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**COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name: **Bowdle, Daniel (1796-1876)** **MC 1998.3**

Material: Family Papers (1762-1932)

Volume: 0.75 linear feet (Document Boxes 1-2, Oversized Folders 1-3, 1 Photograph Folder)

Donation: Gift of Miss Rebecca Hart Shriver, 1960-62

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

The Bowdle Family was one of the founding families on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. One important line in this family are the descendants of Henry Bowdle. Henry Bowdle, Jr., was born in 1757 in Talbot County, Maryland. In 1778 he took the Oath of Allegiance and fought with the Maryland Militia during the Revolutionary War. On November 5, 1779, Henry married Ruth Mulliken, and the couple ultimately had eleven children.

One of the eleven children, Daniel Bowdle, was born on January 27, 1796. In 1827, Daniel left Baltimore and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon his arrival in Cincinnati, Daniel worked at the Records Office assisting in recording deeds. In August 1828, he began working at the Clerk's Office of Hamilton County. On October 17, 1832, he married Catherine Dickey, the daughter of Patrick and Margaret Dickey. Their son, Daniel Dickey Bowdle, was born July 16, 1835. In February 1837, Daniel Bowdle left his post at the County Clerk's office to become the Clerk to the Agent of the Bank of the United States, where he continued to work throughout his life. On June 26, 1837, Catherine Dickey Bowdle died, and Daniel never remarried.

Daniel Dickey Bowdle married Eleanor Eyre Doran of Attleboro, Pennsylvania on January 30, 1862. Their son, Stanley Eyre Bowdle, was born on September 4, 1868. Daniel Dickey Bowdle died only eight years later, on October 13, 1876.

In 1889 Stanley graduated from the Cincinnati School of Law. On November 29, 1900, he married Lillian Crane Scott of New York. In 1912, he was a member of the Ohio Constitutional Convention. He served as a Democratic member of the 63<sup>rd</sup> United States Congress (1913-1915) representing the First Ohio District. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in both 1914 and 1916. He also served as mayor of Clifton, Ohio. Stanley died in an automobile accident on April 16, 1919. His sister, Eleanor Eyre Bowdle Shriver, was active as

president of the Philadelphia chapters of both the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Daughters of Founders and Patriots. Her daughter, Miss Rebecca Hart Shriver, donated this collection to Dickinson College.

Another branch of the Bowdle family had a small connection to Dickinson College. Amos Bowdle, brother of Daniel Bowdle, had a son who attended Dickinson College. William James Bowdle was born on October 8, 1834 in Church Creek, Maryland. He graduated from Dickinson in 1854 and went on to practice medicine. William James Bowdle died on August 1, 1876.

## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Bowdle Family Papers are housed in two document boxes, two oversized folders, and one photograph folder, and are arranged into four basic categories: Correspondence, Legal Papers, and Miscellaneous Materials, and Photographs. The bulk of these materials are correspondence between Daniel Bowdle (1796-1876) and his relatives and business associates.

The Correspondence section of this collection contains letters which have been arranged alphabetically by author, and then chronologically. The great majority of the letters was written by or to Daniel Bowdle. Correspondents include his brother Amos, his sisters Ann, Julia, and Nancy, and his nieces and nephews Amanda, Benjamin, Francis Isabel, Maria, Robert, William H., and William James (Dickinson College, Class of 1854). The bulk of the letters details family and local news of Talbot County, Maryland, and news of Daniel Bowdle and his son Daniel Dickey Bowdle in Cincinnati.

The Legal Papers section of the collection is composed mainly of wills, deeds, and leases of the Bowdle and Dickey families. These papers are arranged alphabetically by the individual with whom these papers deal. Of particular note are the papers of Patrick Dickey involving a case of disputed land in Mason County, Virginia. This case between the heirs of Patrick Dickey and the heirs of John Stewart lasted from 1829 to 1838. Also of note in this section are papers conveyed between Daniel Gano and future president General William Henry Harrison as officers of the court of common pleas in Hamilton County, Ohio. Several deeds to the Dickey estate are housed in two oversized folders.

