JAMES E. SMITH
LEDGERS, 1865-1880

Collection #
BV 1779-1780
BV 2643-2644
BV 2649-2654

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 10 bound volumes
COLLECTION DATES: 1865-1880
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James E. Smith (1827-1905) was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, and was brought at a very early age to Marion County, Indiana. After teaching school for several years, he moved to Fountaintown, Shelby County, and ran a general store in partnership with Benjamin Freeman. He served two terms as trustee of Van Buren Township, and for many
years as postmaster in Fountaintown. He was married twice, first to Margaret Cunningham, then to Nancy Thompson. W. H. Smith, a son of the second marriage, succeeded his father in the store and as postmaster.

Sources: *Beers Atlas of Shelby County* (1880), p. 21
Chadwick, *History of Shelby County* (1909), pp. 722-723

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection consists of ten bound volumes, the ledgers for Smith's store between 1865 and 1880. They show the store dealing in such merchandise as dry goods, hardware, groceries, tobacco, coal oil, castor oil, and shoes.

**CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING**

- BV 2649: October 1865 - July 1866
- BV 2650: January-May 1868
- BV 2651: September 1868 - January 1869
- BV 2652: February-July 1869
- BV 2653: 1869
- BV 1779: 1870
- BV 1780: 1871
- BV 2654: 1873
- BV 2643: 1879
- BV 2644: 1880

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