

John Allen Gano Family Papers (C0065)

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Abstract: Letters to Elder John Gano of Bourbon County, Kentucky, an evangelist in the early Disciples of Christ church. Accounts and bills, advertisements, circulars, and publications. A diary describes his conversion, baptism, and life as a preacher.

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Historical Note:

John Allen Gano was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, in July 1805. His parents were General Richard Montgomery Gano and Elizabeth Ewing. Gano studied law, but after a religious conversion, he became an evangelist in the early Disciples of Christ church. He married Mary Catherine Conn of Bourbon County, Kentucky. Gano died on October 14, 1887.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following four series:

Bills and Accounts Correspondence Miscellaneous Microfilm

Scope and Content Note:

The correspondence contains information concerning Gano's family life in Kentucky; his children's college days at Bethany, Virginia; his father-in-law's plantation in Louisiana; church problems in Missouri and Kentucky; Civil War difficulties; deaths; diseases; and medicines.

Container List:

Bills and Accounts Series

- f. 1-3 1835-1870
 - f. 1 Account book for Hemp Breaking, 1835-1847. Subscription list for the biography of Elder Barton W. Stone.
 - f. 3 John A. and William Gano accounts, 1848-1870. Bill of Kentucky Insurance Company, Louisville, Kentucky, April 1867.

Correspondence Series

f. 4-6 1839-1871. Letters written by John A. Gano to friends. They tell of notes and interest due, friends who have died, meetings with different churches, opinions on religious issues and on the revision of the Bible in 1852. There are two letters to

Gano from Mary Catherine, his wife, giving news of their home, 1842, and her trip to Lake Providence, Louisiana, 1847.

- f. 7-27 Family correspondence
 - f. 7-8 Son, Frank M. Gano, 1847-1870. Letters from Frank while attending school in Georgetown, Kentucky, and report card from Bethany College, Virginia. They tell of his studies, relatives, and weather. Letter telling about Hot Springs, Arkansas, and his trip to Texas. Letter from Eagle Mills, Texas, where Frank had a sawmill, tells of the difficulties of his business.
 - f. 9 Son, John Allen, Jr., 1861-1869. Letter written from school telling of his progress in Latin and Greek. Letter from Cincinnati, where they were shopping, and one from Owensville, telling of sports and good times.
 - f. 10 Daughter, Mary E. Gano, 1861-1862. Letters written while attending Woodford College; mention her friends and studies at school.
 - f.11-14 Son, Richard Gano, 1847-1870. Letters written while Richard was in school at Bethany College, Virginia, and studying medicine; while he was on the home farm at Georgetown, Kentucky; while in Louisiana practicing medicine; and in Texas with his wife and children. They discuss school, the study of cholera and other diseases, board and room, expenses at school, Mississippi River flood in Louisiana when the levies broke, his medical practice, farming, and his Texas home.
 - f. 15 Son, William Gano, 1846-1856. Letters discussing farm work, butchering hogs, school and report cards at Bethany College, Virginia, and a sale and prospective trip to Kentucky from Louisiana.
 - f. 16-18 Brother, Stephen Gano, 1844-1862. Letters from John Gano's brother, a doctor. They discuss treatments for hemorrhaging, sore lungs, sore throat, and upset stomach, with which members of the family were suffering. He also mentions the Kentucky legislature's attempt to reduce the number of districts in the state, death of an uncle, hired help, sale of sheep and horses, and financial business.
 - f. 19-22 Relatives, 1794-1868. Letters to John Gano from his brothers, sisters, cousins, and nephews. They discuss family news, deaths, sickness, and travel. An 1841 letter tells of Bethany College, Virginia, and classes under Alexander Campbell. They mention sales of Negroes; cotton prices and household expenses, 1841; Masonic Lodge, 1854; a journey from Washington City to Richmond, 1857; livestock market, 1854; and land prices, 1858.