The Miscellaneous Materials section contains a variety of interesting news clippings and memorabilia of the Bowdle Family, all arranged alphabetically by family member. A great deal of material about Stanley Eyre Bowdle can be found here. Of particular note among the miscellany is the certificate discharging Nicholas Hart from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental Army in 1783, and a 40 shilling note of Pennsylvania currency dated 1772. Several miscellaneous newspaper items have been separated out due to their size and are housed in an oversized folder.

The Photographs section contains numerous images of Bowdle Family members and descendants, all listed alphabetically. These photographs are all housed in a single folder, designated PC 1998.3, within the photograph collection.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### BOX 1 - MC 1998.3

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- |            |                                      |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Folder 01) | Bowdle, Amanda                       |                                |
|            | Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1847-1850 |                                |
| Folder 02) | Bowdle, Amos                         |                                |
|            | Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1827-1849 |                                |
| Folder 03) | Bowdle, Ann                          |                                |
|            | Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1846      |                                |
|            | Bowdle, Benjamin                     |                                |
|            | Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1822-1826 |                                |
| Folder 04) | Bowdle, Daniel                       |                                |
|            | Nov. 17, 1836                        | Letter to Dr. Rufus Haymond    |
|            | Aug. 10, 1837                        | Letter to John Snyder          |
|            | July 13, 1841                        | Letter to George Jenkins       |
|            | Dec. 17, 1844                        | Letter to V. Worthington       |
|            | Mar. 18, 1845                        | Letter to Nancy Bowdle         |
|            | Apr. 22, 1845                        | Letter to Nancy Bowdle         |
|            | June 28, 1845                        | Letter to Mr. Cary             |
|            | June 28, 1845                        | Letter to Mrs. Thomas          |
|            | Dec. 4, 1845                         | Letter to Nancy Bowdle         |
|            | Apr. 29, 1846                        | Letter to V. Worthington       |
|            | Nov. 10, 1846                        | Letter to Ann Bowdle           |
|            | Mar. 2, 1847                         | Letter to Amanda Bowdle        |
|            | June 28, 1847                        | Letter to Nancy Bowdle         |
| Folder 05) | Bowdle, Daniel                       |                                |
|            | Mar. 15, 1848                        | Letter to Amanda Bowdle        |
|            | Mar. 22, 1848                        | Letter to William Bain         |
|            | July 12, 1848                        | Letter to William H. Bowdle    |
|            | Sept. 18, 1848                       | Letter to Thomas Jenkins       |
|            | Oct. 2, 1848                         | Letter to Thomas Jenkins       |
|            | Jan. 31, 1849                        | Letter to Amanda Bowdle        |
|            | Aug. 4, 1849                         | Letter to George Jenkins       |
|            | Aug. 13, 1849                        | Letter to Amos Bowdle          |
|            | Sept. 26, 1849                       | Letter to Maria Bowdle         |
|            | Nov. 26, 1849                        | Letter to Amanda Bowdle        |
|            | Dec. 12, 1849                        | Letter to William James Bowdle |
| Folder 06) | Bowdle, Daniel                       |                                |
|            | Apr. 12, 1850                        | Letter to William James Bowdle |
|            | Apr. 17, 1850                        | Letter to Maria Bowdle         |
|            | Dec. 2, 1850                         | Letter to William James Bowdle |
|            | Sept. 20, 1852                       | Letter to George Jenkins       |
|            | Nov. 17, 1852                        | Letter to George Jenkin        |

