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**PETER STUDABAKER
COLLECTION, 1889**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: 1889

PROVENANCE: Donated by Hermine Wiecking Colson

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: *John Studabaker notebook, 1836-1839, BV 0818*

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Peter Studabaker was born on 15 October 1790 in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, to Abraham Studabaker and Mary Magdalena Whitehead. He moved to Greenville, Ohio, with his older brother Abraham in 1808. He left soon after to join the Indiana Rangers, a mounted militia organized by Indiana Territory Governor William Henry Harrison to protect white settlers in the Indiana territory from Native Americans. During the War of 1812, Studabaker supported his brother in supplying food to Harrison's troops.

Studabaker married Mary Jane Simison on 15 February 1821. Over the course of their marriage, the Studabakers had seven children together. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Jay County, Ohio, and settled along the Wabash River across from New Corydon, Indiana. The Studabakers made their living through farming, trapping, hunting, and trading. In 1822, Studabaker moved his family to Fort Recovery in Ohio, and then in 1832 to Adams County, Indiana, where they settled along another stretch of the Wabash River.

Studabaker died of typhoid on 15 June 1840 in Adams County, Indiana. His wife, Mary, died on 18 July 1869 in Decatur, Indiana.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Materials in Collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of materials relating to the Studabaker family. It includes a reproduction of an 1889 photograph taken of the Studabaker log cabin on the south side of the Wabash River in Adams County. It was built by Peter Studabaker in 1832 and is reputedly the first house built in Adams County. The collection also includes a typed history of Peter Studabaker's life. It starts with his birth in 1790 in Pennsylvania and describes his life in Adams County, Indiana, as well as his military participation, trading business, farm, and relations with Native Americans. The history was written by Mate Studabaker Wiecking at an unknown date.

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Studabaker cabin, 1889 [reproduction]

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