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**SAMUEL C. VANCE
PAPERS, 1788–1902 (BULK 1799–1893)**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION 1788–1902 (bulk, 1799–1893)

DATES:

PROVENANCE: Main acquisition: Forest H. Sweet, 46 Green Street, Battle Creek, MI, 27 February 1941

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RELATED HOLDINGS: Samuel C. Vance Letter, 1802 (SC 2625)

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Samuel C. Vance (d. 1830) was an officer in the U.S. Army serving in the Northwest Territory (1791-1802). From 1799-1802 Vance served as deputy paymaster of the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Washington, near Cincinnati. From 1803-30 he was merchant and land speculator at Lawrenceburg, Dearborn County, Indiana, where he was instrumental in founding the town in 1802. Vance served as Dearborn County Clerk, 1803-13, and was register for the U. S. Land Office at Fort Wayne, Allen County, 1823-29.

The collection also includes the papers of Vance's son, Lawrence M. Vance (1816-63), who was a partner with Harvey Bates in a general merchandise store in Indianapolis (1838). Lawrence Vance was also a contractor for the construction of the Lawrenceburg and Upper Mississippi Railroad (1852-53) and other railroad lines.

Source:
A Guide to Manuscript Holdings of the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana State Library, p. 187.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes Samuel Vance's papers relating to the U.S. Army in the West and his administration of the Paymaster's Office. Also contained are items regarding the establishment and functioning of his Lawrenceburg mercantile business and his partnership with former U. S. Army officer James Dill (1772-1838). There also are papers concerning his land interests, the Fort Wayne Land Office, and early Ohio and Indiana politics.

Lawrence Vance's papers include his business and real estate dealings in the 1840s and 1850s and the construction of the Lawrenceburg and Upper Mississippi Railroad. There also are accounts for Vance's home furnishings and letters from his son Samuel, while he was a student at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, 1855-57, and as major in the 70th Indiana Regiment serving in Kentucky and Tennessee, 1861-63. There are also letters from his sons Harvey, an officer at the headquarters of the 3rd Division, Army of the Tennessee, 1862-64; George, a sailor on the *U.S.S. Peosta*, stationed on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, 1863; and Laddie, a student at Wabash College, 1870-73. Post-Civil War papers include family correspondence and financial papers, among them letters from friends in northwest Florida, 1876-1883.

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