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**Hessin Family Papers, 1843-1851**

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**DONOR INFORMATION**

The papers were donated by Mrs. Thomas B. Teasdale in September 1957.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

William Hessin resided in Upper Alton, Illinois, with his wife, Anne A. Hessin. William died in 1845. William's brother Henry Hessin resided in New Lisbon, Ohio.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The papers contain correspondence of Henry Hessin in New Lisbon, Ohio, to his brother William Hessin and William's widow, Mrs. Anne A. Hessin, in Upper Alton, Illinois.

- 1843 May 2 Letter signed Henry Hessin, New Lisbon, [Ohio], to his brother Wm. Hessin, Upper Alton, Madison County, Illinois. Discusses his recent sickness and their mother's sickness. Discusses his participation in the Presbyterian church, which he recently joined. Mentions others in the New Lisbon vicinity who joined the church, including James L. Vallandigham, Dr. John McCook, three of George McCook's daughters, Mrs. John Frost, Mrs. Robert Whitacre, Miss Elizabeth Bigges, Mrs. Brewer, and Elizabeth Fraser.
- 1845 June 22 Letter signed Henry Hessin, New Lisbon, to his sister-in-law Mrs. Anne A. Hessin, Upper Alton, Illinois. Offers his condolences upon the death of her husband, William Hessin.
- 1847 Apr 25 Letter signed Henry Hessin, New Lisbon, to his sister-in-law Mrs. Anne A. Hessin, Upper Alton, Illinois. Discusses family news.
- 1850 Nov 26 Letter signed Henry Hessin, New Lisbon, to his sister-in-law Mrs. Anne A. Hessin, Upper Alton, Illinois. Discusses family news. Mentions that Julia Anne has married a man named Abrams, and Melissa married a lawyer named John Clark.
- 1851 Sept 28 Letter signed Henry Hessin, New Lisbon, to his sister-in-law Mrs. Anne A. Hessin, Upper Alton, Illinois. Discusses family news. Mentions his children: Laretta Jane Hessin (age 10), William Horace Hessin (age 8), and John Emmet Hessin (age 5). Mentions his defeat in the election for the state legislature. Mentions Mary Collett.