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at 11 Staid at J Moors¹¹ 20 Thursday 19 Set out early crossed Driftwood river at the lower Rappids then crossed near the mouth of Flatrock Staid at J Lindsay's¹² 30 miles Friday 20 rode out to look at land rain hard traviled 30 miles Satureday 21st Set out 9 & at 3 arrive at J Denbos 25 here I staid with my mother who I have not seen for more than 1 year¹³ Sunday 22^d set out at 9 came to nepolian at Sunset Staid here 25 miles monday 23^d Set out early came to Brookville 30 miles Tuesday 24 set out for Connersville the day very unpleasan¹⁴

on the 27th I left Brookville at 9 at 20 p 12 Came to

¹¹ A Joshua Moore is listed among the persons who had made land entries in Redding Township, Jackson County, by 1820. *History of Jackson County* (1886), 431.

¹² John Lindsey married Tipton's cousin Elizabeth Shields, daughter of William Shields, at Salem, Indiana, in 1814. He was one of the earliest settlers in what is now Bartholomew County, operated a ferry on Driftwood River near Columbus, 1821-27, and represented the county in the House during the 1821-22 session. In 1827 he moved to the northern part of the state and became gun- and blacksmith for the Potawatomi. Following the death of his first wife, he married, in 1833, Tipton's niece Nancy Shields, daughter of Joshua and Rhoda Tipton Shields. Coleman, *Shields Genealogy*, 4, 15-20; *History of Bartholomew County* (1888), 320, 345, 368; A. L. Kingman, *Combination Atlas Map of Fulton County Indiana . . .* (1883), 9, 17-18; U. S. *Official Register*, 1829, 1831.

¹³ Tipton's sister Elizabeth married John Denbo in 1818. Shields, *The Shields Family* [18]. According to Shields, Tipton's mother, during her later years, lived in Jackson County at the fort built by her brother James just north of the present city of Seymour. Elizabeth Denbo settled in Cass County in 1833. Helm, *History of Cass County* (1886), 876.

¹⁴ There is a break in the Journal at this point. Tipton installed a Masonic lodge at Connersville on October 24. See his letter to Hervey Bates, October 27, 1820. A memorandum of expenses of this trip indicates that from Connersville Tipton proceeded to Centerville and Salisbury and then returned to Brookville. Tipton Papers, October 24, 1820. See also *Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of . . . Free and Accepted Masons . . .*, 1817-45 (Shelbyville, 1861), 72.

N5W 12 L marked Beech tree 5 miles variation 7 D[egrees] 00 m[inutes]

5 mile variation 6.55 land Broken with hollows Set sassafras post from which Sycamore 24 I[nches] D[iiameter] B[ears] S50W 54 L & Lynn 12 I[nches] D[iiameter] B[ears] S44E 23 [L] marked 4 mile on a Sycamore

4th mile land second quality Timber w[hite] o[ak] sugar Beech popular &c Set sassafras post from w[hich] a w[hite] oak 36 I[nches] D[iiameter] B[ears] S25W 32 L & Beech 8 I[nches] D[iiameter] S31E 52 L marked Beech mile Tree with mile 3 Staid at Esqr Blacks house⁷¹ was treated very kindly

Saturday 14 a fine cool morning 3^d mile the land level & good a B[lack] walnut 4 I[nches] D[iiameter] for post from which a Beech 28 I[nches] D[iiameter] B[ears] N50E 22 L & a hicky 12 I[nches] D[iiameter] B[ears] S25W 13 L marked 2 mile on a Beech in wabash Bottom

mile 2 overflowed Bottom some ponds on creek Set mulberry post from which a B[lack] walnut 10 I[nches] D[iiameter] B[ears] N20W 23 L & w[hite] walnut 9 I[nches] D[iiameter] B[ears] S20E 12 L. marke 1 mile on a w[hite] walnut

mile 1 mostly overflowed Bottom Small part dry good land intersectd the river within 10 Links of the point agreed and Set a mulberry post 6 Inches square 40 Links north from the waters edge* the land a small grassy Barren the middle of it opisit the line our work in the woods beeing eanded we set out for vincenes about 12 oclock

