illness--United States.

New York (N.Y.)--History--19th century.

Arrangement of Materials

The materials are arranged in nine series: Personal Writings, Correspondence, Teaching, Business, Poetry and Lyrics, Public Lectures, Miscellaneous Materials, Bound Volumes, and Photographs. Within each series folders are arranged chronologically with undated and miscellaneous material placed last. The Public Lectures series has two subseries: Lectures and Notes and Ephemera.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Box 1

Personal Writings,

Unit Date 1857-1898 and undated

Folder 1: Religion,

Unit Date 1857-1894,

Scope and Content

reflections of the role of religion in Patchin's life and his ambitions to become more religious

Folder 2: Mental health,

Unit Date 1863-1889 and undated,

Scope and Content

writings about the state of his mental health

Folder 3: Occupations,

Unit Date 1864-1871,

Scope and Content

thoughts about his various professions- a majority of the documents focus on his teaching and farming career

Folder 4: Marriage,

Unit Date 1864-1875 and undated,

Scope and Content

writings on Patchin's relationships with women, especially finding a suitable wife

Folder 5: Mother,

Unit Date 1866-1871 and undated,

Scope and Content

reflections on Patchin's mother, whom he finds frustrating and irritating

Folder 6: Acquaintances,

Unit Date 1870-1880,

Scope and Content

documentation of friends and acquaintances, often detailing the times when people are unkind to Patchin

Folder 7: Miscellaneous,

Unit Date 1863-1898,

Scope and Content

writings about Patchin's daily activities, goals, and decisions

Correspondence,

Unit Date 1832-1902

Folder 8: Letters to Richard Patchin from others,

Unit Date 1832-1902,

Scope and Content

A majority of these letters are from Patchin's mother, sister, and brother. Also included are several response letters from school board members whom Patchin contacted in hopes of securing a teaching position.

Folder 9: Letters to others from Richard Patchin,

Unit Date 1853-1884,

Scope and Content

including letters asking for employment, requesting money, and letters to the editors of several newspapers correcting errors noted in previous issues

Folder 10: Letters to Leah Patchin (mother) and Sarah Stevens (sister) from Richard Patchin,

Unit Date 1843-1863,

Scope and Content

provide insight to the period before Patchin's writings became more eccentric

Folder 11: Letters to Leah Patchin (mother) from others,

Unit Date 1844-1868

Folder 12: Letters to Richard Patchin from family,

Unit Date 1846-1861

Folder 13: Envelopes,

Unit Date undated,

Scope and Content

included with Patchin's papers, but were separated from the letters that they held

Teaching,

Unit Date 1846-1879,

Scope and Content

documents relating to Patchin's teaching career in Ulster and Orange counties, New York

Folder 14: Compositions,

Unit Date 1846 and undated

Folder 15: Licenses and contracts,

Unit Date 1847-1879

Folder 16: Notes,

Unit Date 1857-1870 and undated,

Scope and Content

of a reflective nature about daily issues as a teacher, such as student behavior and lesson plans, as well as personal reflections

Folder 17: Letters of recommendation,

Unit Date 1863 and undated

Box 2

Business,

Unit Date 1849-1889

Folder 1: Receipts and invoices,

Unit Date 1849-1881 and undated

Folder 2: Licenses, certificates, and contracts,

Unit Date 1850-1897 and undated,

Scope and Content

hand-written business contracts and city-issued peddler's licenses

Folder 3: Accounts,

Unit Date 1856-1881 and undated

Folder 4: Daily notes (folder 1),

Unit Date 1863-1889 and undated

Folder 5: Daily notes (folder 2),

Unit Date 1863-1889 and undated

Folder 6: Business philosophy,

Unit Date 1863-1889 and undated

Folder 7: Hired help,

Unit Date 1868-1872

Folder 8: Farming,

Unit Date 1868-1875 and undated

Folder 9: Clothing,

Unit Date 1881-1888 and undated

Folder 10: Miscellaneous,

Unit Date 1856-1888 and undated,

Scope and Content

the majority are scraps of paper on which Patchin used for business calculations

Box 3

Poetry and Lyrics,

Unit Date 1846-1880 and undated

Folder 1: "Clothing Song" materials,

Unit Date undated

Folder 2: Darius Green and his Flying-Machine",

Unit Date undated

Folder 3: Various poems,

Unit Date 1846-1880 and undated

Public Lectures,

Unit Date 1870-1898

Lectures

Unit Date 1870-1898

Folder 4: "The Characteristics for the Highest Human Happiness,"

Unit Date 1871

Folder 5: "Variation and Variety,"

Unit Date 1871

Folder 6: "Miscellanies,"

Unit Date 1883 and undated

Folder 7: "Debate over the American Indian,"

Unit Date 1898 and undated

Folder 8: Crusades,

Unit Date undated

Folder 9: "Anecdotes,"

Unit Date undated

Folder 10: "A Little of Several Things,"

Unit Date undated

Folder 11: Order,

Unit Date undated

Folder 12: Various,

Unit Date undated,

Scope and Content

Various lectures written by Patchin.

Notes and Ephemera,

Unit Date 1870-1882

Folder 13: Notes and reflections,

Unit Date 1870-1882 and undated

Folder 14: Handbill notes,

Unit Date 1871-1881

Box 4

Public Lectures, continued,

Unit Date 1870-1879 and undated

Notes and Ephemera, continued,

Unit Date 1870-1879 and undated

Folder 1: Temperance notes,

Unit Date 1870-1879 and undated

Folder 2: Printed handbills,

Unit Date undated

Miscellaneous Materials,

Unit Date undated

Folder 3: Miscellaneous materials,

Unit Date undated

Bound Volumes,

Unit Date 1829-1881 and undated

Folder 4: Newspaper clippings,

Unit Date 1829 and undated

Folder 5: Notes and newspaper clippings,

Unit Date 1859-1881 and undated

Folder 6: Notes,

Unit Date undated

Photographs,

Unit Date undated

Folder 7: Unidentified man,

Unit Date undated,

Scope and Content

possibly Richard H. Patchin