

INVENTORY---R.M. BONSON COLLECTION
(Richard Manter Bonson)
March 1987

I. DIARIES:

1. Day book and account book (1841) (Robert Bonson, great-grandfather to Richard M. Bonson) [Whiteside-Swaledale, Yorkshire, England] Mining activities. 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" paper-boards (hand-sewn), 40 pp.
2. Diary of Robert Bonson (1847-1848) [Whiteside-Swaledale, Yorkshire, England] 4 1/2" x 7 1/2" leather cover (hand-sewn). 82 pp. [cover has name Hannah Spensley written on outside and William Spensley written on inside]
3. Day Book of Robert Bonson (1837) [Big Patch and Catfish, Wisconsin Territory] No cover (hand-sewn) 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" 42 pp.
4. Memorandum book of John Spensley (son of Richard Spensley and Alice Bonson) (1838-1840) [Dubuque, Wisconsin Territory] 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" Paper cover (hand-sewn) 74 pp.
- α 5. Account book of William Spensley (1829-1841) [Swaledale mining activities, Yorkshire, England] 108 pp. Also in same book: Account book of Robert Bonson (1829-1852) 20 pp. 4 1/4" x 7" Vellum-bound w/metal clasp
- .6. Ledger book --inventory of estate of Richard Bonson (27 April 1883) Cash accounts for probate of estate 1883-1891 7 1/2" x 12 1/2" Bound 64 pp. (first six pages contain geometry equations)
7. British passport of Joseph Watts (June 8, 1859) [Manchester, England] Joseph was brother of Harriett Watts [Bonson] who was second wife of Richard Bonson (Black leather pouch)
8. Arithmetic school notebook (Perhaps of Richard Bonson as one page reads Richard Bonson began school Oct. 19, 1826) 6" x 8" 79 pp. (32 pp. math problems, remaining 47 pp. blank)
9. Diary of Richard & Jane Bonson (1840) 4" x 6" (Hand-sewn, several loose pages) 92 pp.
10. Diary of Richard Bonson (?) (1842) 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" (Leather cover) 88 pp.

11. Diary of Richard Bonson (?)(May-Aug. 1869) 3 1/2" x 7" (Leather pouch, light brown) 126 pp.
12. Diary of Richard Bonson (?) (May - Sept.1862) 3 1/2" x 5 1/2" (Leather pouch) 62 pp. [Misc. entries for 1871,1872,1873 and back of book Aug.-Sept 1867 and Aug.-Sept. 1880]
13. Ledger of Richard Bonson (1845-1851) 8" x 12 3/4" Leather-bound "R.B." #5 stamped on spine 82 pp. Also in back is Diary of Leonard H. Pearson (Nov. 1868-June 1870) 30 pp.
14. Day book of Richard Bonson (1840-1847) 6" x 15" Bound half-leather boards 124 pp. In back are ledger accounts for Catfish Blast Furnace 1839-1841, 46 pp.
15. Diary of Richard Bonson (1847-1861) 6" x 15" Bound half-leather boards, 428 pp. (pages loose at hinge)
16. Diary of Richard Bonson (1862-1874) 8 1/2" x 13" Bound full leather w/gold trim "Record" stamped on spine, 640 pp.
17. Diary of Richard Bonson (1874-1886) 6" x 15 1/2" Bound full leather "Day Book" stamped on spine (tightly bound), 725 pp.
18. Diary of Harriett (Watts) Bonson (second wife of Richard Bonson) (1887-1895) 8 1/2" x 13" Bound half-leather "Day Book": stamped on spine (tightly bound), 570 pp.
19. Diary of Harriett (Watts) Bonson (1895-1897) 8" x 12 1/2" Leather bound "Day Book" stamped on spine, 214 pp. (In back of book are newspaper clippings pasted to pages in scrapbook fashion)
20. Diary of Harriett (Watts) Bonson (1897-1903) 8" x 13" Leather bound "Day Book" stamped on spine 400 pp. Also included is Diary of Alice (Manter) Bonson, wife of Robert Bonson, son of Harriett & Richard Bonson (Mar.-May 1904). Also two pages of addendum by Richard Manter Bonson (March 1970), son of Robert and Alice Bonson. Also remaining 65 pp. are ledger and accounts of Richard Bonson (1851-1852).

II. OTHER MATERIALS:

1. Proceedings of the Convention of the National Democratic Party 1896
(Indianapolis, IN.) (Sentinel Printing Co., 1896) .

2. The Iowa Legislature of 1896 by Willis L. Hall (signed by author) (Des Moines, 1895) [Spine broken, front board loose]
3. Working correspondence files of Richard Manter Bonson concerning the compilation of the Bonson family history (1 metal file box)

III. MISC. ITEMS: (Booklets, Leaflets, Pamphlets, Etc.)

1. Lincoln Minster, Evening (Postcard) n.d.
2. The Floral Clock (Postcard) n.d.
3. Edinburgh, Scotland's Capital City (Map) n.d.
4. The Forth Bridges (Postcard) .n.d.
5. London Map (stamped "The Travel Shop, Ltd.") n.d.
6. London: Quick Guide and Map, BTA 1972 . (stamped as above)
7. Britain: A Map for Motorists. British Tourist Authority, 1976.
8. Envelope addressed to Richard Bonson; return address: Layon Hall.