* Bareing Trees from our post on the Bank at the beging of the line a sycamore 38 I[nches] D[iiameter] B[ears] N71W 20 L & Do 36 I[nches] D[iiameter] N84E 39 L Smyrna at mouth of Honey creek E B[ank] wabash⁷² arrive a[t] merome 24 mile staid at Lindsey

⁷¹ James Black was commissioned justice of the peace, Sullivan County, January 18, 1819. Executive Proceedings, 1816-23, Index.

⁷² In describing early towns and villages of Vigo County, H. C. Bradshy says: "One of the oldest outlying villages was Smyrna . . . laid out in 1818 by Caleb Arnold. It was where Honey creek empties into the Wabash river. People settled there and commenced to build a town. The 'shakes' took a few turns, and its ruins were 'shuck' out of

TIPTON TO SAMUEL LEWIS, March 29, 1827

[ISL:Tipton Papers—ADfTS]

FORT WAYNE 29 march 1827

SIR Your communication of the 22^d Feby has been rcd, and in answer I have to state, that your services are not so much needed at this time as they will be in the fall and winter. I have advised the Superintendant of your appointment under whose orders boath you and myself must act. by the next mail will probably receive them, and am of opinion that you had better come on to the Fort yourself, without your family, soon as convenient to recieve further instructions.

From the decision of the Department in the case of my predecessor, mr Hays, and myself your pay cannot commense until the time you leave your risedence to enter the service

Yr obt Servt

JOHN TIPTON

Indian Agent

SAML LEWIS Sub Agent

p s house hold furniture of every kind is scarce and dear at the Fort J T

[Endorsed:] (copied)

SAMUEL MCGEORGE TO TIPTON, April 2, 1827

[ISL:Tipton Papers—ALS]

LAFYETT 2^d Apl 1827

SIR I will buld a house and shop on Tippecanoe river for two hundred and forty three dollars.³⁹

SAML M^cGEORGE

N B can give J page & Langlois for scurty

³⁹ Other bids for building a miller's house and blacksmith shop for the Potawatomi, ranging from \$199 to \$900, were received from Peleg Babcock, John Andrews, Robert Douglass, John Furrow, and Justas Squire. Tipton Papers, April 4, 28, 1827. John Lindsey received \$100 for building a house for the miller but Tipton's accounts do not show that any payment was made for the erection of a blacksmith shop.

written on to the department in favour of—and Should be thankful to you when you recommend Mr. Keen to also recommend Mr. Robison—⁵³

My helth is perfectly restored and am makeing every exertion to have my corn planted in order to be in readiness to commence any buisness that you may have it in your power to entrust me with—No news hear we are entirely out of the way of receiveing any if it was agoing—

With perfect respect I am your ob'd^t. Serv^t.

SAM^l. MILROY

GEN JOHN TIPTON

May 14th 1827

P.S. Dr Sir A Gentleman passing who informed my family, that he expected to see you in Cincinati—the forgoing was written Some time Since to send to you, but opertunity not Serveing, I take the opertunity of forwarding it to you—by him—

I have to inform you, that since writing the within, an appointment has come to me to examine the Land offices in the State of Illinois what has occasioned this arrangement, I know not, a Gentleman from Lexington Kentucky is appointed for this State—

The Barrer hereof, informed me that you did not anticipate being down hear Shortly—Mr Lindsay (and others) calculated on seeing you hear as he expected to move to his intended Station by the middle of next month—⁵⁴

Nothing new—I am in perfect helth—yours &c

SAM^l. MILROY

GEN TIPTON

⁵³ Abner Robinson was appointed to the Deer Creek or Delphi post office. He was born near Cynthiana, Kentucky, August 1, 1801. In 1811 the family moved to the vicinity of Dayton, Ohio, and in 1824, to what is now Carroll County. Stewart, *Early Settlement of Carroll County*, 11-15, 20, 111-13; Thomas B. Helm, *History of Carroll County, Indiana . . .* (Chicago, 1882), 101, 107.

