

Regional History Collection Finding Aid
Lewis Historical Library, Vincennes University

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: John LaCroix Collection

Collection Date(s): 1850s – 1890s

Extent and Forms of Material: 7 folders

Creator: LaCroix Family

Biographical or Historical Sketch: John D. LaCroix was a native of Vincennes, Indiana, born April 7, 1856 the only son of four children born to the marriage of Marcell D. LaCroix and Adel Bayard. He assisted his father in his dry goods store. (LaCroix and Bayard General Store, Vincennes, Indiana). In 1879 he engaged in the grocery and provision business. He was a Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church.

(Source: History of Knox and Daviess Counties Indiana. Chicago: The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1886). P. 359

This collection contains business records of Marcel and John D. LaCroix, father and son, who operated a general store in Vincennes. This archive contains some business correspondence but consists mostly of receipts of businesses LaCroix dealt with all over the Midwest, South and East. There is a fine collection of decorative letterheads from various firms. Indications of the prices paid for most common goods are shown.

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Collection Number: RHC #8

Processing Note: Processed by Dr. Patricia Ann Owens, Volunteer, June 2015. 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: LaCroix was a Vincennes businessman.

Scope and Content: The collection includes/comprises/consists of personal correspondence and a variety of receipts for items purchased and transit bills, etc.

System of Arrangement: Collection is arranged in chronological order. Box 8.9, seven folders.

Acquisition Information: This collection was donated by August Schultheis of Vincennes, May 1971.

Related Archival Materials:

Access Points: LaCroix and Bayard General Store, Indiana 1830-1880s

Subject/Names: Marcel and John D. LaCroix

Subject/Topical: Business receipts and personal correspondence.

Geographical: Vincennes, Indiana; businesses in Midwest, South and East

Form/Genre: Letters, receipts, account books.

Container List:

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8.9	1	LaCroix Family Papers, Personal Correspondence, 1851-1882 – includes photocopies of some letters, various topics
8.9	2	LaCroix Family Papers, Business Papers, 1833-1869 – includes receipts from various businesses local and out-of-state.
8.9	3	LaCroix Family Papers, Business Papers, 1870 – 1879 – includes receipts, shipping/freighting contracts
8.9	4	LaCroix Family Papers, Business Papers, 1880-1893 – includes receipts for items purchased from a variety of businesses
8.9	5	LaCroix Family Papers, Legal Papers and Receipts, 1850s – 1880s – variety of receipts and goods purchased
8.9	6	LaCroix Family Papers, Miscellaneous papers and personal record books
8.9	7	LaCroix Family Papers, Miscellaneous receipts – various receipts

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