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Biography
The Foster and Layton families, one northern, the other southern, were related by marriage. What little is known of either family is contained in evidence discovered in this collection. Charles Foster was an Indiana school teacher in the early years of the 19th century. Three Foster brothers, possibly Charles' sons, J.M., E.T. and John, lived during the Civil War years in Indianapolis. A Dr. William A. Foster, residence and age unknown, was the nephew of a Dr. Joseph Layton, who practiced medicine in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana just before the Civil War.

Scope and Content
This collection includes: a school record (no location) written by Charles Foster (1836), listing the number of days students have attended class; an letter, from Foster brothers, J.M. and E.T., in the 54th Regiment at Burnside Barracks, Indianapolis, to their brother John (1862); an inventory (1861) of the estate of Dr. Joseph Layton; and two daguerreotypes.
BOX 1: FOSTER-LAYTON COLLECTION

1.1: "SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE," JUNE 24, 1836. By Charles Foster. [School District 1 (?) Township no. 10, range no. "That I commenced on the 2nd day of May 1830 for a time of five months"...list of names and days for each scholar. Also names of students and days for School District 7. [(No name of town or district); document partially torn, upper right corner; figures tallied on reverse, 1 l.]

1.2: INVENTORY OF THE ESTATE OF DR. JOSEPH LAYTON, DECEASED (1861) by John Jay Morter(? recorder of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana. [Includes Slaves and their dollar value, horses and equipment, medicines and surgical instruments, cash on hand, bills receivable, book account notations, lists names and dollar amounts. Total inventory worth $10,839.15, 15 pp.]

1.3: TO BROTHER JOHN FROM L.M. FOSTER & E.G.(OR T) FOSTER, INDIANAPOLIS, 11-19-1862.

1.4: DAGUERREOTYPES
   - Two women. [Note states woman on right is Wm. A Foster's grandmother Foster. Woman on left is Dr. Foster's Aunt, both of Ohio; black embossed case, gilt inset, hinge broken]
   - Dr. Joseph Layton, identified by note as uncle of Dr. Wm A. Foster. [black embossed case, red velvet inside, cracked glass, damaged photo]