⁵⁴ John Lindsey. His pay receipt shows that his service as blacksmith for the Potawatomi Indians began July 22, 1827 (Tipton Papers, August 31, 1827). He was employed to build a house for the miller, for which he received \$100 on September 29.

JOSEPH HOLMAN TO HUGH HANNA: ORDER, June 6, 1827
[ISL:Tipton Papers—ADS]

Mr. HUGH HANNA SIR

Please Make a rough Coffin for this Mans father Called
Perish a Pot. Chief⁷⁶ and present your account at the Next P.
payment. June 6th 1827

	his
The Sons Name	WE x SAW
	mark
PETER BARON	For JOHN TIPTON
	Indian Agent
	JOSEPH HOLMAN

[Endorsed :] Coffin \$5.00

SAMUEL MILROY TO TIPTON, June 12, 1827
[ISL:Tipton Papers—ALS]

DEER CREEK WABASH June 12th 1827

DR SIR—I forwarded to Mr H B M^cKain the order for the
millstones and Iron by Mr. Lindsay m^r McKain Just on the
point of starting away had unloaded the stones and was
weighin they iron Mr. Lindsay gave him up your order which
he took up and recieted &c on examination to day I find the
millstones to be of the meanest quallity I have seen and believe
them to be not worth puting in the Indian mill—they Iron is of
as inferior a quallity—I apprise you of this and shall await your
orders relative to mooveing the stones from where they now
are I have apprised Mr M^cKain of the quality of the stons and
requested him to have them inspected by a judge &c—I believe
I have never seen as meen Millstones put in a Mill M^r M^cKeen
doutles was unaquainted with their quallity or he would not
have purchsed them—be so oblidgeing as to let me here from
you on this subject—as speedily as possible

Respectfully your friend &c

SAM^l. MILROY

GEN^l. TIPTON

⁷⁶ According to Winger, *Centennial History of Wabash County*, 4, the
village of "Perish" occupied land now on the campus of Manchester
College, Wabash County.

TIPTON TO JOHN LINDSEY, September 1, 1827

[ISL:Tipton Papers—ADftS]

FORT WAYNE first sep^r 1827

SIR I forward by Mjr Hanna accounts for your building the house for the miller which you will please sign and return by him. If I remember right you were to have \$60 for building that house⁶ will you please state the am^t. promised in a letter and I will fill up the account when it comes here. will pay you the money when at your house on the 4 of next month at the payment of the Puttowotomies.

I send you a note and recpt for money and have charged you ten dollars for the flour (2 barrels) sent you in June makeing \$35, and \$10.50 cts being \$75.50 the amount due to you for work up to this day is \$75.54.

Yr obt Servt

JOHN TIPTON
Indian Agent

JOHN LINDSEY Blacksmith

[Endorsed:] (copied)

TIPTON TO WILLIAM MCLEAN, September 1, 1827

[ISL:Tipton Papers—ADftS]

INDIAN AGENCY FORT WAYNE first sept 1827

DR SIR Your letter of 23^d last month came here while I was in the Indian Country from which I did not return until after mail time or it would have been answered as requested—

A similar letter has not been answerd nor will not to any, but a Gent like yourself, concernd in Indian affairs. By the enclosed extract you will see that the Department has suggested to the Agents the propriety of concealing the time and place of making payments this regulation I deem a good one, but from the word traffickers am of opinion the Secy did not intend to prohibit those who like your friend mr Johnson proposes to sell cloth Blankets powder lead &c. but the host of others who attend

⁶ In Tipton's accounts made up at the end of the year, the amount is given as \$100.

