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**CONNER'S MILL
PAPERS, CA. 1938–2012**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Conner's Mill is located in Grant County, Indiana, along the Mississinewa River, near the town of Jalapa. Across the river from the mill is the site of the 1812 Battle of the Mississinewa, ordered by William Henry Harrison in response to the attacks on Fort Wayne and Fort Harrison.

Lorenzo D. Jacobs purchased land along the river near the recently founded town of Jalapa. Jacobs soon built a saw mill and later a grist mill in 1849. The grist mill would later be known as Conner's Mill. The property also included a house for the miller and his family to use.

In 1872, the mill was bought by Nelson Conner and W.J. Conner and became known as Conner's Mill going forward. In the 1900s, ownership of the mill changed hands several times, but continued to be known as Conner's Mill. By 1916, the mill was no longer in operation and pieces of it were removed and used in other mills.

The mill's interior collapsed in 1939 and some of the salvaged timbers were used to build a Gun Club House at the site where the mill house once stood. The house had been destroyed by a fire a year prior. By the 1960s, the only visible remains of the mill were the foundation and an outline of the old saw mill race.

Sources:

Material in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection includes photocopied pictures of Conner's Mill as it was in various times of its history and what remains as of 2012. There are also photocopied images and articles pertaining to the 1812 Mississinewa Battle that occurred across the river from the mill's location. Also included are correspondence, newspaper clippings, and the written history of Conner's Mill. This collection also has a DVD about the history of Conner's Mill from 1849–1921.

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