

# SAMUEL C. VANCE

## LETTER, Feb. 2, 1802

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### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Samuel Colwell Vance (1770-1830), the son of David Vance, was born in Pennsylvania. He moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, at an undetermined date and worked as a surveyor. In 1802, he married Mary Morris Lawrence (1783-1823) (See also: SC 1235, Catherine Lawrence Randolph Letters), the granddaughter of Gen. Arthur St. Clair (1734-1818) (See also: M 211, A.G. Mitten Collection; M 98, W.H. English Collection). In April of that year, he began laying out the city of Lawrenceburg, Indiana (Dearborn Co.), which he named after his wife.

A year later, he was appointed Clerk of the Courts for Dearborn County by Gov. William Henry Harrison. According to *Indiana and Indianans* (Vol. I, p. 262-263), Vance was the brother-in-law of Harrison, but the relationship could not be verified in any other sources.

He was one of the directors of the Indiana Canal Company when it was chartered in 1805. Vance served as a soldier under Anthony Wayne (1745-1796) (See also: card catalog under the heading: Wayne, Anthony) and also fought in the War of 1812. He made Lawrenceburg his permanent home in 1818.

(Some sources confuse Samuel Colwell Vance with Samuel Corville Vance (1762-1843) of Fayette County, Indiana.)

No information located in available resources for C. Swan.

Sources: Dunn, Jacob Piatt. *Indiana and Indianans*. Vol. I, p. 262-263; Vol. II, p. 1047.  
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Lake, D.J. and Griffin, B.N. (compilers). *Atlas of Dearborn County, Indiana*. p. 18.  
Shaw, Archibald (ed.). *History of Dearborn County, Indiana* (1915) p. 241, 467.  
Waters, Margaret. *Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Indiana: A Supplement* (1954) p. 101.

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### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of a letter, dated February 2, 1802, from C. Swan (?) to Capt. Samuel Vance. The letter was written from "Washington," which was probably Washington D.C. In it, Swan discusses a measure to divide "the Western Country into three states," which was defeated by Congress. He mentions a person named Worthington, who opposed the measure. Swan states that the gentleman was "inimical to [Vance's] present governor," Arthur St. Clair, who was also related to Vance.

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### **CATALOGUING INFORMATION**

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