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**NORTHWEST AND INDIANA TERRITORY  
DOCUMENTS, 1790-1819**

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Book, BV 2611; Thomas Hargis Document, SC 2740; Jean  
Francois Rivet Letter SC 2146; Henry Vanderburgh Letter, SC  
2167; Jacob Weaver Letters SC 2055; Harrison County Court  
Records, SC 2508, amongst other printed and manuscript  
items. Search "Northwest Territory" or "Indiana Territory" in  
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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Northwest Territory was made up of modern day Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and part of Minnesota. It was in existence from July 13, 1787 to March 1, 1803, after which time portions of the territory began to be granted statehood by the United States Congress.

The Indiana Territory was carved out of the Northwest Territory on May 7, 1800. The Indiana territory was made up of present day Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and portions of Michigan and Minnesota. It was made up of three counties, St. Clair, Randolph, and Knox, and it existed until Indiana was granted statehood on November 7, 1816.

Sources:

John D. Barnhart & Dorothy L. Riker, *Indiana to 1816: The Colonial Period*. Indiana Historical Society Press, 1994.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains seven documents that relate to the Northwest and Indiana territories. They are arranged chronologically, beginning with the last will and testament of James Bradford, a member of the United States Artillery stationed at Fort Knox. Bradford leaves his estate to his wife Margaret and son James on August 24, 1790. Next is the last will and testament of Joseph Pagé, which was certified by three witnesses, Joseph Metay, Joseph Lessine, and J.F. Reveth [?] and the probate judge at Vincennes, Henry Vanderburgh. The will is written in French, while Judge Vanderburgh's portion is in English. The will is dated February 24, 1800. The next document, written by Judge Elihu Stout, gives permission to two justices of the peace from Knox County, R.B. Brown and Charles Brown the rights to appraise the properties of David L. Thompson, James Mitchel, Levi Cory, Jonathan Crowell, Daniel Gillman, and Lewis Hall. This document is dated January 17<sup>th</sup>, 1812. The next legal document, dated November 1813, is a common plea from Gibson County by Eleanor Warrick to Reuben Alsop, as Warrick claimed that Alsop owed her \$127.20. There are two indentures, one between Samuel Jones and Solomon Hesslor [?], and the other between Andrew and Barbara Languedoc and John Richard, dated June 10, 1812 and December 20, 1815, respectively. All of the documents except for the common plea are from Knox County. The final document is a certificate that declares Robert Buntin a member of the upper ward of the Board of Trustees for the borough of Vincennes, dated August 18, 1819, and also signed by Judge Elihu Stout and Justice of the Peace for Knox County, F. Graeter [?].

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