

Gebhart Family Papers

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## Introduction

The papers of the Gebhart family were accessioned into the Wright State University Department of Archives and special collections during Spring Quarter 1994. They were donated by the Montgomery County Historical Society.

The papers in this collection date from 1794-1930 and fill 1 Hollinger box and 11 file folders. The collection is arranged chronologically within each series as follows:

- Series I: Financial Papers
- Series II: Land Deeds and Mortgages
- Series III: Legal Documents
- Series IV: Correspondence
- Series V: Maps and Land Plats

There are no restrictions on the use of this collection.

### Brief Biological Sketch

The Gebhart's were an early and prominent family of Dayton. They came to the Miami Valley area in 1809 from Burks and Allegheny Counties in Pennsylvania. The Gebharts were involved in local business and government, and were landowners in both Pennsylvania and Ohio. They were also active members of the First English Lutheran Church, which was sometimes referred to as the "Gebhart Church" because of the number of family members that attended each Sunday.

## Scope and Content

The Gebhart family papers consist of various documents and personal correspondence. The collection is made up of various financial papers, legal documents, land deeds and mortgages, correspondence, and maps and land plats. The collection provides insight into the business affairs of the family, their land holdings in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and a brief look at Gebhart inter-family relationships.

Series I, Financial Papers, contains monetary promissory notes, stocks, personal account sheets, bills, receipts, and ledger book.

Series II, Land Deeds and Mortgages, contains property deeds and mortgages for land in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Series III, Legal Documents, contains wills, judgments, and other miscellaneous legal papers.

Series IV, Correspondence, contains telegrams and letters between family members and business associates.

Series V, Maps and Land Plats, depicts lands held by the Gebhart's in both Pennsylvania and Ohio.

## Container Listing

### **Series I: Financial Papers**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Financial Papers	n.d., 1828-1959
	2	Financial Papers	1860-1883
	3	Financial Papers	1870-1877, 1930
	4	Ledger Book	1872

### **Series II: Land Deeds and Mortgages**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	5	Land Deeds and Mortgages	n.d., 1794-1810
	6	Land Deeds and Mortgages	1813-1827
	7	Land Deeds and Mortgages	1834-1852
	8	Land Deeds and Mortgages	185?, 1857-1872

### **Series III: Legal Documents**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	9	Legal Documents	1821-1873

### **Series IV: Correspondence**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	10	Correspondence	n.d., 1842-1914

### **Series V: Maps and Land Plats**

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	11	Maps and Land Plats	n.d.