

Clark Waggoner Collection Biographical Notes

Clark Waggoner was born in Milan Township, Erie County on September 6, 1820 to Israel and Lucretia (Buck) Lake Waggoner. He married Sylvia B. Roberts in Fremont on December 29, 1841. They had four children, Ella, Caroline, Ralph H. and J. Fred.

At age thirteen, Waggoner began working for the newspaper, *Milan Times*. He moved to Lower Sandusky (now Fremont) in 1838 and became the publisher of the *Lower Sandusky Whig* at age eighteen. In 1843, he returned to Milan and established the *Milan Tribune*. The *Tribune* merged with the *Clarion* of Sandusky in 1851 and was named the *Register*. Waggoner moved to Toledo in 1856 where he and G. T. Stewart purchased the *Toledo Blade*. He became the manager and editor, retiring in 1865. The next year, he and his son, Ralph, bought the *Toledo Commercial*. Clark was the editor until 1876.

Waggoner was a major supporter of Rutherford B. Hayes for the Republican candidate for president in 1876. During Hayes' presidency, Waggoner was appointed as collector of internal revenue where he served five years. He published his *History of the City of Toledo and Lucas County, Ohio* in 1888.

The library also has four pamphlets authored by him: *Toledo as a Commercial & Manufacturing City. Its Advantages in Position, Facilities for Inter-Communication, Acquired Trade, ...&c.* Issued March 10, 1880 by the Merchants and Manufacturers Exchange; *Honors at Chickamauga. The Clam of "Hero" at the Battle, Delayed Justice to the Memory of a Brave and Gallant Soldier*, September 1881; *Relations and Experiences of Whites and Indians on the American Continent: As Presented in Address to the Maumee Valley Pioneer Association, Antwerp, Ohio, August 17, 1893*; and *A Plea for Equal Rights. The Railway: Its Uses and Abuses in Charges and Taxation*. Toledo, Ohio, February 1894. An article, "The Standard Oil Company" was published in *The American Journal of Politics* in November 1893.

Waggoner died in Toledo on July 2, 1903 after suffering a stroke in the autumn of 1902.

Clark Waggoner Collection Scope and Contents Notes

The collection consists of ten letterbooks, 1877-1900, a notebook of biographical sketches of Toledoans (41 in number), and the manuscript of a proposed historical work for seven counties in northwest Ohio (Huron, Erie, Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, Lucas and Wood counties). The manuscript is indexed and in a somewhat useable format. The most useful part of the manuscript is perhaps a list of deaths in the area for the years 1822-1831 and marriages for 1851-1863 in Folder 25.

There are numerous scrapbooks that Waggoner compiled covering the years 1871 through 1902. Apparently, he numbered most of his scrapbooks. Over the years, numbers have disappeared from some of the scrapbooks; a few scrapbooks may no longer exist. Most of the scrapbooks are difficult to use because he overlapped articles on the page and the paper is becoming very brittle.

Scrapbook #7 is labeled "Honors at Chickamauga (Steedman)", and #8 is labeled "Personal and Family". Waggoner objected to the identification of James B. Steedman as the "Hero of Chickamauga" arguing that General Gordon Granger was more deserving of the appellation. Waggoner may have compiled his scrapbooks as he researched the history of northwestern Ohio.

Clark Waggoner Collection Inventory

Box 1

- Folder 1 Letterbook, November 16, 1877-May 8, 1880
- Folder 2 Letterbook, May 12, 1880-January 30, 1882
- Folder 3 Letterbook, January 31, 1882-June 30, 1883
- Folder 4 Letterbook, July 28, 1883-March 1, 1886
- Folder 5 Letterbook, March 6, 1886-August 5, 1887
- Folder 6 Letterbook, August 6, 1887-December 15, 1888
- Folder 7 Letterbook, December 20, 1888-May 27, 1889
- Folder 8 Letterbook, May 28, 1889-December 19, 1890
- Folder 9 Letterbook, December 20, 1890-May 25, 1894
- Folder 10 Letterbook, January 18, 1895-October 2, 1900
- Folder 11 Personal Record Book (Biographical sketches of Toledoans)
- Folder 11A Personal Record Book (Photocopy)

Box 2 History of Huron, Erie, Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, Lucas and Wood Counties

- Folder 12 Index 1
- Folder 13 Index 2
- Folder 14 "E" Erie County
- Folder 15 "M" 1-117 Milan (Erie County)
- Folder 16 "H" 1-40 Huron County
- Folder 17 "H" 42-267, unnumbered, Huron County
- Folder 18 "O" 1-16 Ottawa County
- Folder 19 "S" 1-76, unnumbered, Sandusky County

Box 3 History of Huron, Erie, Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky, Lucas and Wood Counties

- Folder 20 "T" 1-39 Tiffin (Seneca County)
- Folder 21 "T" 40-115 Tiffin (Seneca County)
- Folder 22 "C&C; C" 1-58 (Lucas County?)
- Folder 23 "RR" 2-17 (Lucas County?)
- Folder 24 32-307, Unlettered
- Folder 25 Unnumbered (Deaths, 1822-1831; Marriages, 1851-1863 in area)
- Folder 26 Unnumbered
- Folder 27 Newspaper Clippings (photocopies)

Box 4 Scrapbooks

1. #1, 1871-1898
2. #2, 1882-1890
3. #3, 1882
4. #4, 1886-1890

Box 5 Scrapbook #5, 1880-1881

Box 6 Scrapbook #6, 1882-1889

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- Box 7 Scrapbooks
 - 1. #7, Honors at Chickamauga (Steedman)
 - 2. #8, Personal & Family
 - 3. #9, 1894
 - 4. #10, 1891

- Box 8 Scrapbooks
 - 1. #11, 1892
 - 2. #12, 1892
 - 3. #15, 1894
 - 4. #16, 1894

- Box 8A Scrapbooks
 - 1. #13, 1893-1894
 - 2. #14, 1894

- Box 9 Scrapbooks
 - 1. #17, 1894-1895
 - 2. #18, 1895
 - 3. #19, 1895
 - 4. #20, 1895

- Box 10 Scrapbook #21, 1895

- Box 11 Scrapbook #22, 1895

- Box 12 Scrapbook #23, 1896

- Box 13 Scrapbooks
 - 1. Miscellaneous
 - 2. #28, S.M. Jones (Toledo Election April 1899) (2 pkgs.)
 - 3. Railroad Time Tables, U.S., Mexico, Canada, 1899

- Box 14 Scrapbook #25, 1896-1898

- Box 15 Scrapbook #26, 1898

- Box 16 Scrapbook #24, 1896

- Box 17 Scrapbook, September 1898

- Box 18 Scrapbook #29, 1899

- Box 19 Scrapbook, 1900

- Box 20 Scrapbook, 1902

- Box 21 Scrapbook, April 1902

- Box 22 Scrapbook, May 1902