Lebanon Municipal Papers

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Provenance

These papers were given to Ralph W. Stark by Lebanon Mayor Herb Ransdell in April 1962. The three items pertaining to Horace and Martha Bassett and the extension of East Street (July 10, September 18, and October 3, 1888) are of unknown provenance.

Scope and Content

Most of the documents in this collection were produced by or for the Town of Lebanon. The majority of items are claims/receipts/bills for work or goods provided to the town, as well as for some fees collected by the town. Other items include the bond posted by George Coombs upon becoming town marshal; the resignations of George Coombs and William Smith as town marshal; certifications of Levi Lane’s election as town clerk and assessor; a summons for John Blair to appear before the town board to settle taxes Blair collected as marshal; a notice of an upcoming election; petitions; the ordinance naming South Street; the annexation of Hedge’s Addition; a town treasurer’s report; and several county documents, including two indentures from the Sheriff’s office and a release of mortgage. The majority of items are from the 1850s, but several are from the 1860s-1880s.

Background

The land that became Lebanon was first patented by George Kinnard and James Drake. In 1832, the Indiana General Assembly appointed commissioners to relocate the seat of Boone County from Jamestown to a more central location. The central location of Kinnard and Drake’s land, combined with good offers from Kinnard and Drake, induced the commissioners to select that location for the new seat. The area was then named Lebanon by Adam French, one of the commissioners. Lebanon incorporated as a town in 1835, but dissolved the incorporation in 1841. It reincorporated as a town in 1853 and became a city in 1875.

Source:

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Related Holdings: Lebanon Vertical File

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