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Box 1

Correspondence, 1836-1847 and undated

 Letterbook, 1836-1838

 "Adventures of Joshua and William"

 William Osman to Joshua Osman. Personal narrative on
 William and Joshua's adventures from November 1 to
 November 11, 1838.

 1838

 Wilhelm [William?] Osman[?] to John Snyder [Schneider],
 April 19, 1838 (in German)

George Schreiber to "Nefyou" [William Osman?], August 1, 1838

George F. Weaver to William Osman, August 30, 1838

Unsigned, September 8, 1838 [possibly a draft]

George F. Weaver to William Osman, September 10, 1838

Unsigned to William Osman, December 5, 1838

1839

Samuel Osman to William Osman, January 20, 1839

John Hise to Osman, February 25, 1839

C. Witmer to William Osman, February, 1839

John Hise to William Osman, March 3, 1839

John Hise to William Osman, March 4, 1839

John Hise to William Osman, March 12, 1839

John Hise to William Osman, March 29, 1839 [written over another letter]

Unsigned, May 16, 1839 [possibly a draft]

John Hise to William Osman, May 29, 1839

William Osman to John Hise, May 31, 1839 [possibly a draft]

Samuel Osman to William Osman, June 9, 1839

George F. Weaver to William Osman, June 22, 1839

Moses Osman to William Osman, June 26, 1839

George F. Weaver to William Osman, July 1, 1839

M.[?] Beck to William Osman, July 6, 1839 [contains note from Moses Osman to William Osman]

George F. Weaver to William Osman, September 15, 1839

William Osman to George William Heilig, October 1, 1839 [possible draft]

George William Heilig to William Osman, October 21, 1839

Moses Osman to William Osman, November 1, 1839

Samuel Osman to William Osman, November 10, 1839

1840

Samuel Osman to William Osman, May 17, 1840

George F. Weaver to William Osman, May 25, 1840

George F. Weaver to William Osman, June 29, 1840

W. [?] Tobey to William Osman, August 21, 1840

Moses Osman to William Osman, September 29, 1840

Samuel Osman to William Osman, October 3, 1840

George William Heilig to William Osman, November 3, 1840

Moses Osman to William Osman, November 10, 1840

1841

George William Heilig to William Osman, May 1, 1841

Samuel Osman to William Osman, May 4, 1841

Moses Osman to William Osman, May 30, 1841

George William Heilig to William Osman, July 29, 1841

Moses Osman to William Osman, August 17, 1841

William Osman to Moses Osman, October 12, 1841

1842

Willet Terry to John T. Stewart [Stuart], January 3, 1842

Moses Osman to William Osman, January 28, 1841

Jacob Waelder[?] to William Osman, May 9, 1842

- 1843
 Moses Osman to William Osman, January 27, 1843
 Joshua Osman to William Osman, March 24, 1843
 R. E. Goodell to William Osman, March 28, 1843
- 1844
 Burton C. Cook to Moses and William Osman, July 16, 1844
 [includes a news report by Cook]
 J. M.[?] Roberts to William Osman, September 19, 1844
 Minutes from Bassetts School patrons meeting, December 17,
 1844
 Alice to "Dear Friend" [William Osman?], December 30, 1844
- 1845
 Burton C. Cook to William Osman, January 20, 1845 [contains
 letter to the "editors"]
 Jacob Waelder[?] to William Osman, June 29, 1845
 Rollin Means to William Osman and Burton C. Cook,
 October 17, 1854
 Unsigned to "Brother Bill", December 2, 1845
- 1846
 Jacob Hise to "Dear Son" [John Hise?], March 22, 1846
- 1847
 William Osman to W. H. L. Wallace, April 12, 1847
- Undated
 Unsigned, essay on wit
 Essay by "W" [William Osman?] on "Roorback," or defamation
 William Osman (nephew) to William Osman, August 20, [1846?]
 Unsigned to "Dear brother"
 Unsigned note fragments on history
 Unsigned instructions on dying fabric
 "Cousin Barney" to unknown
 Unsigned draft of a speech on childrearing

Personal Papers, 1826-1946, 1927, 1993-1994, and undated

- Diary
 April 4-April 8, 1839
 April 9-April 16, 1839
- Legal papers
 Undated draft of "Articles of the Dissolution of the Co-
 Partnership Between John Hise and Wm Osman, of the Town
 of Ottawa, La Salle Co. Ills."
 Handwritten copy of the Will of Robert Osman, dated August
 21, 1826; also includes a section which grants Letters
 Testamentary to William and John Osman, dated March 23,
 1831
- Obituary
 Photocopied clippings of William Osman's obituary, *Daily
 Free Trader*, January 19, 1909
- Newspapers
The Illinois State Register and Illinois Advocate
 (Vandalia, Illinois), March 25, 1836
 Reprint of *The New York Herald* (New York City, New York),
 April 15, 1865

The Ottawa Free Trader (Ottawa, Illinois), March 2, 1867

Free Trader-Journal and Ottawa Fair Deal (Ottawa, Illinois), January 5, 1927

The Daily Times (Ottawa, Illinois), October 14, 1994

The Daily Times (Ottawa, Illinois), October 13, 1993

Miscellaneous

Edmunds. R. Travers, M.D. "The Therapeutical Value of Lime as Contained in the Ottawa Mineral Springs." Amboy, Lee County, Illinois, April 7, 1875. [Enclosed in envelope postmarked October 31, 1908]

Clarence Griggs, ed., *Souvenir: One Hundredth Anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church, Ottawa, Illinois, A.D. 1838-A.D. 1938* (October 16, 1938)

Newspaper clippings relating to the Osman family, 1898-1946

Photocopies

Photocopies of "Adventures of Joshua and William"

Photocopies of letterbook, diary fragments, correspondence dated 1838-1847, undated letters, and legal papers

Transcripts

Typed transcription of 1836-1838 letterbook, created circa 2000

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Jay M. Osman, ed., *The Descendants of Robert Osman* (July 7, 2003)