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JOHN TIPTON PAPERS, 1828–1838

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Tipton (1786–1839) was a militia officer, politician, Indian agent, and land speculator who was born in what became Sevier County, Tennessee. Tipton's father, Joshua, was killed by the Cherokees in 1793, and he and his family moved to Harrison County in Indiana Territory in 1807. Tipton was active in territorial government serving as county's justice of the peace and sheriff. He also rose to the rank of colonel in the Fifth Regiment, Indiana Militia. Tipton also served as a commissioner on the relocation of county seats and the selection of a site for the state capital in 1818. In March, 1823 he was appointed Indian Agent at Fort Wayne and served as a commissioner to negotiate a treaty with Miami and Pottawatomie in 1826. Tipton served as Indian agent until December 1831 when he was elected to the U. S. Senate to fill the vacancy caused by James Noble's death. He was elected to a full term the following and served until 1839. In August, 1838, Governor David Wallace authorized Tipton to form a volunteer company of soldiers to remove the Pottawatomie from Indiana. He died at his Logansport home in April 1839.

Sources:

The John Tipton Papers. Indianapolis : Indiana Historical Bureau, 1942. .
Reference Room Collection: F 521 .I38 (Indiana Historical Collections, Vol. 24).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This artificially created collection consists of letters written by John Tipton. Included are letters by Tipton to Governor Noah Noble in June 1832 and to President Andrew Jackson in July 1834 referring to land negotiations with the Miami Tribe and land documents pertaining to the development of Huntington, Indiana in the 1830s.

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