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**LOUIS GEX OBOUSSIER
PAPERS, 1803–1843**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Louis Gex Oboussier (1761–1845) was born in Canton de Vaud, Switzerland. He married his first wife, Lucille, sometime before 1790 and they produced six children. Gex Oboussier came to the United States in the early 1800s on behalf of Swiss merchant Jean Mennet to manage land he had supposedly purchased in Virginia. The land proved non productive and Gex ended up joining John Dufour's Swiss settlement at Vevay, Switzerland County in Indiana Territory where he was a farmer and wine maker. Lucille Oboussier died in October, 1806 and he married Marian Goley six years later and they had one daughter, Columbine. Gex Oboussier moved to New Harmony, Posey County, in 1826 and served as the town's postmaster from 1829–1839. During his New Harmony years, he lived with his daughter and son in law, Columbine and William Pelham.

Sources:

Information in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers primarily deal with Louis Gex Oboussier's business operations and are mainly in French, 1803–1843. There is correspondence with Jean Mennet in Lausanne, Switzerland, regarding the worthless land purchased sight unseen and later of the land purchased near Vevay. There also are letters and bills from merchants in Pittsburgh regarding supplies for Gex Oboussier and the Dufour settlement. There also are two letters to Columbine Pelham in New Harmony from Vevay, 1838, 1840.

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