INDIANA DELEGATE LIST TO WHIG NATIONAL CONVENTION DOCUMENT, 1844

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The Whig party formed in 1834 by combining National Republicans and Anti-Masons opposed to the political ideology of Andrew Jackson and the Democratic party. In 1840, William Henry Harrison, a territorial Governor of Indiana, became the first Whig to win the presidency. In 1844, Whig Henry Clay narrowly lost to Democrat James Polk, with the issues of western expansion and free trade tightly contested. The 1848 election saw the Whigs again claim the presidency with Zachary Taylor. After that election, the Whigs were in decline. Although they nominated General Winfield Scott in the 1852 presidential election, he lost decisively to Franklin Pierce. The Whig party then changed its name to the Republican Party and is still part of the two-party political system we know today.

Sources:


Ormsby, Robert McKinley. A history of the Whig Party or some of its main features, with a hurried glance at the formation of parties in the United States, and the outlines of the history of the principal parties of the country to the present time, etc. etc.. Boston: Crosby, Nichols, 1859.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a list of Indiana delegates to the 1844 Whig National Convention. The delegation is comprised of two at-large delegates and five representatives from each of the twelve districts. The list was folded and was addressed to Samuel Moon of Mooresville, Indiana.
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