DAVIS FAMILY
PAPERS, 1776-1895

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: 1776-1895

PROVENANCE: Gift of Mrs. William H. Davis, Indianapolis, IN, November 1971

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 71.1108

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Davis family, represented in this collection first by John Davis and then by Robert Davis, lived first in
Shearmen's Valley, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and then moved to Rush County, Indiana, about 1820. There are indications that John Davis, who married his wife Jemima in 1780, was a wheelwright, and that Robert Davis made chairs.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists mainly of receipts for notes and taxes, along with one deed and some agreements. The collection fills six folders, and is arranged chronologically. The first document in the collection, dated 9-16-1776, is a pass for John Davis to go from Perth Amboy, N.J., to Pennsylvania; it is signed by Clement Biddle, Deputy Quartermaster General. Among the undated documents is an inventory of the estate of Jemima Davis.

BOX AND FOLDER INVENTORY

Folder 1. 1776-1780
Folder 2. 1781-1799
Folder 3. 1800-1819
Folder 4. 1820-1840
Folder 5. 1841-1875, 1895
Folder 6. No date.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Davis, John, fl. 1776-1820
SUBJECT ENTRIES: Davis, Robert, fl. 1820-1860
Frontier and pioneer life--Indiana--Rush County
Frontier and pioneer life--Pennsylvania--Cumberland County
Decedents' estates--Indiana--Rush County
Taxation--Indiana--Rush County
Taxation--Pennsylvania--Cumberland county
Wheelwrights--Pennsylvania--Cumberland County
Chair-makers--Indiana--Rush County
Rushville (Ind.)
Rush County (Ind.)
Cumberland County (Ind.)