

GEORGE MAY PAPERS, 1799-1831

Collection #
M 0202

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box
COLLECTION DATES:	1799-1831
PROVENANCE:	Mrs. Clementine Miller Tangeman, Columbus, IN, via Owen Hungerford, Columbus, IN, January 1979
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RELATED HOLDINGS:	None
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George May (1772-1857) was born on Virginia of German parentage. In 1805 he married Nancy Beeks (d. 1843), and they had twelve children. About 1811 the family moved to Ohio. May served under William Henry Harrison at the battles of Tippecanoe and the Thames, and apparently moved to Indiana after the War of 1812. Documents in the collection seem to place him in Washington County in 1818-1819, and in Fountain County in 1831. In 1837 he moved to Bartholomew County and settled in Section 1 of Clay Township.

May was a miller by trade, and also dealt in horses and hogs. One son made a point of having been brought up in poverty. The family members were Methodists.

Sources: Materials in collection

Beers, *Atlas of Bartholomew County* (1879), 62

History of Bartholomew County (1888), 431, 646

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling one manuscript box, contains notes, receipts, and legal papers dating 1799-1831. It is arranged chronologically.

Most of the items concern George May or his apparent partner, Joseph Blackburn. Some unusual items are promises to pay, not money, but a horse and a "barren cow." Several receipts are for execution of judgments against May. Some receipts are for horses and hogs.

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