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**HAYES FAMILY REUNION  
COLLECTION, 1831-2011**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box, 1 half-size manuscript box, 1 oversize manuscript folder, 1 bound volume, 1 half-size box of color photographs, 5 folders photographs, 3 printed items

COLLECTION DATES: 1831-2011

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

The Hayes Family can all trace their lineage back to Henry Hayes, who originally emigrated to the American colonies from England in 1705. Hayes settled in Chester County, Pennsylvania after purchasing 1000 acres of land from William Penn. Hayes' grandson, Captain Joseph Hayes, a veteran of the Revolutionary War, moved his family to Dearborn County, Indiana in 1791. The family now has thousands of descendants, and relatives have met every year since 1905 for the Hayes Family Reunion. The mission of the reunion is to "commemorate the sturdy and courageous qualities of our pioneer and Revolutionary War ancestors who settled in the Ohio Valley at the mouth of the Great Miami River in 1791 and thus became the first families of Ohio and Indiana." The reunion was generally held in Elizabethtown, Ohio, and reunions consist of social hours, dinner, patriotic songs, a religious invocation, a reading of minutes from the prior year's gathering, reports from those elected to leadership in the Hayes Family Reunion organization, and reports on family genealogy. Each year, those attending the reunion also receive a ribbon commemorating that year's gathering.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains information related to the Hayes Family Reunions, including ribbons and programs for most years, beginning in 1907. The collection also contains copies of genealogical resources for the Hayes Family, photographs documenting family reunions, and a few original documents contributed to the collection by Hayes family members.

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