TIPTON : ABSTRACT OF MONIES PAID IN CONFORMITY WITH TREATIES, 1827

[ISL:Tipton Papers—C⁶⁶]

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS FOR MONIES PAID BY JOHN TIPTON INDIAN AGENT at Fort Wayne in conformity with the Stipulations of Treaties of 16th & 23^d of October 1826 with the Indians owning Land in the state of Indiana.—

No. of Vouchers & Letters of Abstract	date of Payment	- To whom paid	For what object	Amount	
				Dlls	cts
Abstract	1827				
A.	May & June	different persons	For work Oxen for the Miami Indians	422.	50
B.	August	do do	" Goods due the Miamies in the summer of 1827 . . .	26,259.	47
C.	"	Sam ^l . Lewis & others	" appraising \$26,259.47 worth of Goods paid to the Miamies	272.	00
D.	"	different persons	" Cattle & Hogs paid to the Miami Indians	2332.	60
E.	"	do do	" Lands purchased from Individuals by the U. States	25,780.	00
F.	"	do do	" different persons for labour performed at the Miami Villages	360.	00
G.	1 st Octr.	do do	" \$10,000 worth of Goods part of the annuity to the Miamies for 1827	10,000.	00
Voucher					
1.	22 ^d May	T & C. Neave	" Blacksmiths Tools to the pottawatamies	84.	36
2.	1 June	Allen Hamilton	" Files " " "	23.	29

⁶⁶ Filed with the Tipton Papers at the end of September, 1827.

N ^o of Vouchers & Letters of Abstract	date of Payment	- To whom paid	For what object	Amount	
				Dlls	cts
3.	21 June	Robert Douglass	" transp ⁿ . of Blk smith's Tools for Pottaw ^s . from Cincinnati to Fort Wayne	32.	50
4.	" "	William Scott	" Travelling to advertise notice for Contracts	52.	00
5.	27 "	John Forsyth	" services in making Contracts	60.	00
6.	" "	Calvin Fletcher	" " as attorney in preparing obligations for Contracts	25.	00
7.	" "	John Forsyth	" paying printers for publishing notice of receiving proposals	7.	50
8.	31 "	William Scott	" services in receiving & del ^s stock at the different Miami Villages	54.	00
9.	21 Septr.	Chauncey Carter	" Travelling to Detroit for public funds	36.	00
10.	3 Aug.	Hugh B. McKeen	" Iron furnished for Miami annuity for 1827	320.	00
11.	" "	Hiram Todd	" Tobacco for do do do	160.	00
12.	31 "	Anthy L. Davis	" Travelling to Cin ^a . to deposit public funds	44.	00
13.	" "	Samuel Millroy	" building Mill for the Pottawatamie Indians on Tippecanoe	1450.	00
14.	" "	John Lindsey	" building house for residence of the Miller for same	100.	00
15.	29 Sept.	Hugh B. McKeen	" Steel furnished for part of the annuity due the Miamies in 1827	377.	00

Sept 21	“	Chauncy Carter trav ^g to Detroit for pub ^c funds	36 00
Aug. 3	“	H. B. McKeen for Iron furnished Miami annuity	320 00
	“	Hiram Todd Tobacco for same.....	160 00
31	“	A. L. Davis, Travellg to Cincinnati &c	44.00
	“	Sam. Millroy for building for Pottawatamies	1450 00
Sep. 29.	“	H. B. McKeen for steel furn ^d Miamies &c	377.00
	“	John Lindsey for build ^g house for Miller	100.00
		Car ^d over Dlls	68252.22
1827		Amount Brot. forward	\$68252.22
Oct. 1	To	amt. of annuity paid to Miamies for 1827 in Silver.....	25000.00
5.	“	amt. of annuity paid Pottawatamies for 1827 in Silver.....	3700 00
		Dlls.	96952.22
	Cr.		
1827			
June 8.	By	Gov. Cass' Check on Branch Bank of the U.S. N. York.....	97349.47
	“	this amt. p ^d C. Carter	500 00
	“	this amt. p ^d J B Bequette for Jane T. Wells	1280.00
	“	this amt. p ^d Schwarz for F. Godfroy...	1300.00
		\$100,429.47	

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