Ralph W. Stark and Holman Hamilton, Correspondence re: Claude Bowers

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Provenance

Unknown

Scope and Content

Correspondence ranges from 1962 to 1977 and includes more than 80 letters between Hamilton and Stark. Hamilton and Stark became acquainted after Hamilton wrote to the Lebanon Public Library requesting information on Claude Bowers’s time in Boone County; the librarian forwarded the letter to Stark. Much of the correspondence focuses on their research into Bowers and his family, but it includes information on other Boone County families and also documents the development of the friendship between Stark and Hamilton.

Background

Claude Bowers (1878-1958), noted American newspaperman, historian, and diplomat, was born in Hamilton County, Indiana, but spent much of his youth in Whitestown and Lebanon.


Ralph W. Stark (1901-1984) was a lifelong resident of Boone County. His work as a newspaper correspondent and editor instilled in him an interest in Boone’s history. In 1980, the Indiana General Assembly named Stark Honorary Historian of Boone County, and in 1984 he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash.

Sources:


Access Restrictions: None
Related Holdings: Special Collections: Stark Family. Vertical Files: Biographies (A-C); Stark, Ralph W.--Notes and Writings

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