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Introduction

Correspondence, photographs, wills, military records, leases, contracts, and miscellaneous material of the Kirby, Ridgway, Lightholder, and related families, 1860s-1930s. The papers document the lives of family members at a Quaker farming community in New Jersey and their moves westward to Jefferson City and St. Louis, Missouri, and later California.

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Box 1
Introduction to Kirby-Ridgway-Lightholder Family Papers by Roger Ellis Lightholder
Family Documents #1-364 and unnumbered (35 envelopes)
Calculations for projecting eclipses, 1846

Box 2
Genealogy/family trees
Photographs
  Tintypes
  William Lightholder home in Ireland
  Woody and Joe Lightholder and sons (2 envelopes)
  Col. Ellwood and Florence Kirby and children, Robert H., Ella, and Anna
  Robert H. Kirby
  Unidentified
  Lightholders
  Various locations
  Ridgways
  Family collage photos
  Related families
  Miniature portraits (6)
  Robert H. Kirby (framed)
Photograph albums (4)

Box 3
Working papers and correspondence (2 folders)
Lightholder genealogy
Unassociated envelopes
Colonial currency
“Lightholder of Ireland and America, Vol. 1-3,” Linda Lightholder Kmiecik
Tombstone by William Hattich
Ridgway-Ridgway Family History, Lelah Ridgway Vought
General Theory of Bridge Construction, Herman Haupt, 1863
The Elements of Natural Philosophy, Sidney A. Norton, 1870

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Photograph of Ella Kirby
Glass plate negatives (small box)
Col. Ellwood Kirby’s Elgin railroad pocket watch
Joe Lightholder’s WPA meat inspector badge
Braid with tassels worn by Col. Ellwood Kirby during the Civil War

OVERSIZE (Ellis SU-18, Box 2)
Drawing, “The Old Ridgway Manor House,” 1881
Photograph, Site of the “Old Ridgway Manor House,” 1879
Astral projection for eclipse of the sun in 1846, c. 1846
Astral projection for eclipse of the sun in 1869, 1846