

Collection #
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JOHN CALDWELL (D. 1835)
PAPERS, 1785–1893

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Caldwell was the operator of a general store in Vincennes (Knox Co.), Indiana (1810s), and Shawneetown, Ill. (ca. 1814–35); receiver of public monies in the U.S. land office at Shawneetown (1810s–20s); and manager of the general store in Shawneetown for Frederick Rapp (1820s). His family included his son, John Caldwell (1819–68), a Vincennes merchant; and grandson, Albert G. Caldwell (b. 1846), a cadet at the U.S. Naval Academy (1862–63), and an officer in the U.S. Navy (1860s–80s).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes John Caldwell's bills, receipts, accounts, contracts, and correspondence for his businesses in Vincennes and Shawneetown (1810–35), including his dealings with Frederick Rapp (1824–27); papers of Caldwell's wife regarding his estate (1830s–40s); letters of his son, John Caldwell, to his fiancée and wife, Margaret Badollet Caldwell, written while on business trips to Louisville, Ky., New York, N.Y., Philadelphia, Pa., Cincinnati, Ohio, and other places (1845–63); and letters of Albert G. Caldwell to his mother from the U.S. Naval Academy (1862–63), and while serving on American ships in the Mediterranean, the Atlantic, and along the South American coast (1866–83).

VOLUME OF COLLECTION

1 box, 1 oversize folder, 1 reel of microfilm.

NOTES

Description taken from Eric Pumroy and Paul Brockman, *A Guide to the Manuscript Collections of the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Library*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1986 (entry A-54).

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