

## John Law Letters and Journal Transcript

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1817-1869, bulk 1844-1869

1 folder

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### Biographical Note:

John Law was born on October 28, 1796, in New London, Connecticut. He graduated from Yale in 1814 and then studied law. He was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1817 and began practicing in Vincennes, Indiana. He served as prosecuting attorney (1818-1820 and 1825-1828); member of the State House of Representatives (1824-1825); and judge of the seventh judicial circuit (1830-1831 and 1844-1850). He resigned his judgeship in 1850 and moved to Evansville, Indiana. In 1855, President Franklin Pierce appointed him judge of the court of land claims. He held this post until 1857. Law also served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1861 to 1865. Following his term in Congress, he returned to Evansville where he practiced law. He died on October 7, 1873.

#### Source:

*Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*. United States Congress. 9 Feb. 2006.  
<<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=L000125>>.

### Scope and Content Note:

The collection primarily consists of Photostat copies of letters from John Law to Lyman C. Draper, Librarian of the Wisconsin Historical Society and collector of documents on frontier history. There are also two original letters from John Law to William and a transcript of Law's journal entries from a trip down the Ohio River in 1817.

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### Item Listing:

#### 1 Folder.

[1817] Journal of a voyage down the River Ohio in the fall of 1817, transcript of journal entries, 11 p.

1835 Aug. 19 Law, John to William, LS

1840 Dec. 10 Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS

1844 Jan. 7	Law, John to William, ALS
1844 Dec. 26	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1847 Mar. 2	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1847 Aug. 2	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS
1859 June 14	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS
1859 June 17	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1859 July 26	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1860 May 7	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1862 Sept. 9	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS
1863 Jan. 14	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS
1866 Sept. 27	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1867 Sept. 12	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 4 p.
1867 Sept. 24	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 4 p.
1867 Oct. 22	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1867 Oct. 26	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1867 Nov. 5	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS
1868 Apr. 15	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1868 Nov. 2	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1869 Feb. 6	Law, John to Lyman C. Draper, Photostat copy of ALS

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### **Collection Information:**

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