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1829-1902

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Unit ID

/repositories/2/resources/8869

Unit Date

1829-1902

Unit Date

1860-1890

Language

English

Creator

Patchin, Richard H., b. circa 1828

Creator

Patchin, John

Creator

Patchin, Leah

Creator

Stevens, Sarah

Extent

2.00 Linear Feet

Extent

4 boxes

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Biographical Information:

Richard H. Patchin of Marlborough, Ulster County, N.Y., was a teacher, clothing sales clerk, farmer and public lecturer. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Richard_H._Patchin.

Scope and Contents

Papers of Richard H. Patchin of Marlborough, Ulster County, N.Y., who was a teacher, clothing sales clerk, farmer and public lecturer.

Largely includes accounts of Patchin's daily activities and personal reflections. Correspondence and professional documents also make up a portion of the collection. The materials document Patchin's work as a teacher, farmer, clothing sales clerk, and lecturer in and around Marlborough, New York during the mid and late 19th century. The documents also address religion, relationships, business activities, and personal aspirations. Some of Patchin's writings suggest that he had periods of mental instability that appear to have increased with age.

Acc. 2009.194 consist of 0.05 cu. ft. of papers, 1860-1879. Included are documents relating to his teaching, a receipt and notes on his financial situation and troubles, as well as miscellaneous writings on a variety of topics.

Several pages of notes are written on the back of broadsides advertising two of his public lectures, titled 'The Characteristics for the Highest Human Happiness' and 'The Element for Success in Business' - both undated.

Acc. 2010.406 consists of 0.05 cu.ft. of papers, circa 1866-1888. Included are writings and notes on a variety of topics, as well as accounts.

Keywords

Account books

Broadsides
Certificates
Diaries
Invoices
Lectures
Receipts (financial records)
Farmers
Lecture notes
Mentally ill--United States--Diaries
New York (N.Y.)--History--19th century
Orators--United States
Teachers--New York (State)--History--19th century

Arrangement of Materials:

Acc. 2008.057: The materials (1.4 cu. ft.) are arranged in nine series: Personal Writings, Correspondence, Teaching, Business, Poetry and Lyrics, Public Lectures, Miscellaneous Materials, Bound Volumes, and Photographs.

Additions are not fully processed yet and are filed at the end of the collection in accession number order.

Description of Subordinate Components

Box 1

Unit ID id27144

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/400994

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Series 1: Personal Writings

Unit ID id27145

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/400998

Unit Date 1857-1898, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Religion

Unit ID id27146

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401009

Unit Date 1857-1894

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Mental health

Unit ID id27147

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401010

Unit Date 1863-1889, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Patchin's writings about the state of his mental health.

Occupations

Unit ID id27148

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401011

Unit Date 1864-1871

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Patchin's thoughts about his various professions. A majority of the documents focus on his teaching and farming career.

Marriage

Unit ID id27149

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401012

Unit Date 1864-1875, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Patchin's writings on his relationships with women, especially finding a suitable wife.

Mother

Unit ID id27150

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401013

Unit Date 1866-1871, undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Patchin's reflections on his mother, whom he finds frustrating and irritating.

Acquaintances

Unit ID id27151

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401014

Unit Date 1870-1880

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Patchin's documentation of friends and acquaintances. These writings often detail the times when people are unkind to Patchin.

Miscellaneous

Unit ID id27152

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401015

Unit Date 1863-1898

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Writings about Patchin's daily activities, goals, and decisions.

Series 2: Correspondence

Unit ID id27153

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/400999

Unit Date 1832-1902

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Scope and Contents

The Correspondence series consists of letters either to or from Patchin. Also included are a few letters to Leah Patchin (Richard Patchin's mother) from her children.

Letters to Richard Patchin from others

Unit ID id27154

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401016

Unit Date 1832-1902

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

A majority of these letters are from Patchin's mother, sister, and brother. Also included are several response letters from school board members whom Patchin contacted in hopes of securing a teaching position.

