

Collection Summary

ID Number: MSS 140

Title: New Harmony Artists Collection

Extent: 1 Box

Span Dates: 1820s

Language: English

Geographic Location: Indiana

Abstract: The New Harmony Artists Collection consists of photographs of sketches of Charles Lesueur and Virginia Du Palais in and around New Harmony, IN from 1825.

Historical Notes: Charles Alexandre Lesueur was born in 1778. He was a French naturalist and artist who lived and worked in New Harmony, IN from 1825 to 1837. Lesueur met William Maclure in 1815 and moved to Philadelphia until he left in 1825 on the “Boatload of Knowledge”. His niece, Virginia Du Palais, lived and worked with him in New Harmony, IN. Lesueur travelled in-between New Harmony, IN and New Orleans, LA until 1837, when he returned to France. He passed away in 1846.

- **Sources:** [Charles Alexandre Lesueur: Naturalist and Artist](#); [Lesueur Collection: Purdue University e-Archives](#)

Selected Search Terms

Keywords: Local Artists; Local History

Related Materials: Arts and Entertainment; Communal Studies; History; Photographs; Publications; Regional History; Related Materials -- 1801-1850; Related Materials -- n.d.

Administrative Information

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| Negatives [042-091]: Charles Lesueur and Virginia Du Palais Sketches | n.d. | Box 1, Folder 3 | RL 3027 |
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