

Collection #
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**GEORGE ROGERS CLARK MEMORIAL COMMISSION
RECORDS, 1926-1929**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

George Rogers Clark's principal achievements in the conquest of the Northwest during the Revolutionary War were the captures of Kaskaskia in July 1778 and of Vincennes in February 1779. As the 150th anniversary of these events approached in 1928-1929, the State of Indiana in the spring of 1927 appointed a Memorial Commission with William Fortune as its head. Meetings were held during the summer of 1927, and in November the Commission made a pilgrimage to Clark's Virginia birthplace. Purchases of land for a memorial commenced in 1928, and in April the City of Vincennes deeded over to the Commission part of the site and Fort Sackville. Clem Richards succeeded Fortune as chairman in June. A celebration was held in 1929, and an architect was chosen for the memorial, which was finally dedicated in 1937.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling four folders, contains documents, mainly deeds and title abstracts, dated 1926-1929, dealing with acquisitions by the City of Vincennes of land in the area of Fort Sackville. Organization is by property owner. The collection also contains the Commission's invitation to Vincennes for the anniversary of the surrender of Fort Sackville.

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