

HENRY L. ELLSWORTH

CIRCULAR, 1837

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Henry Leavitt Ellsworth (1791-1858) was born in Windsor, Connecticut, the son of Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth. He graduated from Yale in 1810, and married Nancy Goodrich. In 1819-1821 he was president of Aetna Insurance Company. In 1832 he was commissioner to supervise the settlement of Indian tribes west of Arkansas. He was Commissioner of Patents from 1835 to 1845. An agriculturist as well as a federal functionary, he has been called the father of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Source: Who Was Who in America (Historical Volume)

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of one item, a printed circular with attached conjugate leaf. The circular, signed by Henry L. Ellsworth on 20 February 1837, announces the partnership of John Curtis and Edward A. Ellsworth, in Lafayette, Indiana, to act as a land and loan agency in the Wabash and Maumee valley. This area was expected to be opened up by construction of the Wabash and Erie Canal. On the second page is a letter from Curtis and Ellsworth to Swepson Whitehead of Norfolk, Virginia, enclosing seventeen land certificates, and a receipt from Henry Ellsworth for \$2,000 in payment.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Ellsworth, Henry Leavitt, 1791-1858

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Ellsworth, Henry Leavitt, 1791-1858

Ellsworth, Edward A.

Curtis, John, fl. 1820-1837

Land companies--Indiana--Lafayette

Real property--Wabash River Valley

Lafayette (Ind.)

Wabash River Valley

Maumee River Valley (Ind. and Ohio)

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