NICHOLSON FARMSTEAD COLLECTION, 1822–1876

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 oversize manuscript folder, 1 bound volume

COLLECTION DATES: 1822–1876

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Simon Nicholson was an early settler of Steen township, Knox County, Indiana. Born in Ireland, Simon moved to Steen from Pennsylvania. In April 1825, Simon paid James Abbott $375 for 300 acres of land along the old State road, where he settled with his family.

Andrew Nicholson, the son of Simon Nicholson, was born in 1812 in Pennsylvania. Andrew married Caroline Boyd on 28 December 1854 in Knox County. Together they had at least six children: Mary Ellen, Martha Ann, John Simon, Charles, Andrew Ellis, and William Elworth. Andrew died on 25 August 1876. In his will, Andrew gave his wife "control and management" of his land until his sons came of age, when the land would be divided among them. William Elworth received the land upon which the farmstead buildings stood.

The Nicholson Farmstead is located along Indiana State Road 550 in Steen Township. The site is about a quarter mile west of Wheatland, Indiana. The house was originally constructed around 1863, with periodic updates and additions made on that building and others until 1937. The farmstead is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sources:
Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011, via Ancestry.com
Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941, via Ancestry.com
U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current, via Ancestry.com
U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918, via Ancestry.com
1810, 1830, and 1870 U.S. Federal Census, via Ancestry.com
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains three items related to the land on which the Nicholson Farmstead was built. The first item is a land document granting 400 acres to James Abbott, dated 25 July 1822. The second item is a land deed, granting Simon Nicholson 300 acres in Knox County for $375 paid to James Abbott, dated 7 April 1825. The last item is Andrew Nicholson's day book from about 1859 to 1876. The book records money paid out for goods and for services of those who worked on Nicholson's land.
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