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VEEDERSBURG, INDIANA PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1898–CA. 1910

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	One folder, and one 4x5 acetate negative
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1898–ca. 1910
PROVENANCE:	C. Wesley Smith, Veedersburg, August 1946; C. Rush Young, Veedersburg, March 1948

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

C. Wesley Smith, born 10 May 1872, was a woodcarver, builder, grocer, and amateur photographer. His work included tintypes, and stereograph views of Veedersburg, Indiana, and local events. Smith was a Democratic council member in Veedersburg from 1900 to 1914, and keeper of records and seals for the Knights of Pythias Spring Hall Lodge no. 246. He also acted in local plays with his wife Anna (Jessamine Anna Sargent).

Biographical information on C. Rush Young is not available.

Christopher Keeling, Franklin Yerkes, and Peter S. Veeder platted Veederburg (Fountain County), Indiana in 1871. Incorporated as the town of "Veedersburgh" in 1872, the letter "h" was dropped from the place-name in 1896. Veedersburg became a city in 1900, but reverted to town status in 1936. Three railroads ran through Veedersburg at the turn of the century: the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis; the Toledo, St. Louis, and Western; and the Chicago, Attica, and Southern.

Sources:

History of Fountain County Indiana. Fountain County Historical Society, 1983.

Polk's Indiana Gazetteer and Business Directory. Indianapolis: R. L. Polk and Co., Publishers, 1928.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains fourteen black-and-white copy prints and one original negative. C. Wesley Smith probably made all but one photograph in this collection. Captions are written on the back of each photograph and include names, locations, and approximate dates.

The photographs are of views in and around the town. These include crowd scenes at a street fair, a parade, and women and children posed on and around a derailed coal train. The brass band in the parade photographs is marching in memory of sailors and officers who died in the explosion of the U.S.S. *Maine*. Other images show individual buildings such as the Veedersburg Grade School, Presbyterian Church, railroad station, and the John Meeker home. Scenes of rural Fountain County include people posed by a river under the Portland Arch, and a small child standing beside an underground spring on a road south of Veedersburg. There is a photocopied paper on the history of the spring and the old kettle included in the folder of photographs.

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Veedersburg Rail Road Station	Folder 1
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U.S.S. Maine memorial parade in Veedersburg (2 views)	Folder 1
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Photocopied story of spring and old kettle in Fountain County	Folder 1

Series 2: Negative

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Claude Ocheltree as a boy along road with old salt kettle used for spring, ca. 1910	4x5 Acetate negative storage

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