

HILLFOREST HISTORICAL COLLECTION, 1809-1939

Collection #
M 0439
OM 0130
BV 2149-2153

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box, 2 oversize folders, 5 bound volumes
COLLECTION DATES:	1809-1939
PROVENANCE:	Hillforest Historic Foundation, Box 127, Aurora, IN 47001, 22 September 1985
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the Indiana Historical Society
ALTERNATE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
RELATED HOLDINGS:	SC 0964, Lawrenceburgh (deed 1814); See card catalog for numerous references to Aurora, Lawrenceburgh, and Dearborn County
ACCESSION NUMBER:	1985.0909
NOTE:	Two parts of this collection, both having to do with the Civil

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Hillforest is an Italianate mansion, built at 213 Fifth Street, Aurora, Indiana, in 1852-1856 by Thomas Gaff. In recent years it has been owned and preserved by Hillforest Historic Foundation. Over the decade 1975-1985 the Foundation collected some historical documents from Dearborn County. These documents were transferred to Indiana Historical Society in 1985.

The two main towns in Dearborn County are Aurora and Lawrenceburgh. Cochran is just west of Aurora. Guionville is on the southern border of Dearborn County; its post office has been interchanged with that of Milton Mills in adjacent Ohio County.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling one small manuscript box, two oversize folders, and five bound volumes, contains correspondence, deeds, a commission, broadsides, ledgers, and a scrapbook, covering the years 1809-1939. The common feature of the items is an origin in Dearborn County, and the best description is a folder listing, which follows.

A few items are unusual. One diary page in Folder 4 describes how Aurora greeted news of the fall of Santiago in 1898. BV 2149 is a ledger, which began in 1816 as the treasurer's book of the Lawrenceburgh Bridge Company; the back pages of the book were then used by a store in 1827-1853. BV 2151 contains handwritten issues of the Echo, a journal maintained by the Cochran Forum, a literary club; a printed issue of the Echo is found in OM 0130, Folder 2. BV 2153 contains the minutes of Aurora Associated Charities from 1910 to 1933; the full minutes for 1932-1933 give a good picture of how one town faced its responsibilities during the depth of the Great Depression.

FOLDER LISTING

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	Regulations for substantiating claims to pensions 1817
2	Letter, A. M. Mariner to Cobb & Co. 1854
3	Material on Cobb family 1939
4	Miscellaneous-- 2 undated, one 1898
5	OM 0130 Tax broadsides 1847, 1850; Deed 1810; Commission of Isaac Hunter 1856; Cochran Echo 1874; Kentucky Thanksgiving proclamation 1875
6	Ledger, Lawrenceburgh 1809-1826
7	Ledger 1840-1841
8	Account book, Joshua Wilson and Simon Conaway, Guionville 1852-1853
9	Bound Volumes

BV 2149 - Ledger, Lawrenceburgh Bridge Co. 1816 Store 1827-1853

BV 2150 - Day book, Hunter & O'Brien, Lawrenceburgh 1877-1881

BV 2151 - Notebook, Cochran Echo 1871-1874 (see Folder 5)

BV 2152 - [Emmet O'Brien's] scrapbook ca 1863 (posted in John F. Smith's ledger 1833)

BV 2153 - Minute book, Aurora Consolidated Charities 1910-1933

CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's [online catalog](#)
2. Click on the "Local Catalog" icon.
3. Search for the collection by its call number, using the letter or letters designation and **four** digits (e.g., M 0715, SC 2234).
4. When you find the collection, go to the "Holdings" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.

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