

Guide to the **Vail/Corbin/Forman Family Collection**

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains genealogical information about the Vail, Corbin and Forman families. These families were Ithaca, Dryden and Enfield residents from 1800 to 1939. There are also items from two family bibles with further genealogy, obituary notices and church notices. This collection also holds letters from Civil War soldier, Samuel John Vail to his sister, Ida Vail, including a detailed 1863 hand-drawn map of a Civil War encampment - Camp Laurel in Maryland. Though his letters say little about the war, S.J. Vail clearly misses his sister and home. Other letters include one from a teacher in Freeville from 1877, a teacher in Millbrook from 1880, and an undated nonsensical ditty. There are five of Lelah Vail Corbin's academic certificates from Ithaca public schools from 1897 to 1901. Of added interest, this collection has many tintypes and photographs representing family members as well as Cornell and Ithaca events and sites.

CONTAINER LIST

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Items found in large family bible	Folder 3
Letters from S.J. Vail to Ida Vail (1842-1864)	Folder 4
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Lelah Corbin's Academic Certificates from Ithaca Public Schools	Folder 6
Loose tintypes and photos	Folder 7
Photo album (with some loose photos)	Folder 8
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