BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James William Van Cleave was born on 10 November 1845 to John and Marjory Van Cleave in Montgomery County, Indiana. In 1850, he lived in Brown, Montgomery County. The family lived in Iowa in 1856 before coming back to Montgomery County by 1870. In 1880, James worked as a carpenter, and by 1900, he was the head of household and caring for his mother. He never married. James William Van Cleave died on 17 October 1925 in Clark, Montgomery County, Indiana.

Sources:
Material in collection
Ancestry.com

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This bound volume is the third diary volume of James William Van Cleave. It is possible that the Indiana State Library has one or either of the first two volumes.

Inscription:
“Send to the Indiana State Library when I am gone years ago I gave them Uncle James original story of the family. This was given to me by Errett Van Cleave in 1948–49. It is one of the many diaries of James William Van Cleave 1845–1925 Montgomery Co. Indiana – near Crawfordsville Ind. Helen Van Cleave Park 3/13/76”

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