

Collection #
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INDIANA TERRITORY AND EARLY STATEHOOD DOCUMENTS, 1814–1825

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION: 4 folders

COLLECTION
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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Formed out of the Old Northwest Territory, the Indiana Territory was established in 1800 and originally included land in the present-day states of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Prior to 1808, only three counties existed in the Indiana Territory: Knox (est. 1790), Clark (est. 1801), and Dearborn (est. 1803). The population of the Indiana Territory in 1800 was only 5,641, but due to Governor William Henry Harrison's expansionist policy resulting in the acquisition of Native American lands, the population grew to 24,520 by 1810. In 1816, Indiana was admitted as the nineteenth state.

Sources:

Madison, James H. *The Indiana Way: A State History*, 1986.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The first folder contains an 1814 pamphlet entitled *Report of the Committee on so much of the Message of the President as Relates to a Revision of the Militia Laws, on the Memorial of the Legislature of the Indiana Territory*. This committee decided not to provide additional funds to militiamen charged with "protecting the frontiers of the territory" during the winter of 1813 from attacks by Native American tribes. The pamphlet provides details on how the committee arrived at this decision.

Two folders contain trial documents and summonses for two cases: *Hannah McIntire v. Benjamin McIntire* and *William McCullough v. Benjamin McIntire*, both from Clark County, Indiana Territory, 1815. In the first case, Hannah McIntire sues her husband Benjamin for divorce based on his abuse of her and his adulterous relationship with "Unice [Unis], a woman of colour." In the second case, William McCullough accuses Benjamin McIntire of trespassing.

The last folder consists of an invoice and receipt for cotton yarn received by W. Browne from John Davis at Browne's Landing on the Ohio River in 1819. The agreement states Browne will sell the yarn for Davis and receive a commission for such sale. The back of the document contains a listing of money received from various individuals through the year 1825.

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