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## KNOX COUNTY, INDIANA PAPERS, 1764–1847

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box, 1 oversized manuscript folder
COLLECTION DATES:	1764–1847
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Bloomington, IN, July 1975; John Mullins, Indianapolis, IN, September 1986; King V. Hostick, Springfield, IL, August 2004; Mrs. Harry T. Watts, Vincennes, IN, August 2004; Mrs. Barbara Morris, Indianapolis, IN, August 2005

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NOTES: This is an artificial collection with additions expected.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Knox County was organized by Winthrop Sargent on June 20, 1790. He was sent by the Governor of the Northwest Territory at the time, General Arthur St. Clair. Knox County encompassed a huge amount of land at the beginning. Included in the boundary was a good portion of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. The county's land area slowly shrunk until December 16, 1816, when it reached its current size. The county seat is Vincennes, which many believe to be founded in 1732. Knox County has been home to many politicians during its history. One of its most famous is William Henry Harrison, the ninth President of the United States.

Sources:

Batman, Maxine, ed. *Knox County History*. Paducah: Turner Publishing Company, 1988. Reference Room: F532.K6 K6 1988

Greene, George E. *History of Old Vincennes and Knox County Indiana*. Chicago: The S.J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1911. Reference Room: F532.K6 G74 1988

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of miscellaneous papers connected to Knox County, Indiana for the period of 1764–1847. The

bulk of the papers are from the 1780s to the 1820s. The collection has been sorted into chronological order and has been placed in folders according to decade.

The papers included in the collection are wide ranging. Some examples in the collection are inventory for estates, wills, court documents, receipts, minutes from a local meeting, and land office documents. Some of the earlier papers are in French.

One example is a bond dated 31 March 1806 of Pierre Querre, Vital Boucher, and Joseph Chartier to serve as administrators of the estate of Charles Boucher of Vincennes, also signed by Robert Buntin and John Rice Jones. Another document from this collection is a bond of Nathaniel Ewing, administrator of the estate of Andrew English on 17 December 1811. Bonded on this document were John Badollet and Francis Vigo.

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