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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections
Creator:	Hawkins family (John R. Hawkins, 1809-1882)
Title:	Hawkins family papers
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Date:	1792-1949, 1977, 1979
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Biographical Note

John R. Hawkins came to America in 1828 from Hardwick, Oxford County, England and settled in Michigan. In the 1830s, John R. Hawkins purchased 160 acres of land in Rollin Township, Lenawee Township, Michigan, from his wife's parents, Henry and Elizabeth Hayward, and this land has remained in the family since that time. Sixty acres of the original land was part of a 450-acre farm owned by his great grandson, John Henry Hawkins. The property was designated a Centennial Farm by the Michigan Historical Commission.

John Henry Hawkins graduated from Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University) in 1929 with a B.A. in Forestry.

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Scope and Contents

The Hawkins family papers contain documents collected by four generations of the Hawkins family. The heads of these four generations are John R. Hawkins (1809-1882); son, Henry J. Hawkins (1843-1915); grandson, John R. Hawkins (1881-1957); and great grandson, John Henry Hawkins (1907-2005).

Most of the correspondence contained in the collection consists of letters (1850-1864) received by John R. Hawkins and his wife, Hannah, from family members and friends, most of whom lived in Rochester, New York. The letters discuss illnesses, occupations, births, and deaths of family members, etc. The collection also contains letters (1848-1866) sent to John R. by George P. Hester of Oxford, England, which convey general news of family and friends, and discuss current events and economic conditions in England. Other letters in the correspondence originated from Chicago, Illinois, Chili Centre, New York, Los Angeles, California, and Brockport, New York.

The Hawkins family papers also include property deeds (1837-1944) and personal wills of John Hawkins of England and his wife, Hannah T. Hawkins. The first will, written in 1792, includes a detailed map showing the estate of "John Hawkins of Hardwick, in the county of Oxford," including a home, farm buildings, grounds, orchards, and a mill.

Other items in the collection include account books, a patent deed, receipts, insurance receipts, plat maps, and published materials on the Hawkins family. The patent deed (1862) was issued to John R. Hawkins and others who bought shares in the Alexander Anderson Company which manufactured cultivators.

The documents in the collection are a mixed of originals and photocopies.

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Custodial History

Gift of John Henry Hawkins, 1987-08-21.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Cultivators
- Patents
- Brockport (N.Y.)
- Chili (N.Y. : Town)
- Lenawee County (Mich.)
- Oxford (England)
- Rochester (N.Y.)
- Rollin (Mich. : Township)
- Account books
- Contracts for deeds
- Deeds
- Family histories
- Letters (correspondence)
- Maps

- Hawkins, John R., 1881-1957
- Hawkins, John R., 1809-1882
- Hawkins, Hanna Hayward
- Hawkins, Henry J., 1843-1915

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence, 1848-1946	box 6240	folder 1
Property Deeds, 1837-1944	box 6240	folder 2
Mortgages, Leases, and Land Contracts, 1872-1942	box 6240	folder 3
Wills, 1792-1881	box 6240	folder 4
Miscellaneous Documents, 1848	box 6240	folder 4
Account Book, 1876-1882	box 6240	folder 5
Account Book, 1876-1882	box 6240	folder 6
Patent Deed, 1867	box 6240	folder 7
Receipts, 1855-1902, 1977, 1979	box 6240	folder 8
Insurance Receipts, 1869-1876	box 6240	folder 9
Plat Maps [photocopies of hand drawn maps], 1967, 1980, undated	box 6240	folder 10
Miscellaneous [photocopies]	box 6240	folder 11
Family History, Genealogy	box 6240	folder 12
Bank Note, 1840	box 6240	folder 13