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- Folder 06) Bowdle, Daniel  
Nov. 26, 1852 Letter to Susan Willis  
Jan. 26, 1853 Letter to Maria Bowdle  
Jan. 29, 1853 Letter to Julia Bowdle  
Aug. 13, 1853 Letter to Robert Bowdle  
Dec. 17, 1853 Letter to Dr. G. Bailey  
Apr. 17, 1854 Letter to Thomas Stevens, Jr.  
Undated [c1836] Draft of letter to Robert Brackenridge, Jr.
- Folder 07) Bowdle, Francis Isabel  
Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1853-1854  
Bowdle, Julia  
Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1825-1853
- Folder 08) Bowdle, Maria L.  
Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1849-1853
- Folder 09) Bowdle, Nancy  
Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1845-1850
- Folder 10) Bowdle, Robert H.  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle - Aug. 24, 1853  
Bowdle, William H.  
Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1848  
Bowdle, William James  
Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1849-1850
- Folder 11) Brackenridge, Robert, Jr.  
Letter to Catherine Bowdle and Margaret Duffield – June 4, 1834  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle – May 7, 1836  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle – Aug. 29, 1836  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle – Nov. 7, 1836
- Folder 12) Cockey, John H.  
Letter to William James Bowdle - June 26, 1827  
Colton, Rev. Dr. C.  
Letters to Daniel Bowdle - undated  
Cummings, Edward H.  
Letter to Charles Duffield - Oct. 12, 1839  
Duffield, Charles  
Letter to Daniel Dickey Bowdle - July 2, 1883
- Folder 13) Fitzgerald, J. J.  
Letter to Daniel Dickey Bowdle - Mar. 12, 1884  
Hanly, Mrs. M. A.  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle - Feb. 23, 1836  
Hart, William  
Letter to Henry Lyndale - Jan. 6, 1859  
Henderson, Charles  
Letters to Margaret Dickey - 1816

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- Folder 14) Jenkins, George  
Letters to Daniel Bowdle - 1841-1853  
Jones, Michael  
Letter to Patrick Dickey - Dec. 9, 1806  
Kirby, T.  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle - Apr. 21, 1849  
Lloyd, James  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle - Sept. 12, 1848  
Lloyd, Louisa  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle - Nov. 10, 1848
- Folder 15) McNicoll, Peter  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle - Jan. 12, 1829  
Moore, J. Hampton  
Letter to Mrs. George Howard Shriver - Aug. 8, 1932  
Prigg, Joseph, Jr.  
Letter to William Prigg - Dec. 4, 1827  
Pugh, Achilles  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle - July 18, 1852  
Stephen, R. H.  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle - Sept. 5, ?  
Van Tuyl, Dr. D. B.  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle - Mar. 19, 1846  
Willis, Nicholas  
Letter to Daniel Bowdle - Feb. 4, 1853

**LEGAL PAPERS**

- Folder 16) Ballantine, Matilda  
Will - Feb. 17, 1873  
Bowdle, Catherine D. and Eleanor E.  
Quit Claim Deed from Thomas and Laura E. Watts - July 27, 1905  
Bowdle, Daniel  
Lease to Lewis Martz - Jan. 1, 1835  
Papers regarding Lafayette Bank and Clifton Farm - 1843-1849  
Summons for Jury Duty - 1852  
Will and Probate Entries - 1876
- Folder 17) Bowdle, Daniel and Daniel Dickey  
Lease to John Hans - Aug. 1, 1865  
Dickey, Margaret  
Deed of Trust to Aaron G. Gano - 1832
- Folder 18) Dickey, Patrick  
Papers regarding land dispute in Virginia - 1808-1836
- Folder 19) Dickey, Patrick  
Papers regarding settlement of Estate - 1816-1841

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- Folder 20) Dickey, Patrick  
Leases between Dickey Estate and various individuals - 1824-1826
- Folder 21) Franklin, Benjamin  
Mortgages for properties on Spruce St., Philadelphia - 1836-1845
- Folder 22) Gano, Daniel  
Court of Common Pleas fees, Hamilton County - 1834-1835  
Order for payment to George Smith - June 20, 1836
- Folder 23) Hart Family  
Will of Nicholas Hart - Oct. 15, 1817  
Will of Rachel Hart - July 13, 1821  
William Hart Estate administration - Mar. 12, 1845  
Will of John M. Hart - July 26, 1853
- Folder 24) Hughes, Mary  
Inventory of personal property - undated
- Symmes, John Cleves  
Deed of sale to Patrick Dickey (Cincinnati Lot #30) - Aug. 4, 1795
- Townsend, Charles  
Will - Jan. 31, 1775

**MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS**

- Folder 25) Brant, Mrs. Mary Bowdle  
Memorial printed in Triangle News, Vol. III, No. 2 by the  
Canton, Ohio Y.W.C.A. - Feb. 1926
- Bowdle, Daniel  
Bills and receipts - 1819-1832  
Cincinnati College, 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Commencement - Mar. 3, 1836  
Cincinnati Observatory, Circular - May 25  
Farmer's College, Hamilton County, Circular - Mar. 21, 1848
- Folder 26) Bowdle, Daniel Dickey  
Birth announcement for daughter - July 13, 1874  
Collegiate Institute, Weekly School Report - Feb. 14, 1857  
Description of illness - Nov. 10, 1840  
Receipts and accounts - 1887-1894  
Newspaper obituary - Dec. 21, 1904
- Bowdle, Ellen E.  
"In Memoriam" - undated
- Bowdle, Eleanor Eyre (Mrs. George Howard Shriver)  
Concert program - Sep. 15, 1901  
Daughters of American Revolution, agenda - Feb. 1932  
Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, ballot - Jan. 1932  
Newspaper clipping, wedding announcement

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### MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS (cont.)

- Folder 01) Bowdle, Stanley Eyre  
Speech on Women's Suffrage before the Ohio Constitutional Convention - undated  
The Reclamation of the Arid West - July 12, 1911  
H.R. 17801 (introduced by Stanley Bowdle) - July 9, 1914  
Woman Suffrage - Jan. 15, 1915  
"Tribute" in Ohio Law Reporter - June 2, 1919  
"Memorial" in Ohio Law Bulletin - June 9, 1919
- Folder 02) Memorial, Cincinnati Bar Association - May 26, 1919
- Folder 03) Miscellaneous newspaper clippings
- Folder 04) Bowdle, William Doran  
Unsigned composition regarding his death on Jan. 31, 1886  
Bowdle Family  
Coat of Arms  
Genealogy notes
- Folder 05) Dickey, Catherine (Mrs. Daniel Bowdle)  
Several handwritten pages of poetry  
Dickey, Margaret  
Fire Insurance Policy, Ohio Insurance Company - Feb. 18, 1831  
Doran, Eleanor Eyre (Mrs. Daniel Dickey Bowdle)  
Token of Esteem signed by Preston Eyre  
Hart, Nicholas  
Army discharge, 3<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania - Sep. 9, 1783
- Folder 06) Shriver, George Howard  
Autograph album - Dec. 25, 1880
- Folder 07) Willis, Clara Amy  
"A Prophecy" - June 8, 1893
- Folder 08) Ephemera

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### LEGAL PAPERS

- Folder 01) Bentham, Robert  
Deed of sale to Patrick Dickey (Cincinnati lot #57) - Dec. 11, 1797  
Dickey, Catharine and Margaret  
Quit claim deed from Joseph and Mary Brackenridge - Mar. 15, 1824  
Kelshimer, Francis  
Deed of sale to Patrick Dickey - Apr. 15, 1813  
Hart, John  
Commission as Inspector of Tobacco - Mar. 26, 1836

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### LEGAL PAPERS (cont.)

- Folder 02) Penrose, Thomas  
Deed to Charles Woolfall for Philadelphia lots - Nov. 30, 1762  
Rathburn, Thomas  
Deed of sale to Patrick Dickey - undated  
Taylor, Henry  
Account of the estate of Henry Taylor - Dec. 15, 1801  
Townsend, Charles and Joseph  
Deed to John Townsend - Mar. 25, 1811

### MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

- Folder 03) *The Cincinnati Chronicle* - July 1, 1837  
Notice of death of Catherine Bowdle  
*Cincinnati Commercial* - Mar. 12, 1882  
Clipping regarding Junius Brutus Booth, actor  
*The Morning Enquirer*, Battle Creek, MI - Sep. 14, 1905  
Clipping regarding Eleanor Eyre Bowdle  
*Ulster County Gazette*, Kingston, NY, Vol. II #88 - Jan. 4, 1800

## **PHOTOGRAPHS - PC 1998.3**

- Folder 01) Bowdle, Daniel Dickey - color photo of childhood portrait (c.1845) - Feb. 1961  
Bowdle, Edward (son of Daniel Dickey Bowdle) - c.1880  
Bowdle, Eleanor Eyre (Mrs. George Howard Shriver)  
in costume - Feb. 4, 1894  
color photo - Feb. 1961  
Doran, Eleanor Eyre (Mrs. Daniel Dickey Bowdle) - c.1865  
Shriver, Rebecca Hart  
color photo at home ("Doll House") - c.1960  
color photo of Doll House entrance - c.1960

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