Contents of envelope:

1. Short handwritten note to Bonson from Hall re: book and Bonson's great grandfather
2. One-page typed cover letter from Hall to Bonson re: enclosed xerox copies of pamphlets. March 17, 1985.
3. Six-pages. xerox copy entitled, "The Amazing Pennsylvania Canals" by The Historical Society of York County, 1965.
4. Five-page xerox copy entitled "The Canals of Pennsylvania and the System of Internal Improvements" by Theodore B. Klein, 1901.
9. Muker, Swaledale, Yorkshire (Postcard) n.d.
10. Reeth, Swaledale. (4 x 6" "Local History Card") n.d.
11. Richmond, Yorkshire (4 x 6 " "Local History Card") n.d.
12. Lead Mining in the Yorkshire Dales (4 x6" "Local History Card") n.d.
13. The Kings Arms Hotel (advertising pamphlet) n.d.
14. Thwaite (Postcard) n.d.

15. Muker and the Valley of the Swale. (Postcard) n.d.
16. Kearton Guest House, Thwaite. (Postcard) n.d.
17. Keld Village . (Postcard) n.d.
18. Richmond Castle , North Yorkshire. Air view . (Postcard) n.d.
19. Richmond Castle, North Yorkshire. View from across the river Swale.(Postcard) n.d.
20. Mounted color photo of the Star Brewery . n.d..
21. Black/white postcard , class in Prescott School. n.d.
22. Black/white postcard , Prescott School Class B5. n.d.
23. Official Guide: Cheadle and Gatley. 32 pages. n.d.
24. Galena , Ill.: A Panorama of Architectural History. (Map) 1974
25. "The Passing of the Backhouse" by James Whitcomb Riley . (one page typed poem) n.d.
26. Untitled poem ("stretching away on every side") (two pages typed) n.d.
27. Two aerogrammes and eleven 3 x 5" pages of notes . re: Bonson family geneology. Letters dated March 12 and 19, 1977.
28. Town Hall, Abney Cheadle . 32 page historical brochure. 1972
29. Ordnance Survey: Reeth Sheet SE 09 . n.d.
30. Britain: The Great Experience. 64 page brochure. ca. 1976
31. Lincoln : A Living Cathedral. 36 pages. 1972.
32. The City of Lincoln (visitors' guide). 24 pages. 1975
33. Lincoln Cathedral (visitors' guide). 24 pages . 1976
34. Bonson geneology. comp. by R.M. Bonson,112 pages spiral bound (XEROX COPY)
35. East Anglia Map and Gazetteer. n.d.
36. Westminster Abbey (visitors' guide). 24 pages .1975

37. History at Salisbury Cathedral, by Rena Gardiner and Canon R.S. Dawson. 48 pages, 1967.
38. Salisbury Cathedral, aerial view. (Postcard) n.d.
39. The Nave , Salisbury Cathedral (Postcard) n.d.
40. Salisbury Cathedral, west front (Postcard) n.d.
41. The Medieval Clock of Salisbury Cathedral. (4 page pamphlet) n.d.
42. Salisbury Cathedral, (visitors' guide). 24 pages. 1976
43. Winchester Cathedral, (visitors' guide). 24 pages . 1976
44. Offical Guide : Edinburgh Castle . 37 pages . n.d.
45. Offical Guide : The Abbey and Palace of Holyroadhouse. 23 pages n.d.
46. What is Stonehenge? A Guide for Young People. 20 pages. 1975
47. Stonehenge: Dept. of the Enviroment Offical Handbook. 36 pages n.d.
48. Legendary History and Folklore of Stonehenge, by L.V. Grinsell
23pages 1975
49. The Crown Jewels: Dept. of the Enviroment Offical Guidebook. 11
pages 1967
50. Richmond Castle: Dept. of the Enviroment Offical Handbook. 24 pages.
n.d.
51. Ordnance Survey : Askrigg sheet SD 99 n.d.
52. The Amazing Pennsylvania Canals, by William H. Shank., P. E. 128
pages 1981.
53. Swaledale by Lucie Henson and Lawrence Barker 28-page brochure
1976
54. Lead Mining in the Yorkshire Dales,by Arthur Raistrick. 29 pages
1975
55. The Dalesman's Yorkshire Annual, 95 pages. 1974
56. Award Certificate for Robert Bonson for an "I" in Baseball from the
University of Iowa Jan. 14, 1927

57. Typescript letter to Wm. Cook, Louis Lapage and Michael Conoly from Harriet Bonson (Sept. 25, 1890) notifying expiration of lease
58. Resolutions of Dubuque Bar Association adopted upon death of Robert Bonson (Dec. 19, 1933) 2 pp. typescript
59. 16 shares of stock in Royal-Princess Mining Co. Jo Daviess County, IL (May 15, 1917) purchased by Robert Bonson
60. Letter from Frank Stout Robert Bonson (Dec. 31, 1924) Xmas greetings (holograph copy in envelope)
61. Phrenology chart for Robert Bonson (Dec. 18, 1846) (folded)
62. Original copy of Telegraph-Herald (Feb. 2, 1883) (Contains two articles about Robert Bonson)
63. Misc. original newspaper clippings re: Robert Bonson
64. 4 picture post cards (a) Iowa Senate Chamber 1896
(b). Prescott Grade School class
(c). Main Street Bismarck, MO.
(d) Bonson's home in Manchester, England