Letters to others from Richard Patchin

Unit ID id27155

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401017

Unit Date 1853-1884

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These documents include letters asking for employment, requesting money, and letters to the editors of several newspapers correcting errors noted in previous issues.

Letters to Leah Patchin (mother) and Sarah Stevens (sister) from Richard Patchin

Unit ID id27156

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401018

Unit Date 1843-1863

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These letters written to Patchin's mother and sister document his daily activities and current occupations. The letters provide insight to the period before Patchin's writings became more eccentric.

Letters to Leah Patchin (mother) from others

Unit ID id27157

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401019

Unit Date 1844-1868

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These letters were written to Leah Patchin (Richard Patchin's mother) by her children (John Patchin and Sarah Stevens) about their daily activities.

Letters to Richard Patchin from family

Unit ID id27158

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401020

Unit Date 1846-1861

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Scope and Contents

These letters from Richard Patchin's mother (Leah Patchin), sister (Sarah Stevens), and brother (John Patchin) discuss their daily activities.

Envelopes**Unit ID** id27159**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401021**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

These envelopes were included with Patchin's papers, but were separated from the letters that they held.

Series 3: Teaching**Unit ID** id27160**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401000**Unit Date** 1846-1879**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

The Teaching series consists of documents relating to Patchin's teaching career in Ulster and Orange counties, New York.

Compositions**Unit ID** id27161**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401022**Unit Date** 1846 and undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Patchin's compositions, a majority of which are undated, cover topics such as Sabbath schools, books, temperance societies, and the "starry heavens." Some of the essays have editing marks; therefore it is possible Patchin wrote these as a student or as part of his teaching exams.

Licenses, contracts and accounts**Unit ID** id27162**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401023**Unit Date** 1847-1879**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains Patchin's teaching license, several teaching contracts and an account book.

Notes**Unit ID** id27163**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401024**Unit Date** 1857-1870 and undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Patchin's teaching notes are mostly of a reflective nature about daily issues as a teacher, such as student behavior and lesson plans, as well as personal reflections. Of particular note is a record of Patchin's various teaching jobs around Marlborough, New York.

Letters of recommendation

Unit ID id27164

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401025

Unit Date 1863 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These documents attest to Patchin's abilities as a teacher.

Box 2

Unit ID id27166

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/400995

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Series 4: Business

Unit ID id27165

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401001

Unit Date 1849-1889

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Scope and Contents

The Business series consists of documents pertaining to Patchin's various business activities as a farmer, sales clerk in a clothing store, and peddler in and around Marlborough, New York. A majority of the documents were written by Patchin for personal documentation and often move quickly between topics.

Receipts and invoices

Unit ID id27167

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401026

Unit Date 1849-1881 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Mixed Materials 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These documents include mostly unofficial receipts and invoices written by Patchin for his own use while working as a farmer, clothing salesman, and lecturer in Marlborough, New York.

Licenses, certificates, and contracts

Unit ID id27168

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401027

Unit Date 1850-1897 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These documents include hand-written business contracts and city-issued peddler's licenses.

Accounts

Unit ID id27169

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401028

Unit Date 1856-1881 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains Patchin's hand-written account records for business transactions made while working as a farmer and clothes salesman.

Daily notes (folder 1)

Unit ID id27170

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401029

Unit Date 1863-1889 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These documents include Patchin's to-do lists and daily business reflections.

Daily notes (folder 2)

Unit ID id27171

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401030

Unit Date 1863-1889 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These documents include Patchin's to-do lists and daily business reflections.

Business philosophy

Unit ID id27172

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401031

Unit Date 1863-1889 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These writings consist of Patchin's thoughts on business practices and evaluations of his financial situation.

Hired help

Unit ID id27173

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401032

Unit Date 1868-1872

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These papers document the activities of Patchin's hired help. Included are instructions for his workers, worker evaluations, and reflections on hiring new workers.

Farming

Unit ID id27174

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401033

Unit Date 1868-1875 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These papers record Patchin's daily activities related to his farming business in Ulster County, New York.

