

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Bayard Family Papers Collection

Collection Date(s): 1761-1878

Extent and Forms of Material: 1/2 box

Creator: Bayard Family

Biographical or Historical Sketch: John F. Bayard was a native of France. His mother was Mary A. Boneau, her parents being among the old pioneer families of Knox County. John F. Bayard was a soldier in the French army under Napoleon and participated in the battle of Waterloo. He came to America to “find fortune and establish a home.” He settled in Vincennes and was engaged in the mercantile business. He died in 1853 when his son Joseph L. was thirteen years of age. Joseph L. Bayard was educated in parochial and public schools of Vincennes and attended Bardstown College, Kentucky. He worked in the banking business and merchandising. He married Nellie Burke on 21 August 1871. Six children: Margaret, Joseph L., Jr., John, Maurice F., Paul W., and Samuel M..

(source: History of Old Vincennes and Knox County Indiana. By George E. Greene. Volume I and Volume II. (Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1911), pp. 92-96.

Papers of a prominent Vincennes family headed by John F. Bayard (1786-1853) who moved to Vincennes about 1820. Married Mary Ann Boneau in 1823 and raised nine children. Three sons – Samuel, John Francis, and Joseph were bankers. Collection contains early French documents (1761) dealing with land sales, church records, some correspondence. Early French material has been translated in part. Many indentures and receipts.

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Collection Number: RHC #3

Processing Note: Processed by Dr. Patricia Owens, volunteer, April 2015; supervised by Abigail Creitz, Technical Services Librarian. Supervised by Richard King, Reference Librarian.

INFORMATION FOR USERS OF THE COLLECTION

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IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Administrative/Biographical History: Bayard was an early citizen of Vincennes. He was a merchant.

Scope and Content: The collection includes/comprises/consists of legal papers, correspondence, receipts, and translated French letters.

System of Arrangement: Collection is arranged by Box 2.3, folders 1-5.

Acquisition Information: This collection was donated by Ed Bierhaus of Vincennes at the time of Mr. Bayard's death. 2/11/71.

Related Archival Materials:

Access Points:

Subject/Names: John F. Bayard (?-1853)

Subject/Topical: Legal papers, correspondence, cemetery documents for soldiers from various 19th century wars.

Geographical: Vincennes, Indiana

Form/Genre: Legal papers, correspondence, receipts, and translated French letters.

Container List:

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
2.3	1	Legal papers and correspondence, 3-10-1834 to 11/22/1858; estate of Samuel Bayard (description of assets); note from Consultant de France a la Nouvelle-Orleans (10-7-1854); note from Prussian Consulate (11-22-1858).
2.3	2	Legal Papers, 1761-1831; Extracts from baptismal records of the parish of St. Xavier at Post Vincennes on the Oubache – 1761 (3 – English and French), documents in French and English.
2.3	3	Receipts and miscellaneous 3-10-1828 to 3-20-1878; note from Clotilda Bayard, list of food purchased 3-10-1828.
2.3	4	Miscellaneous papers – no dates. List of Revolutionary soldiers (and

		burial locations) in Knox County compiled by Mrs. Harvey Morris (n.d.), Soldiers of 1812 (and burial locations) (n.d.), Soldiers from War of 1832 (and burial locations) (n.d.), Soldier of War of 1846 (n.d.).
2.3	5	French letters – translated (copies of original letters and translation – some of the document originals are located in other folders of this group).