



Wattles Family Manuscript Collection

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1822-1985

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Related Material: There are 3 Biographical/Family History files on the Wattles family and their home, 16 Audio Cassettes featuring Morris Wattles in the Troy Historical Society Oral History Collection, as well as the Wattles Family Photographic Collection.

Abstract:

The Wattles Family Manuscript Collection consists primarily of records, donated by Morris Wattles, who was active in preserving the community's history.

Alexander Wattles (b. 1783 d. 1869) settled in Troy Township in 1837. He and his wife, Marcia Bennett Wattles. Silas Bennett Wattles (b. 1827 d. 1912) married Helen M. Harris In 1855, and had one child Harry Bennett Wattles (b. 1856 d. 1939). Harry and Sarah Jane (Jennie) Bingham married in 1876, and had a daughter, Helen Mary. After Jennie died in 1890, Harry married family friend Mattie E. Axtell in 1892. Three years later she gave birth to a son, Morris Axtell Wattles. Morris and his half-sister Helen Mary, neither of whom married, resided in the Wattles family home until their deaths.

The Wattles house, built c. 1845 by Clark Beardsley, was purchased by the Wattles family c. 1876 and modified in 1909, still stands at 3864 Livernois Road.

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Wattles, Helen Mary, 1878-1979
Wattles, Mattie Axtell, 1870-1944
Wattles, Morris Axtell, 1895-1988
Wattles, Sarah Jane (Jennie) Bingham, 1859-1890
Wattles, Silas Bennett, 1827-1912

Scope & Content Note: This two box collection contains research materials, business records, personal records including correspondence, property documents and other items from the Wattles family from 1822 to 1985.

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