Clothing

Unit ID id27175

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401034

Unit Date 1881-1888 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These papers document Patchin's daily activities related to his clothing business.

Miscellaneous

Unit ID id27176

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401035

Unit Date 1856-1888 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

The majority of these documents are scraps of paper on which Patchin used for business calculations.

Box 3

Unit ID id27177

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/400996

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Series 5: Poetry and Lyrics

Unit ID id27178

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401002

Unit Date 1846-1880 and undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Scope and Contents

The Poetry and Lyrics series consists of poems and song lyrics Patchin wrote as well as poems Patchin collected.

"Clothing Song" materials

Unit ID id27179

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401036

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These materials are related to the "Clothing Song" lyrics which Patchin wrote to the tune of Oh, Susanna!

"Darius Green and his Flying-Machine"

Unit ID id27180

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401037

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These documents include several of Patchin's hand-written copies of the poem written by J. Trowbridge.

Various poems

Unit ID id27181

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401038

Unit Date 1846-1880 and undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

These documents consist of several of Patchin's hand-written copies of poems, such as "The Three Black Crows," "The Star of Bethlehem," "Philosophy and Religion," and "The Battle of Waterloo."

Series 6: Public Lectures

Unit ID id27182

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401003

Unit Date 1870-1898

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Scope and Contents

The Public Lectures series is comprised of materials related Patchin's profession as a lecturer. Included are copies of his lectures as well as printed handbills and lecture programs.

Lectures

Unit ID id27183

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401039

Unit Date 1870-1898

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Scope and Contents

The Lectures sub-series includes copies of Patchin's lectures.

"The Characteristics for the Highest Human Happiness,"

Unit ID id27184

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401047

Unit Date 1871

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

"Variation and Variety"

Unit ID id27185

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401048

Unit Date 1871

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

"Miscellanies"

Unit ID id27186

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401049

Unit Date 1883 and undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

"Debate over the American Indian"

Unit ID id27187

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401050

Unit Date 1898 and undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Crusades

Unit ID id27188

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401051

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

"Anecdotes"

Unit ID id27189

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401052

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

"A Little of Several Things"

Unit ID id27190

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401053

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Order

Unit ID id27191

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401054

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Various

Unit ID id27192

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401055

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Various lectures written by Patchin.

Notes and Ephemera

Unit ID id27193

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401040

Unit Date 1870-1882

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Scope and Contents

The Notes and Ephemera sub-series includes materials related to Patchin's lectures.

Notes and reflections**Unit ID** id27194**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401056**Unit Date** 1870-1882 and undated**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Handbill notes****Unit ID** id27195**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401057**Unit Date** 1871-1881**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Box 4****Unit ID** id27227**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/400997**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Series 7: Public Lectures, continued****Unit ID** id27228**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401004**Unit Date** 1870-1879 and undated**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

A continuation of the Public Lectures series from Box 3.

Notes and Ephemera**Unit ID** id27229**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401041**Unit Date** 1870-1879 and undated**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Scope and Contents**

A continuation of the sub-series from Box 3.

Temperance notes**Unit ID** id27230**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401058**Unit Date** 1870-1879 and undated**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Printed handbills****Unit ID** id27231**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/401059**Unit Date** undated**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Series 8: Miscellaneous Materials****Unit ID** id27232

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401005

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Miscellaneous materials

Unit ID id27233

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401042

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Miscellaneous documents

Series 9: Bound Volumes

Unit ID id27234

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401006

Unit Date 1829-1881 and undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Newspaper clippings

Unit ID id27235

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401043

Unit Date 1829 and undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Notes and newspaper clippings

Unit ID id27236

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401044

Unit Date 1859-1881 and undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Notes

Unit ID id27237

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401045

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Series 10: Photographs

Unit ID id27238

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401007

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Unidentified man

Unit ID id27239

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401046

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Scope and Contents

Possibly Richard H. Patchin

Series 11: Acc. 2010.406: Addition

Unit ID id71868

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/401008

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)