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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Abraham Smith Collection

Collection Date(s): 1807 - 1895

Extent and Forms of Material: 2 folders

Creator: Abraham Smith

Biographical or Historical Sketch: Abraham Smith was Sheriff of Knox County, Indiana, from 1839-1844. He appears to have held other county offices, including County Auditor, and was a member of the Vincennes University Board of Trustees from Jan. 2 1844 through July 5, 1859. Died Aug. 8, 1869. Some additional family papers are included in this collection.

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Collection Number: RHC 36

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INFORMATION FOR USERS OF THE COLLECTION

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IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Administrative/Biographical History:

Scope and Content: The collection includes a collection of indentures concerning land sales and other transactions; correspondence including (14) Civil War letters, three notices from B. F. Witt attorney, and War Claims Agent in Indianapolis. Also includes receipts for purchase of foods and other miscellaneous materials.

System of Arrangement: Collection is arranged by date and topic.

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Acquisition Information: This collection was donated by Mrs. Orville Moore, Vincennes, Indiana in 1971.

Related Archival Materials:

Access Points:

Subject/Names: Smith, Abraham

Smith, Bastion

Marlin, John M.

Witt, B. F. attorney and War Claims Agent, Indianapolis

Subject/Topical: Correspondence-Civil War

Civil War Claims

Geographical: Indianapolis

Form/Genre: Correspondence

Container List:

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
31-45	36-1	Itemized purchases, Oct. 21, 1825.
	36-1	Itemized purchases, Oct. 23, 1829.
	36-1	Itemized purchases, Vincennes, Sept. 25, 1830.
	36-1	Knox County Court of Common Pleas, "Relinquishment of James McClure," May 21, 1836.
	36-1	Legal document, Indenture, land sale between John and Catharine Hague and Abraham Smith, Oct. 2, 1837.
	36-1	Unrecorded legal statement or note by (Alexander Johnson and Alfred Robinson?—partially illegible) concerning land sale, Feb. 21, 1839.
	36-1	Legal note pertaining to a pension owed Mr. Thomas Perry written to Mr. Smith by Henry G. Smith, Nov. 7, 1839.
	36-1	Land Indenture, James Scott and Wife to Thomas Scott. Oct. 6, 1835.
	36-1	Itemized purchases, Sept. 21 1839.
	36-1	Itemized purchases, March 29, 1842.
	36-1	Quit claim document between Peter Warner and Wife and Daniel Smith, Knox County, Indiana. 1842.
	36-1	Indenture, Zachariah Pulliam, Feb. 24, 1843.
	36-1	Indenture, Conrad Turnbaugh to Abraham Smith, Feb. 14, 1844.
	36-1	Bill of Sale, George Wilkenson to Abraham Smith, March 11, 1844.

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	36-1	Indenture, Sheriff's Deed, Isaac Mass to Abraham Smith, April 20, 1846.
	36-1	Receipt, John A. Smith, property auction, taxes, July 14, 1847.
	36-1	Tax payment receipt for George McClure by Abraham Smith, March, 21, 1848.
	36-1	Letter from Henry G. Smith, to Abraham Smith concerning pension, Dec. 25, 1848.
	36-1	Letter from Henry G. Smith to Mr. Smith concerning pension, Aug. 17, 1849.
	36-1	Letter from Henry G. Smith to Abraham Smith concerning pension. March 12, 1850.
	36-1	Receipt from Abraham Smith, Nov. 3, 1851.
	36-1	Receipt from Abraham Smith, Knox County School and Road Tax, March 17, 1852.
	36-1	Receipt from Abraham Smith, Oct. 18, 1828.
	36-1	Power of Attorney document, State of Texas, Jan. 24, 1855.
	36-1	Treasurer's Receipt, Knox County, Indiana, for Abraham Smith, March, 1853.
	36-1	Legal document, receipt, Plank Road Co., Abraham Bishop and Thomas Bishop, recorded by Elihu Stout (signature), April 11, 1853.
	36-1	List of finances (?), Dec. 29, 1855.
	36-1	Receipt for goods purchased, Abraham Smith, Roseman Stewart March 9, 1858.
	36-1	Steamboat receipt for freight shipped on Wabash River, April 20, 1857.
	36-1	Unrecorded (?) legal business document pertaining to land use agreement, Oct. 31, 1859.
	36-1	Witness statement concerning transfer of Auditor's Office, Knox County, Indiana, n. d.
	36-2	Letter from J.M. Marlin to Bastion Smith, Cumberland Ford, Kentucky (Civil War Letter), May 11, 1862.
	36-2	Indenture, James M. Emison, administrator of Thomas Scott estate (deceased), to Abraham Smith, March 29, 18538.
	36-2	Receipt from Bastion Smith, Knox County Indiana Circuit Court fee, July 19, 1890.
	36-2	Letter, Bastion Smith, June 30, 1876.
	36-2	Response form from B.F. Witt, Attorney and War Claim Agent, Indianapolis, concerning military discharge possibly of James M. Marlin (John?), April 29, 1867.
	36-2	Printed circular from B.F. Witt, Attorney and War Claim Agent, Indianapolis, explaining the military claim process. Note on reverse side says "The matter is before the Attorney General for his decision." March 3, 1869.

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	36-2	Letter from J. M. Marlin to Bastion and Smith and Nancy Smith (brother and sister), Dec. 29 (no year). Civil War letter.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) from Perry (?) Marlin to brother and sister (Nancy Smith), written from Pulaski, Tennessee, mentions Copperheads in Indiana. Nov. 6, 1864.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) from John M. Marlin to brother and sister, describes cold weather and frostbite among soldiers; from Rogers Knob, Tennessee, Jan. 23, 1864.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) from J. M. Marlin to brother and sister, discusses Rebel soldiers surrendering, saying they are tired of war, and negroes are coming in and a negro regiment is being formed; the food is good because they have good negro cooks, and negroes have been very useful in the Army. Franklin, Tennessee, Aug. 13, 1863.
	36-2	Indenture, James Reynolds (Sheriff of Knox County, Indiana) and John Ross, March 30, 1863.
	36-2	Real estate conveyance legal document, from John Ross (?) and wife Clara to Abraham Smith, March 21, 1863. (Note U.S. \$2 Conveyance Stamp on document, stamp used to raise war money.)
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) to Bastion and Nancy Smith (brother and sister), from cousin A. W. Irvin (?), Dec. 9, 1862.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) to B. Smith from J. M. Martin. Danville, Kentucky, Dec. 22, 1862. Mentions 1100 wounded soldiers.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) to Bastion Smith, A. W. Irvin, Nov. 3, 1862.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) from John A. Smith to brother, Sept. 3, 1862.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) to brother and sister from J. W. Marlin. Oct. 11, 1862.
	36-2	Cancelled envelope to Mr. Bastoin (?) Smith, Knox County, Indiana. n. d.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) to brother and sister from J. W. Marlin, Aug. 12, 1862.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) to brother Bastion Smith from J. W. Marlin, Dec. 12, 1861.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) to brother Bastion Smith from J. W. Marlin, Oct. 31, 1861.
	36-2	Letter (Civil War) to cousin from A. W. Irvin, Nov. 8, 1861.
	36-2	Mortgage indenture form, George Robinson and Ella Robinson to Watts Bond (?). June 19, 1884.
	36-2	Abstract of Title, Bastain (?) Smith, Aug. 17, 1892.
	36-2	Letter to Uncle Al and Aunt Eva from Earl Grammar, Vincennes, Indiana. Dec. 14, 1894.
	36-2	Circular from B. F. Witt, Attorney and War Claim Agent, Indianapolis. n. d.

