

These nomination papers were located by Michelle Benham Chief Deputy Clerk United States District Court of the Western District of Michigan. Michelle contacted me and then sent PDFs' of these papers. Also Chester Hinsdill brother of Judge Withey's wife Marion Hinsdill was Clerk of the United States District Court of the Western District of Michigan from Oct-16th 1875 to 1885 while Solomon Withey was Judge. Marion's other brother was Henry Myron who was Clerk of Kent County Registrar's Office among many other things.

Notes regarding Judge Withey's nomination papers

PDF 264371 No. 246 large note hand written and signed by President Abraham Lincoln Executive Nomination? Washington 26 February 1863. To the Senate of the United States. I nominate Solomon L. Withey of Michigan to be Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Michigan.

Abraham Lincoln

PDF 264371 No. 246 Small note hand written
37 Cong= Congress ?? Ex= Executive Branch. Nomination of Solomon L. Withey to be Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Michigan. 1826 Feb 26 read & referred to the Com on Mil affrs ?= Committee on Military Affairs? Feb 27 Reported.

PDF 271880 No. 106 Large note hand written and signed by President Abraham Lincoln Executive Nomination Washington 10 mar 1863. To the Senate of the United States. I nominate Solomon L. Withey of Michigan to be Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Michigan.

Abraham Lincoln

PDF 271880 No. 106 Small note
US Senate??? Ex= Executive Nomination of Solomon L. Withey to be Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Michigan. 1863 Mar 10 Read Referred to the Com= Committee on the Judiciary. Mar 11 Reported and confirmed.

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Formal Nomination paper signed by President Abraham Lincoln and also Secretary of State William Henry Seward who was appointed Secretary of State by Abraham Lincoln on March 5, 1861, and served until March 4, 1869. Seward carefully managed international affairs during the Civil War and also negotiated the 1867 purchase of Alaska.