

Guide to the Yapple Family Papers

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Arriving in 1789, the Yapple family was one of the first European families to settle in what is now Ithaca. Jacob Yapple, his wife and children, and his brother John, came from Kingston, NY, and built on land that had formerly belonged to Native Americans. Their cabin was located at what is now the foot of State Street hill. Soon after arriving, John Yapple built the first mill, located on Cascadilla Creek, which was capable of grinding over twenty bushels of grain a day, and which was visited and used by settlers from up to thirty miles away. Henry Yapple, son of Jacob, was the first male child to be born in Ithaca, on August 25, 1791. The Yapples and other early settlers such as the Dumonds and Hinepaws, were dispossessed of their lands in 1795 because their agent failed to properly register their claims in Albany. The Yapples left Ithaca in 1795 to settle nearby in Danby.

The materials in this collection date from an 1813 account book to late 20th century family reunion records.

CONTAINER LIST

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Accounts and Sermons

Folder 1

1813 account book of the Yapple family and four handwritten sermons.

Songbook and Clippings

Folder 2

1798 songbook purchased for Henry Yapple in 1814. Newspaper clippings about Henry and Charles Yapple.

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Yaple Family Reunion, 1898-1938

Folder 3A

Annual minutes, record of births, deaths, and marriages, and list of relatives in attendance.

Yaple Family Reunion, 1939-1959

Folder 3B

Annual minutes, record of births, deaths, and marriages, news clippings, photographs, and list of relatives in attendance.

Yaple Family Reunion, 1960-1984

Folder 3C

Annual minutes, record of births, deaths, and marriages, news clippings, photographs, copies of invitations, and list of relatives in attendance.