

**Collection #
SC 3108**

**INDIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUTOGRAPH BOOK, 1877**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Speaker of the House for the 1877 session of the Indiana House of Representatives was John Overmyer of Jennings County. The Principal Clerk was Cyrus T. Nixon of Marion County, the Assistant Clerk was James W. Cole of Tippecanoe County, and the Principal Doorkeeper was Lancaster D. Baldwin of Grant County. There were thirty-four standing committees and four joint committees.

John Overmyer was an attorney-at-law in North Vernon, Indiana. He was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, on November 18, 1844. He received his bachelor degree from Asbury (now DePauw) University. In 1867 he entered Law School in Indianapolis. He was admitted to the bar in March 1868, and made his practice in North Vernon, Indiana. He retired in 1909. He was involved in various areas of Indiana politics from 1868–1900. He married Mary Sherfey on October 30, 1870, and they had three children. He died on May 17, 1919.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This bound autograph book contains approximately 120 signatures from both Republicans and Democrats working in the Indiana House of Representatives. Autographs mostly include county representatives, including speaker John Overmyer, although there are also autographs from clerks, journalists, and pages. Some of the autographs include biographical information (birthdates, occupation, county). The House members were employed in a variety of occupations, including lawyer, farmer, bridge builder, manufacturer, merchant, mason, trader, physician, miller, banker, school teacher, live stock seller, carpenter, editor, publisher, and real estate agent.

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