

Isaac Naylor papers

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1814-1888, undated

3 folders

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Biographical Note:

Isaac Naylor was born on July 30, 1790, in Rockingham County, Virginia. His family moved to Bourbon County, Kentucky, in 1793. They then moved to Harrison County, Kentucky, in 1796 where Isaac helped his father on the farm they established there. In 1805, his family moved to Clark County, Indiana. Naylor was a soldier in the U.S. Infantry and was in the company that established Fort Harrison and fought at the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811. He began the study of law in 1817 with Samuel Todd and then James Scott and was licensed to practice law soon after. Naylor was married to Mary Anderson on April 27, 1826. He resided in Charlestown, Indiana, and practiced law in Clark and the surrounding counties until 1833 when he settled in Crawfordsville, Indiana. In December 1837, Naylor was elected the President Judge of the first Judicial Circuit and remained in the office for 14 years. He died on April 26, 1873.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains an autobiography and speeches written by Isaac Naylor; correspondence, legal documents and other papers; and historical sketches written by Isaac Naylor primarily about early life in Indiana and the Battle of Tippecanoe.

There are also some papers of Andrew Jennings Hay, Naylor's son-in-law, and Andrew Paxton Hay, Andrew Jennings' father.

Item Listing:

Folder 1. *Correspondence and papers, 1814-1888, undated*

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| 1814 Nov. 8 | Jonathan Jennings to Andrew P. Hay, ALS. |
| 1818 Dec. 30 | Certificate appointing Naylor Trustee of Public Seminary. |
| 1840 May 29 | Resolution at the Battle Ground. |
| 1844 Dec. 20 | Certificate appointing Naylor President Judge of first Judicial Circuit. |
| 1848 Mar. 14 | Court document regarding State of Indiana v. Rufus A. Lockwood. |
| 1851-1852 | Members of the House of Representatives. |
| 1854 June 19 | Masonic resolution. |

1857 Sept. Opinion in the matter of State of Indiana v. Board of Trustees of the Wabash and Erie Canal.
1881 Oct. 12 Benjamin Harrison to Andrew J. Hay. LS.
1883 Apr. 7 Walter Q. Gresham to Andrew J. Hay, LS.
1888 July 12 Benjamin Harrison to Mary Naylor, TLS.
1888 Aug. 24 Mary Naylor to Emma, ALS.
1888 Aug. 24 The Removal of the State Capital to Indianapolis (2 copies)
undated Clipping of "How Many Clay Men are There?"
undated Court document (fragment)
undated Closing statement in the matter of State of Indiana v. Alfred L. Cantwell and Spencer Dayton.
Folder 2. Autobiography and speeches, 1823-1852, undated
1852 Mar. 16 A Biographical Sketch of Isaac Naylor of Crawfordsville, Indiana.
1823 Oct. 10 Masonic speech.
1826 June 24 Masonic speech.
undated Address to the voters of Clark County, Indiana.
undated Speech (fragment).
undated Speech on music.
undated Speech on popular prejudice.
Folder 3. Historical Sketches, undated
undated Pioneer life in Clark County, Indiana.
undated Pigeon Roost Massacre.
undated Success of 1811 and Tippecanoe.
undated Battle of Tippecanoe (fragment)
undated Battle of Tippecanoe (fragment or draft)

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