- f. 23-27 Father-in-Law, William Conn, 1837-1869. Letters to and from Conn, discussing a trip from St. Charles to Fayette, 1837; a plantation he bought in Louisiana, the Negroes, cotton, corn, profits, and business of the plantation; his trips in steamboats on the Mississippi River; transportation of horses and Negroes by boat; and family news in Kentucky.
- f. 28-38 Thomas Allen correspondence, 1836-1870. Letters from Thomas M. Allen, Boone County, Missouri, to John Gano, Centerville, Kentucky. Allen was a Disciple of Christ (Christian or Campbellite) evangelist who traveled over northern Missouri and into Kentucky. Accounts of his travels and meetings, opposition and response in the churches. Beginning of Missouri University; livestock and crops; diseases of typhus fever, colic, and cholera in St. Louis; sale of Negroes in Fulton; *Belle of the West* boat accident; plight of the university with only 180 students; Negro lynching in Columbia; political demagogues in Missouri; and gathering of troops, uneasy times, and jayhawkers. He mentions deaths of many friends from diseases.
- f. 39-113 General correspondence, 1823-1871. Letters from friends and ministers in Missouri and Kentucky. Almost every letter has news of their churches and religious life. Some ask for advice before entering the ministry. Some theological questions are discussed, and opinions given on current activities, such as checker games. Opposition from Methodists, Presbyterians, Quakers, and Baptists. Plans for preserving the history of the early Campbellite Church. Requests for Gano to hold meetings and Sunday services at their churches, to perform marriage ceremonies, or deliver funeral sermons. News of mutual friends, health, sickness and cures, deaths of loved ones, farm crops, sale and breeding of livestock. Pre-Civil War conditions in Missouri and Kentucky, the economic distress and political split among the people.

Miscellaneous Series

- f. 114 History of Collection, 1947-1948. Contains a news article on how the Gano papers were found in the old Gano home; an article about Alexander Campbell and his home; and a letter about the Gano family in New Jersey and later in Kentucky.
- f. 115-116 Marriage Licenses, 1829-1851. Licenses permitting a minister to marry the couples, given in Scott County, Kentucky. The couples were married by Elder John A. Gano.
- f. 117-121 Miscellaneous Papers, 1822-1845. Constitution of the Georgetown Light Infantry Company, 1822, giving the regulation dress uniforms and offices; Townsend Colonization Society constitution and minutes of meeting, list of members, and explanation of purpose to help Negro emigrants to the African colony, organized in 1833; constitution of the Bible Society at Old Union, Fayette County, Kentucky, auxiliary to the American Bible Society; reminiscences and reflections about the church in the early 1800s;

public school building costs, 1844; debate notes on baptism; list of churches in Gano's area; parts of sermons; and two poems on nature.

f. 122-128 Printed Items, 1835-1860. Latin textbook, 1841; New Agricultural Methods Report, 1841; arithmetic book; circulars on religious magazines and papers such as *The Bible Advocate*, *Village Blacksmith*, *Christian Banner*, *Temperance Advocate*, and *Christian Mirror*, and on meetings of the American Bible Union, American Christian Missionary Society; newspaper death notices and fair advertisements. Included is the *Kentucky Farmer*, 1841, having Louisville current price list, agricultural hints and advertisements, and two articles entitled, "A National Bank and a Protective Tariff Will Restore and Perpetuate Agricultural Prosperity" and "Agricultural Interests in Kentucky."

Microfilm Series

Roll 1	Folders 1–37 of collection
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Roll 3	Folders 84-128 of collection
Roll 4	Diary, 1827-1860. Titled "John Allen Gano's Biographical Notebook No. 2." A brief personal history by John Gano; description of conversion and baptism into Christian Church, 1827; discussion of why he joined the Christian Church; accounts of sermons preached for various churches in Kentucky, 1827-1860; theological controversies; and accounts of family.
Roll 5-6	Letters, marriage records, and miscellaneous documents. Letters are from John B. Bowman, Thomas M. Allen, and Barton Stone, and concern affairs of the Disciples of Christ. [Microfilmed by the University of Kentucky]
Flash 1	Correspondence regarding discovery of papers, circulars, copies of <i>Christian Intelligence</i> , 1845, and <i>Carthage Evangelist</i> , 1840 and 1843.
Flash 2	Marriage certificates, 1830-1852
Flash 3	Cattle pedigrees, accounts with various merchants, obituaries, Montgomery County tract map, 1869, contracts.
Flash 4	Undated correspondence concerning work in church, family, and friends.
Flash 5	Correspondence, 1820-1839. Requests, decision to go into religion, cotton sales in Lake Providence, debate on "holy spirit," and bill of sale for Negro.
Flash 6	Correspondence, 1840-1849. Requests, controversy over Barton W. Stone's biography and theology, Arian controversy, hemp business in Locust Grove, and Bethany College.

Flash 7 Correspondence, 1850-1859. Requests, cattle breeding, and letter

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Flash 8 Correspondence, 1860-1887. Requests, letter from Gano regarding

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