

Lane–Elston Family Genealogical Materials from Montgomery County, Indiana

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Henry Smith Lane (1811–1881) of Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana, contributed his time and efforts to many causes during his life. He worked as a lawyer, rose through the ranks to lieutenant colonel in the Mexican War, and assisted as manager and partner in Montgomery County’s first bank: the Elston National Bank. In politics, he held elected positions in the U.S. House of Representatives (1840–1843) and U.S. Senate (1861–1867) as well as serving temporarily as Indiana’s governor (January 14–16, 1861). Lane also worked in the early efforts to organize the Republican Party in Indiana, serving as president of the party’s state convention in 1856, chairman of the national convention the same year, and delegate at the national convention in 1860, 1868, and 1872.¹

The Lane–Elston Family Papers, housed at the Indiana Historical Society’s William H. Smith Memorial Library, contain correspondence and other written materials relating to Henry Smith Lane’s life and work. Included are genealogical resources relating to Lane’s family and those of his two wives, Pamela Bledsoe Jameson (1814–1842) and Joanna Elston (1826–1914).² The compiled research materials consist of not only genealogical charts but also correspondence, short biographies, and transcribed secondary sources.

Following this article are two transcriptions providing information on the lineage of the Lane and Elston families. The first transcription is of a handwritten document that traces the family lineage of Henry Smith Lane back to his great-grandfather William Lane. The author of the two-page document is unknown, and the document is undated.

The second transcription is of a brief typed document that provides a list of the children of Josiah Elston. The relationship between Josiah Elston and Joanna (Elston) Lane is unknown. This document is on stationary for Havens and Elston, Attorneys-at-Law, in Woodbine and Logan, Iowa. Names in the header of the stationary, presumably of the attorneys, are Roy E. Havens and Floyd W. Elston.

While the two documents exclude some genealogical information, such as birth and death dates, they provide a glimpse into the genealogical materials available in the Lane–Elston Family

Papers. Genealogical materials available in the collection also cover the following related families: Ball, Aiken, Winters, and Johnson (see collection guide).

Notes

1. Betty Alberty, Sister Rachel West, and Robert W. Smith, Collection guide, Lane–Elston Family Papers, 1775–1936, M 0180, Indiana Historical Society; Rebecca A. Shephard, Charles W. Calhoun, Elizabeth Shanahan–Shoemaker, and Alan F. January, *A Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly, vol. 1, 1816–1899* (Indianapolis, IN: Select Committee on the Centennial History of the Indiana General Assembly and the Indiana Historical Bureau, 1980), 228; Theodore Gregory Gronert, *Senator Henry S. Lane* (Crawfordsville, IN: Montgomery County Historical Society, [19---]); Stephen J. Thompson, *History of Montgomery County, Indiana, with Personal Sketches of Representative Citizens* (Indianapolis, IN: A. W. Bowen, 1978), 367–68.
2. Lane–Elston Family Papers, 1775–1936, M 0180, box 5, folder 5; *Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly*, 1:228; Entry for Pamela Lane in the U.S. Find A Grave Index, 1600s–current, online at Ancestry.com; Joanna (Elston) Lane Death Certificate, Indiana Archives and Records Administration, Indianapolis, Indiana.

A Brief Pedigree of Henry Smith Lane

Lane–

I. William Lane. b.

d. m.

received a grant from Thos., Lord Fairfax, Baron

Cameron, of 202 acres in Loud[o/e]on Co V^a 1 May 1754

II. James Hardage Lane. b.

d. May 1787 in Loudon Co. Va m.

to Mary Jane Smith, b.

d.

- issue:
1. John Lane
 2. William Lane
 3. George Lane
 4. James Hardage Lane II
 5. Daniel Crosby Lane
 6. Enoch Smith Lane
 7. Mary Lane
 8. Rebeckah Lane
 9. Delilah Lane
 10. Elizabeth Lane (Mrs Joel Beach predeceased)
 11. Sarah Lane (Darrell)

Bond given by executors in amt of £8000 /- /-

III. James Hardage Lane, II b. Loudon Co Va

2 Feb. 1764; d. Montgomery Co. Ky. 22 July 1841;

m. 1st Mary Strode. 2nd Mary Strode; 3rd

issue:

- 1 William Lane
- 2 John Lane
- 3 Mary Lane Carr[i/e]ngton
- 4 Elizabeth Lane Goodlow
- 5 Evalina Lane (Mrs Newton) Reid
- 6 James Hardage Lane III
- 7 Henry Smith Lane
- 8 Higgins Lane
- 9 Sarah Lane (Mrs Gen Samuel) Stone

Family of Josiah Elston

Josiah Elston came from Kentucky, settled in Northern Indiana.

Josiah Elston

- Jesse
 - Settled on Wabash river, in Indiana.
- Micajah Hamilton Co, Ind.
 - Thos. Cason Elston
 - Vielie Marcus Elston, Moorhead, Ia
 - F W Elston, Woodbine, Ia
 - Lloyd Elston, Burt, Ia.
- John
 - moved to Kansas.
- William
 - Moved to Iowa, killed by tree falling on him.

Three daughters of Josiah Elston, Millie, Nancy and Sarah.