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Lewis Historical Library, Vincennes University

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Cauthorn Collection

Collection Date(s): 1846-1911

Extent and Forms of Material: 9 folders

Creator: Cauthorn Family

Biographical or Historical Sketch: Henry S. Cauthorn was born in Vincennes, February 23, 1828. He was the son of Gabriel T. and Susan Sullivan (Stout) Cauthorn. His father was a native of Essex County, Virginia, and was educated at the university of that state, graduating from the literary and medical departments. He came West in 1823, locating at Lawrenceville, Illinois, where he practiced medicine until his death in 1834. His mother was a daughter of Elihu Stout, who founded the Vincennes *Western Sun* newspaper in 1804, and continued its publication until 1845. After the death of his father Henry Cauthorn, with his mother, he resided with Elihu Stout, and soon after entered the printing office of his grandfather, where he acquired the art of a practical printer. In 1840 he entered St. Gabriel College at Vincennes, and remained a student in that school until 1845, where he matriculated as Asbury University, Greencastle, Indiana, which graduated him in 1848. While a student at this he was distinguished as an essayist and orator. In 1851 he began the study of law at Vincennes, with Benjamin F. Thomas, at that time United States District Attorney for Indiana. He was admitted to the bar in 1853, and was the next year elected district attorney for the judicial district comprising the counties of Knox, Daviess, Pike, and Martin. Cauthorn also served as clerk of the Knox Circuit Court. In 1855, upon the organization of the city government, Cauthorn was selected as its first law officer, and as city attorney, with the mayor, Judge John Moore, framed the series of ordinances. In 1859 Cauthorn was elected clerk of the circuit court of the county. He continued in the office of clerk for two terms of four years each, and in 1870 was elected a representative in the General Assembly of the state, and was again elected to the same position in 1872, 1878, and 1880. At the session of 1879 Cauthorn was selected as the speaker of the House.

In 1868 Cauthorn married Margaret C. Bayard, and fathered seven children.

(source: History of Knox and Daviess Counties Indiana. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1886. Pp. 322-323)

Papers of Henry S. Cauthorn, prominent Vincennes resident. Cauthorn served as city attorney in 1855, in 1859 was elected clerk of the circuit court. In 1870 he was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives and served until 1880. Cauthorn was a Democrat. Collection contains correspondence, speeches, legal papers, tax statements, receipts from purchases made in Vincennes and elsewhere. Good collection of Vincennes businesses. Also several letters of Alice Cauthorn Potter.

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IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Administrative/Biographical History: Cauthorn, an important 19th century citizen of Vincennes, was an active attorney and legislator. Papers provide information on land transactions, fees, and day-to-day purchases of the Cauthorn family.

Scope and Content: The collection includes/comprises/consists of statements, receipts, speeches, and legal papers.

System of Arrangement: Collection is arranged by Box 2, folders 1-9.

Acquisition Information: Donor and donation date of collection is unknown

Related Archival Materials:

Access Points:

Subject/Names: Cauthorn Family, Elihu Stout

Subject/Topical:

Geographical: Vincennes, Indiana

Form/Genre: Legal papers, statements, receipts, speeches.

Container List:

