

MARION COUNTY ESTATE RECORDS, 1828-1865

Collection#
SC 2515

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 5 folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1828-1865

PROVENANCE: Unknown

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: M 553, M 568 Marion County Circuit Court; F 403 Marion County Probate records

ACCESSION NUMBER: 96.0138x

HISTORICAL SKETCH

This collection contains papers from the estates of four residents of Marion County who died between 1828 and 1862:

Isaac Cool (d. 1828); David Johnson (d. 1832, widow Elizabeth); David Johnson (d. 1842, widow Mahala); and David F. Johnson (d.1862). None of these names can be clearly identified in available histories.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection, filling five folders, contains papers from the estates of four Marion County residents. It is arranged chronologically by decedent.

In Folder 1 are papers concerning Isaac Cool (d. 1828). They reveal that he lived fairly simply (though he had a wooden clock and a spinning wheel) and had some livestock (three cows, two calves, supplies of corn and hay) and agricultural implements (two ploughs, a scythe), as well as a tomahawk. His account with Samuel Merrill shows purchases of cloth and panes of glass, but principally of snuff and of whisky (at 12 1/2 cents a quart).

The first David Johnson (d. 1832), whose papers appear in Folders 2-3, ran accounts with several firms, including John Givan, Conner J. Harrison, and Joseph P. Landis. He bought his whisky by the gallon, but also bought cloth, indigo, china and glass including a "sett of glass cup plates," gunpowder, and one white cravat. A mason charged his estate \$6.50 each for laying up two chimneys. In Johnson's estate sale, a bay colt sold for ten dollars and a cross-cut saw for one. The total of each of these first two estates was less than a thousand dollars.

The papers of the second David Johnson (d.1842) in Folder 4 show that he was a farmer. Those of David F. Johnson (d. 1862) in Folder 5 are routine legal papers.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Marion County (Ind.) Estate Records, 1828-1865

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Cool, Isaac, d. 1828--Estate

Johnson, David, d. 1832--Estate

Johnson, David, d. 1842--Estate

Johnson, David F., d. 1862--Estate

Decedents' estates--Indiana--Marion County

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