MORE FAMILY PAPERS, 1836-1953

Collection # M 0296 OM 0343

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF 1 manuscript box, 1 oversize folder

COLLECTION:

COLLECTION DATES: 1836-1953

PROVENANCE: Bernice Carver, Columbia City, IN, March 1988

RESTRICTIONS: None

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OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1992.0169x

HISTORICAL SKETCH

This collection concerns three generations of the More family of Whitley County, Indiana.

John W. More moved to Smith Township in Whitley County in 1836, and married Margaret Spear. He was the county's first justice of the peace and first assessor. In 1858 he sold out and moved to Missouri. He returned the next year, and bought land in Union Township.

His son, William C. More (b. 1829), was educated in public schools. In August 1862 he enlisted in Company B of the 74th Indiana Volunteers, which served in Tennessee and with Sherman. Wounded at Jonesboro but able to return to action, he served until 1865. (This Civil War service is given in the county history, but More is not listed by Terrell's Adjutant General's Report as serving in the 74th Regiment.) In 1867 he married Martha Compton, and they had six children. They moved from Smith Township to Union Township in 1868, and over the years he bought out his father's holdings.

William C. More's son, Charles H. More (fl. ca 1880 - ca 1955), was much interested in family and local history, especially in its Native American connections.

Sources: Materials in collection

Goodspeed and Blanchard, Counties of Whitley and Noble (1882), 363-364

W. H. H. Terrell, Adjutant General's Report, vols. 2, 6

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling one manuscript box and one oversize folder, contains correspondence, notes and short essays, deeds, and legal papers, dated 1836-1953.

Legal papers and other records concerning the More family are in chronological order in Folders 1-3.

The rest of the collection, historical and genealogical notes and essays by Charles H. More and others, are found in Folders 4-15. They are arranged in alphabetical order. Matters of particular interest to More were his colonial ancestors, Little Turtle and his village, and a British post on the Eel River.

In Folder 16 are a sheet with two parody songs of 1899, and a postcard with a drawing of Fort GreeneVille in 1794.

A folder listing follows.

FOLDER LISTING

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	John W. More tax receipts, 1836-1855
2	Deeds, agreements, pension, 1849-1892
3	(OM 0343) Deeds, 1846-1891
4	Algonquins
5	British post on Eel River
6	Funeral oration Black Raccoon for Francis Godfrey
7	Indian trails
8	Indian tribes correspondence

9	Little Turtle
10	"Lost Sister of Wyoming"
11	Miami Confederacy
12	More family
13	Will of John B. Richardville
14	Turtle's Village
15	Captain William Wells
16	1899 parody songs; Drawing of Fort GreeneVille 1794 (postcard)

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