

# GEORGE WASHINGTON CROSS PAPERS, 1836-1880

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## **USER INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box and 4 oversize folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1836-1880

PROVENANCE: Gift of H.H. Hawkins, January 1960, may have come from the Indiana State Museum

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Washington Cross, born in Ohio, served for nearly three years from 1844 to 1847 as the Postmaster of Montezuma, Parke County, Indiana. Recorded in the 1850 Indiana Census as a clerk with an estate of \$1,200, he was also the Montezuma Inspector of Elections in 1845 and 1846.

Eliza Jane Cross, was a resident of Montezuma, Indiana.

Sharon Case, born in Ohio, married Martha J. Cross (daughter of G.W. Cross) May 16, 1866. He was an organizing member of the Montezuma Lodge, No. 37, A.O.U.W. in October 1879.

Nathaniel Wilson was a resident of Montezuma, Park County, Indiana, with Ohio connections.

Addison Dixon, born about 1844 in Hendricks County, Indiana, served as a Private in Co. B., 117 Indiana Volunteers, 23 July 1863-23 February 1864.

Sources: Beckwith, H.W., *History of Vigo and Parke Counties* (1880)

Baker, J.David, *Postal History of Indiana*, Vol. II (1976)

*History of Hendricks County, Indiana* (1885)

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of 104 letters and papers, 1836-1880 including election reports, letters, business transactions, and postal records. A calendar of the contents is available in the Indiana Historical Society Library.

Folders 1-4 include personal and business papers relating to George Washington Cross.

Materials in Folder 5 relate to Eliza Jane Cross.

Folder 6 contains correspondence, mostly from family in Ohio, to Sharon Case. There are also seven letters written by Mr. Groevendyke, a friend from Indianapolis.

Folder 7 contains correspondence, primarily personal from family in Ohio, to Nathaniel Wilson.

Folders 8-10 include miscellaneous legal documents, pamphlets and a discharge paper for Addison Dixon.

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## FOLDER LIST

### Folder

1: George Washington Cross Papers, 1836-1853, n.d. (See also OM 17, Folder 1)

2: Elections 1840-1846, (see also OM 17, folder 2)

3: Montezuma, IN Postal Records 1844-1847 (see also OM 17, folder 3)

4: Legal Papers: Austin and Lucy Jenkins, 1845-1846 (see also OM 17, folder 4)

5: Eliza Jane Cross Papers, 1852-1870

6: Sharon Case Papers, 1865-1880

7: Nathaniel Wilson Papers, 1841-1846

8: Miscellaneous Legal Records, 1837-1846

9: Addison Dixon Discharge, 1864

10: Miscellaneous Printed Materials, 1844-1851

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### CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Cross, George Washington, b. 1816

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Cross, George Washington, b. 1816

Wilson, Nathaniel, fl. 1841-1844

Case, Sharon, fl. 1865-1880

Jenkins, Austin, d. 1845?--Estate

Cross, Eliza Jane, fl. 1850-1863

Postal service--Indiana--Montezuma--Postmasters

Postal service--Indiana--Parke County--History--Sources

Elections--Indiana--Parke County

Montezuma (Ind.)--History--Sources

Park County (Ind.)--History--Sources

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