

# AUSTIN H. BROWN PAPER, 1892

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## USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 item

COLLECTION DATE: 1892

PROVEVAVCE: Austin H. Brown (grandson), Indianapolis, August 1947

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OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: BV 2629, Austin H. Brown Scrapbook

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Austin H. Brown (1828-1903) was born at Milroy in Rush County, Indiana. His father was William J. Brown (1805-1857), a Kentucky native who came to Indiana and had a considerable career in Democratic politics, as Indiana Secretary of State and State Librarian (1837-1841), U. S. Representative (1843-1845, 1849-1851), Assistant Postmaster General (1845-1849), and editor of the State Sentinel (1850-1855).

Austin Brown moved to Indianapolis with his family in 1837, and attended Asbury University. He spent several years

in Washington, D. C., in the auditor's office, then worked with his father on the State Sentinel. During the Civil War he was Assistant Adjutant General. In 1866 he was appointed collector of internal revenue for the state, and in 1877 he was elected clerk of Marion County. He was a member of the Democratic National Committee.

Sources: Dunn, *Indiana and Indianans*, vol. v pp. 1925-1926  
*Biographical Directory of Indiana Legislature*, vol. I

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### **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection contains one item, the manuscript of a speech given by Austin H. Brown in August 1892 at an Old Settlers meeting in Broad Ripple outside Indianapolis. The speech describes, often with a humorous touch, some of the ways in which early (1820-1830) Indianapolis and Indiana were governed.

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### **CATALOGUING INFORMATION**

MAIN ENTRY: Brown, Austin H., 1828-1903

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Brown, Austin H., 1828-1903

Speeches, addresses, etc., American--Indiana--Indianapolis

Indiana--Politics and government--19th century

Indianapolis (Ind.)--Politics and government--19th century

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