

NATHAN SMITH PAPERS, 1829-1840

Collection #
SC 2450

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 items

COLLECTION DATES: 1829-1840

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RELATED HOLDINGS: See card catalog for numerous references to Friends and to Henry County

ACCESSION NUMBER: 95.0008

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Greensboro Township in Henry County, Indiana, was settled by Friends. In 1823 they set up the Duck Creek Meeting. In 1828 this congregation split into two parts, both called Duck Creek Meeting. Before the Civil War Greensboro was known as a center of abolitionist feeling.

The minister of the Hicksite branch of the Duck Creek meeting was Nathan Smith (fl. 1829-1840), who came to Henry County about 1828 from Preble County, Ohio, where his father, Jacob Smith, lived. Nathan Smith and his wife,

both aged twenty to thirty, are listed in the 1830 census for Henry County. In 1833 Nathan Smith performed the wedding ceremony for Jehu T. Elliott and Hannah Scott Branson.

Note: Though they lived close together at nearly the same time, the Nathan Smith of this collection is not the same as the Nathan Smith in collection SC 1370.

Sources: Hazzard, *History of Henry County* (1906), I 1040
History of Henry County (1884), 643
Census of Henry County (1830), 174

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains three letters, dated 1829, 1831, and 1840, written by Nathan Smith in Henry County, Indiana, to his father, Jacob Smith, in Preble County, Ohio. The letters indicate that Nathan has recently moved to Henry County. In 1831 he is still looking for a piece of land to settle on. Other subject matter has mainly to do with farming (including livestock and wool) and with the Friends meeting.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Smith, Nathan, fl. 1820-1840

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Smith, Nathan, fl. 1820-1840

Society of Friends--Indiana--Henry County

Quakers--Indiana--Henry County

Clergy--Indiana--Henry County

Farmers--Indiana--Henry County

Henry County (Ind.)

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