Pugh, Elias, Journal, 1855-1868

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Provenance

Unknown

Scope and Content

This collection contains a journal written by Elias Pugh.

Series II contains an undated indenture between Thomas and Sophia Vance and Ira Vance found in the front of the journal.

Series
I. Journal, 1 vol., 1855-1868
II. Indenture

Background

Elias Pugh was born in Maryland December 30, 1801. The 1850 Federal Census places him in Hamilton County, Ohio, and he moved to Union Township, Boone County, Indiana, in 1860. In 1861, Pugh was appointed director of the common schools for his district and was also elected Justice of the Peace for Union Township. In 1869, he served several months as postmaster for Northfield. He died in 1876 and is buried in the Rosston Cemetery.

The entries for 1855-March 1860 chronicle events in and around Cincinnati, Ohio. Many of these entries just list recent deaths, but Pugh does comment on current events, such as the Cincinnati Riots of 1855.

In the spring of 1860, Pugh and his family moved to Boone County, where he settled on the banks of Eagle Creek; in 1862 he moved to Northfield. The journal breaks off in 1863 but was resumed in 1866. While he continues his practice of recording deaths, the entries Pugh wrote in Boone contain detailed accounts of rural life in the county. His entries include weather reports and descriptions of farm labor as well as local happenings. Entries for 1861-1863 are interspersed with observations about the American Civil War.

Sources


*Access Restrictions:* None

*Related Holdings:* Vertical Files: U.S. Civil War--Boone Co.

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