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
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2.3	1	Book chapter – Literary Institutions at Vincennes by Venable. (n.d.) 9 pages typed.
2.3	1	Note about Cauthorn – House Chamber (n.d.).
2.3	1	Legal notes (n.d); Legal definitions (n.d.); Legal – distribution of school funds (n.d.).
2.3	1	Assorted quotes (n.d.); Notes (n.d.).
2.3.	1	Preface – history of Vincennes (n.d.).
2.3	1	Poem (n.d.); Essays – including “Gratitude – an Allegory (n.d.) handwritten – 17 pages; “Joan D’Arc” (n.d.) – 31 pages.
2.3	1	Speeches (n.d.); Speech to House of Representatives (n.d.) 51 st General Assembly – 12 pages; “Bench and Bar” (n.d.).
2.3	1	Signatures – “H. P. Woodall.”
2.3	2	Wedding card – Henry Cauthorn and Clotilde Bayard (n.d.).
2.3	2	Letters; 12-3—1853; 1-8-1854 to Henry Cathorn from B. G. Smith; 3-31-1881 – concerning a seal; 6-10-1857; 4-7-1858; 5-12-1860 typed copy; 3-10-1903 – concerns purchase of his files of The Western Sun by Indiana State Library; 3-10-1903 – concerning Vincennes newspapers; 3-12-1903; 11-5-1898 – concerns state librarian; 10-15-1883 – comments on Pendleton Civil Service Bill; 9-26-1868; 5-1868 from J. D. Cox; 3-30-1868; 2-26-1868 – concerns candidate for office of real estate appraiser; 9-24-1867; 11-11-1851; 10-5-1869; 10-13-1868.
2.3	2	Quick Claim, 12-7-1854.
2.3	2	Card – 10-15-1878 – “At Home.”
2.3	2	Invitation to Calico Party and Oyster Supper, 1-15-1869.
2.3	2	Letters to Clote – from Henry Cauthorn, 10-5-1869 through 3-10-1879.
2.3	3	Letters, 9-24-1929 through 6-9-1930; Alice Cauthorn Potter (Mrs. Harry E. Potter); Elihu Stout information included; letter (n.d.) “The Development of the Northwest Territory.”
2.3	3	Card, (n.d.) – “Cotillion Party.”
2.3	4	Legal Papers, 1846-1911; Deeds, Indentures, Full Covenant Deeds, Administrator’s Deed, Bankruptcy, Court Common Plea.
2.3	4	Document, 8-1-1869 – Mutual Life Insurance Company – Blank Bond - \$1000.
2.3	4	Documents from General Land Office, 4-17-1906, 4-22-1911.
2.3	4	Cash Book, 4-20-1857 through 4-2—1858.

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2.3	4	Deposit Book, 3-1869 through 3-1871.
2.3	5	Bills for board at Bates House, 3-31-1879.
2.3	5	Bills for assorted items – shoes, dry goods, tailor.
2.3	5	Receipts and statements, 1852-1868; receipts for special tax – Internal Revenue; receipt for notary seal; lock box rent; note to bearer \$300; Vincennes Gas Works, blank payment forms.
2.3	6	Statement and Receipts 1860 – 1879 – Vincennes Gazette subscription, Vincennes Times, N. Smith and Sons, Daily Enquirer, R. W. Booth and Company, C. A. Weisert, J. H. Bayard bought of J. F. Hildreth and Company, Knox County Treasurer's Office, Ohio and Mississippi Railway Company, Travelers Insurance Company (for disability insurance), Adams Express, Railway Passengers Assurance Company, M. Tyler and Son, Vincennes Gas Works, Dawes and Watson, Vincennes Post Office.
2.3	6	Guardian Azza Harrison of Diego Wood, 5-5-1860.
2.3	6	Statement of Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, 12-31-1869.
2.3	6	Dividend statement – Mutual Life Insurance Company and surplus.
2.3	6	Masonic Lodge statement, 5-6-1867, Henry Cauthorn withdrew his membership – Vincennes Lodge No. 1.
2.3	6	Document, 11-22-1844, Knox County, Elihu Stout appointed guardian of the estate of Henry Cauthorn infant son of Gabriel Cauthorn.
2.3	7	Legal papers and documents, 1852-1866, indentures, deeds.
2.3	8	Miscellaneous statements and receipts, 1848-1865, J.B.J. Nienaber and Company, John W. Posey, Western Sun, Charles Graeter, Bascom and Company, T. H. Shepard and Company, Vincennes Gas Works, Harris and Inglis, W. J. Heberd's Sons, Adams Express Company, Curry, Gardner and Company, Luck and Harding Druggists, C. A. Weisert and Cauet, J. & J. M. Pfau, Palace Gents Furnishing Store.
2.3	8	List – synopsis of review classes (n.d.).
2.3	9	Miscellaneous statements and receipts, 1858-1868, Henderson and Gaines, W. J. Heberd's Sons, C.A. Weisert, Charles Graeter, Daily Enquirer, Vincennes Gazette, Burke and Kendall, Leon Hirsh, Adams Express, Gardner and Burnett, Curry-Gardner Company, food purchases, bottle of brandy purchased, Washington Coal Company, Currys ville Coal Company, Vincennes Gas Works.

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