Provenance

Donated to the Ralph W. Stark Heritage Center, Lebanon Public Library, by Lavern Wing on May 9, 2017.

Scope and Content

This collection contains records pertaining to the descendants of Benjamin Preston Smith and Susannah Shirley compiled by Lavern Wing. These include obituaries, newspaper articles, and vital records. These documents served as the primary sources for Wing’s The Descendants of Benjamin Preston Smith and Susannah Shirley (this item was donated in a binder and was hardbound by the library), which contains entries for over 1700 individuals.

Series

I. 1st-3rd Generations: Smith, Benjamin
II. 4th Generation:
   A. Smith, Aaron
   B. Smith, Amelia
   C. Smith, Benjamin Taylor:
   D. Smith, Caleb
   E. Smith, Eli
   F. Smith, James
   G. Smith, Menoah
   H. Smith, Nancy
   I. Smith, Sarah
   J. Smith, Susanne
III. 5th Generation
   A. Smith, Amelia (2 folders)
   B. Smith, Benjamin Taylor
   C. Smith, Caleb
   D. Smith, Eli
   E. Smith, Menoah (2 folders)
   F. Smith, Nancy (2 folders)
   G. Smith, Sarah
   H. Smith Susanah
   I. Smith (5 folders)
   J. Shirley-Smith (2 folders)
   K. Smith-Shirley (2 folders)
Background

Benjamin Preston Smith was born September 15, 1769, in Virginia. He moved first to South Carolina, then Kentucky, and finally Indiana. Susannah Shirley, his wife, bore him twelve children. Susannah died April 29, 1848, and Benjamin died September 5, 1853. They are both buried in the Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Fayette, Boone County.

Sources

Wing, Lavern. The Descendants of Benjamin Preston Smith and Susannah Shirley.

Access Restrictions: None

Related Holdings: Family History Files: Smith; Special Collections: McDaniel, Jacob, Family Genealogy

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