

Regional History Collection Finding Aid
Lewis Historical Library, Vincennes University

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Hosea Smith Collection

Collection Date(s): 1810-1823

Extent and Forms of Material: 1 folder

Creator: Hosea Smith

Biographical or Historical Sketch: Hosea Smith resided in Knox County, Indiana during the early years of the Indiana Territory. His letters described life and travel in the region.

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Collection Number: RHC 37

Processing Note: Processed by Richard L. King, Librarian, July 2016.

INFORMATION FOR USERS OF THE COLLECTION

Conditions Governing Access: The collection is open for research use.

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IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Administrative/Biographical History:

Scope and Content: The collection consists of copies of typed letters written by Hosea Smith from 1810 to 1823.

System of Arrangement: Collection is arranged by date.

Acquisition Information: Donor and donation date of collection is unknown.

Related Archival Materials:

Access Points:

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Subject/Names: Hosea Smith

Subject/Topical: History-Indiana (state)

History-Indiana (territory)

Geographical: Knox County, Indiana

Form/Genre: Correspondence

Container List:

Box	Folder	Contents
31-45	37	Brief letter from Hosea Smith to father describing journey to Salem, N. Carolina, April 25, 1810.
	37	Letter from Hosea Smith to father describing journey to Lexington, Kentucky, preparing to leave for Indiana Territory, May 22, 1810.
	37	Letter from Hosea Smith to brother John Smith describing investigation of possible murder, May 22, 1810.
	37	Letter from Hosea Smith to father describing his arrival in Knox County, Indiana and purchase of about 200 acres in White Oak Springs, about 20 miles from Vincennes, June 14, 1810.
	37	Letter from Hosea Smith to brother John Smith describing the rich land he purchased in Knox County, June 14, 1810.
	37	Letter from Hosea Smith to father from White Oak Springs describing land, crops, prices, and a garrison to be created as a result of Indian unrest due to unhappiness with land sales, Oct. 13, 1810.
	37	Letter to brother from White Oak Springs describing crops, prices, Indian "uneasiness." As a result, he says Gov. William Henry Harrison has called together 500 men from Kentucky and other places to build a garrison. Oct. 13, 1810.
	37	Letter to brother and sister from White Oak Springs, informing them of prices, crops, and land available for purchase. Hosea believes peace with Indians is at hand. Nov. 14, 1810.
	37	Letter to brother from White Oak Springs describes improved relationship with Indians. Nov. 14, 1810.
	37	Letter to "respected friend" Nancy Hatfields, from White Oak Springs, describing Hosea's optimism about coming to Knox County. June 22, 1812.
	37	Letter to brother describing Indian unrest, deaths of a family on the Wabash River and a death on the White River, and nothing many false reports of Indian killings. Describes how these events have caused settlers to build blockhouses, and companies of Rangers are scouting the area. He mentions frequent earthquakes. June 22, 1812.

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