

Collection #  
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## WILLIAM VAWTER TAX POLL BOOK RECORDS, 1815

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF  
COLLECTION: 1 folder

COLLECTION  
DATES: Bulk, 1815; inclusive, 1805–1853

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

The keeper of the tax poll book, William Vawter (1783–1868) was born in Virginia and moved with his family to Kentucky in 1790. The family moved to Madison, Indiana Territory, in 1806 after his father had lost their land because of property title issue. Like his father, William Vawter became a preacher and helped establish the Madison Baptist Church. He also served as a militia captain from 1811–1812. Vawter married his cousin, Frances Vawter. In the 1830s he went to North Vernon, Indiana, and established Zoar Church (later First Baptist) in that town.

Sources:

Information in collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The tax poll book was started by William Vawter in September, 1815, although the dates of entries range from 1805–1853. The book lists the names in alphabetical order with lot numbers and taxes paid. The first two pages of the book list the banks whose notes were not to be accepted as of October 1815. The entry for Charles Griffin lists him as “a man of color.”

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