

Toussaint Dubois papers

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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Toussaint Dubois came from Lower Canada to Indiana Territory, as a fur trader with the Indians. He had three brothers, John B., Francis, and Joseph. General William Henry Harrison appointed him captain of the guides and spies before the Battle of Tippecanoe. He was a prominent citizen of Knox County, was trustee of Vincennes University, and was honored by having Dubois County named after him. President Thomas Jefferson issued the first land in Knox County to him on February 16, 1809. He and his first wife, Jeanne Bonneau, had five children, Sussanne (married 1st William Jones and 2nd Robert Smyth); Toussaint, Jr.; Henry; Charles; and Emanuel. Jeanne died on November 15, 1800, at the age of 28. He married Jane Baird, who had sons: Thomas, James, and Jesse Kilgour.

On September 26, 1812, Captain Dubois was made commandant major of all spies in Indiana. On Saturday, March 16, 1816, the *Western Sun* newspaper reported: "On Monday last, in attempting to cross the Little Wabash, was drowned Toussaint Dubois. In him the poor have lost a benefactor, his country a friend; he was a kind husband, an indulgent father and an honest man."

Scope and Contents

This collection includes original, hand-written documents from 1778 through 1824. There is an accounting of the sale of articles in the estate of Toussaint Dubois in Lawrence County, Illinois; surveys of property; court documents from Indiana District; indentures; notice of sale; and a Clark County, Illinois court document.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Canada
- Illinois
- Knox County (Ind.)
- Vincennes (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Deeds

- Land contracts
- Legal correspondence
- Tippecanoe, Battle of, Ind., 1811