



Guide to the John Bonsack Papers, 1786-1929.

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Summary

Collection Title:

John Bonsack papers, 1786-1929, bulk

Creator:

Bonsack, John

Abstract:

Collection contains personal and business correspondence, and accounts and genealogical records of the Bonsack and Plaine families, connected by marriage. Included are letters from family members in schools in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New York. Included also are letters concerning woolen factories in Good Intent, Va., 1862, and at Bonsack, Va., during the 1880s. There are also references to David H. Plaine's work as a churchman, teacher, and politician in and around Roanoke, Va.; accounts of Jacob Bonsack, a merchant in Good Intent, Va., and accounts of Harry E. Plaine, a hardware dealer in Broken Bow, Neb., during the 1880s. About fifty letters, 1786-1851, are written in German to the two John Bonsacks, father (1760-1795) and son (1781-1859).

Extent:

2 Linear Feet (4 Boxes, 2,034 items.)

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

Language:

Materials in English and German (mostly for letters to the two John Bonsacks, father (1760-1795) and son (1781-1859)).

Collection ID:

RL.10101

Permalink:

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Background

Scope and Content

This collection contains personal and business correspondence, and accounts and genealogical records of the Bonsack and Plaine families, connected by marriage. Included are school and college letters from Emory and Henry College, Virginia, 1851, Calvert College, New Windsor, Maryland, 1851-1852, State Normal School, Millersville, Pennsylvania, 1881, Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, 1882, and Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, 1883.

Included also are letters concerning woolen factories in Good Intent, Virginia, 1862, and at Bonsack, Virginia, during the 1880s, references to David H. Plaine's work as a churchman, teacher, and a politician in and around Roanoke, Virginia, accounts of Jacob Bonsack (1819-1889), as a merchant in Good Intent, Virginia; and accounts of Harry E. Plaine as a hardware dealer in Broken Bow, Nebraska, during the 1880s.

About fifty letters, 1786-1851, are written in German to two John Bonsacks, father (1760-1795) and son (1781-1859). Included in these are several religious tracts, memorandum books, study notes, and short diaries. The diaries contain accounts of a trip in 1856 from Randolph County, Virginia, to Madison, Wisconsin, travels in the vicinity of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and a record kept by D. H. Plaine in 1857.

Biographical/Historical

David H. Plaine's was a churchman, teacher, and a politician in and around Roanoke, Virginia. Jacob Bonsack (1819-1889), was a merchant in Good Intent, Virginia. Harry E. Plaine was a hardware dealer in Broken Bow, Nebraska, during the 1880s.

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Names and Subjects

- Roanoke (Va.) -- History

- Broken Bow (Neb.) -- Economic conditions
- Bonsack (Va.) -- Economic conditions
- Good Intent (Va.) -- Economic conditions
- Merchants -- Nebraska
- Merchants -- Virginia
- Wool industry -- Virginia
- Education -- United States
- Bonsack, Jacob
- Bonsack family
- Bonsack, John
- Bonsack, John
- Plaine family
- Plaine, David H.
- Plaine, Harry E.

Collection Inventory

John Bonsack papers, 1786-1929

Family genealogy document, undated	Box 1
Correspondence, 1786-1857	Box 1
Physical Description: 6 folders	
Correspondence, 1858-1879	Box 2
Physical Description: 6 folders	
Correspondence, 1880-1899	Box 3
Physical Description: 7 folders	
Correspondence, 1900-1929 and undated	Box 4
Physical Description: 5 folders	
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