

# JENNINGS FAMILY PAPERS, 1796 - 1945

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 manuscript boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1796-1945
PROVENANCE:	Gift of Mae Jennings Hutsell, Louisville, KY, 12-9-1985 and Barbara Morris, Louisville, KY
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the Indiana Historical Society.
ALTERNATE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
RELATED HOLDINGS:	
ACCESSION NUMBER:	1986.0226; 1986.0227
NOTES:	1 volume, a history of Lexington, Indiana, was transferred to Printed Collections

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Jennings family were among the early settlers of Scott County, Indiana. They apparently came west from

Connecticut about 1800. Ozias Jennings (1766-1821) was living in Garrard County, Kentucky, between 1799 and 1815. He had three brothers, Aaron, Enoch, and Ichabod. Aaron Jennings was living in Scott County from 1820, when as justice of the peace he performed the first marriage in the county, till his death in 1834. His wife, Sally, died in 1837. They had two sons: George W. Jennings, who with his wife Susannah lived in Lexington from their marriage in 1834 until at least 1872; and Levi, who after a short stay in Lexington in 1827 returned to the East and settled near Schenectady, N.Y. Levi became postmaster in Austin, Scott County, in 1854. He died about 1880.

George W. Jennings and his wife had relatives named Owens, some of whom settled in Texas in the early 1840s, others in Illinois and Iowa around 1850.

Three more generations of the family continued to live in Lexington: William L. Jennings (1877-1924), James H. Jennings (1916-1945), and James M. (Murray) Jennings (born 1917).

All the family were farmers.

Sources: *Atlas of Scott County*, 1889

Bogardus, Carl R., *Centennial History of Austin, Scott County, Indiana*, 1953

*Early History of Scott County*, 1970

*Pioneer Life in Scott County*, 1957

Materials in collection

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

Box 1, Folders 1-25, of the collection contain materials given by Mae Jennings Hutsell. This part of the collection consists of letters and deeds, and of some later printed material. It is arranged chronologically. The correspondence largely concerns family health and news, and the prices and conditions of crops. The collection begins with several letters addressed to Ozias Jennings in Kentucky by his relatives in Connecticut.

Aaron and George W. Jennings have several real estate dealings in the 1820s with their relative Salmon Jennings of nearby Jefferson County. George W. Jennings has a series of letters (1834-1844) from his brother Levi in New York State; then in the 1840s and early 1850s he and his wife receive several letters from the relations who have moved to Texas, Illinois, and Iowa.

There are several early recipes for such things as curing ringbone or colic, dyeing yarn, and curing a ham. The collection continues with the correspondence of William L. Jennings-- his lawsuit against relatives, his lumbering and farming business. There are a few items relating to James H. Jennings which are of interest as showing some of the paper work required of a farmer operating under the New Deal's AAA, and the effects of the bankruptcy of the Fletcher American Bank in Indianapolis in 1933.

The collection concludes with a number of printed materials, including operating instructions for agricultural equipment, and other materials related to farming.

Materials in Box 1, Folders 26-28 and Box 2 were given by Mrs. Barbara Morris. This part of the collection contains the penmanship copybooks of George W. Jennings, Thomas Weaver, and William L. Jennings; also a bound volume of assessment lists for Scott County in 1902.

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## BOX AND FOLDER INVENTORY

### BOX 1

FOLDER	CONTENTS
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- 1 1796-1830
- 2 1831-1840
- 3 n.d. early
- 4 n.d. early recipes
- 5 n.d. early school papers
- 6 1841-1849
- 7 1850-1851
- 8 1852-1860
- 9 1860-1890
- 10 1891-1899
- 11 1900-1909
- 12 1910-1919
- 13 1920-1929
- 14 1930-1938
- 15 1940-1945
- 16 n.d. later
- 17 Notes 1882-1932
- 18 Bills 1894-1938
- 19 Taxes 1849-1877
- 20 Auto and truck titles 1921-1932
- 21 Speech on Homestead Bill by Rep. C.L. Dunham, 1852
- 22 Printed material on farming
- 23 Printed operating instructions
- 24 Printed material-- miscellaneous
- 25 Clippings
- 26 Copybook, George W. Jennings, 1828
- 27 Copybook, George W. Jennings and Thomas Weaver, c1830
- 28 Copybook, William L. Jennings, 1855

## **BOX 2**

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	Scott County assessment lists, 1902

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## CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's [online catalog](#)
2. Click on the "Local Catalog" icon.
3. Search for the collection by its call number, using the letter or letters designation and **four** digits (e.g., M 0715, SC 2234).
4. When you find the collection, go to the "Holdings" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.

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