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JANE ALLEN LETTERS, 1812

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jane Allen lived in Shelby City, Kentucky. She was married to Colonel John Allen, and also had a brother in the military, Benjamin Logan.

John Allen was camped in Fort Wayne in late September 1812. His letter concerns troop morale as well as destroying Native American villages and corn. Jane's brother, Benjamin Logan, was also stationed in Fort Wayne in September 1812. He also speaks of troop morale, having to fight the Native Americans, and save men at the fort.

In early September 1812, the fort at Fort Wayne was under attack by Native Americans, who were trying to take control of the Fort. A shoot-out occurred that lasted through the night from September 5–6, with neither side gaining an advantage. Although William Henry Harrison's troops left Kentucky for Fort Wayne on August 29, a lack of supplies when they were close to Fort Wayne caused delays. Between September 10 and 12, the soldiers in the fort noticed that many of the Native Americans seemed in great haste, and attacked on the 11th, but failed. On September 12, the advance guard of the relief force approached the fort. The Native Americans melted away before the relief force. After the fort was saved, Harrison sent troops under the command of Col. Samuel Wells (mentioned in both letters) to burn Native American towns and fields in retribution.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

Woehrmann, Paul. *At the Headwaters of the Maumee: A History of the Forts of Fort Wayne*. Indiana Historical Society publications, v. 24. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1971.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains two letters written to Jane Allen: one from her husband, Col. John Allen, and one from her brother, Benjamin Logan. Both were written on September 19, 1812.

These letters are typed copies of the originals housed in an Allen-Butler collection in the University of Kentucky Library. The copies may not be complete or exact.

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