

**Collection #
SC 3003**

**WILLIAM FLANNER
JOURNAL, 1819–1889**

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[William Flanner's grandson]

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Flanner, born on April 6, 1766, in North Carolina, was the only son of Thomas and Trinity Flanner. They also had one daughter named Elizabeth. Thomas Flanner died circa 1770 in North Carolina. Due to the difficulty Trinity experienced in raising two children on her own, she sent William, at about the age of seven, to become an apprentice shoemaker to John Grant. Although his apprenticeship lasted 13 years, William never received any training as a shoemaker. Rather, he performed manual labor and menial chores on the farm. When a teacher came to the area and arranged to stay with the Grant family, William took the opportunity to obtain as much schooling as possible, using snake root as paper on which to write. Subsequently the Grant's allowed him to attend school on an occasional basis.

After his apprenticeship ended, William became a fervent Quaker, built a timber business and purchased a farm. His mother came to live with him until her death in the spring of 1795. In August of that year William married Peninnah, daughter of Jacob and Rhoda Parker. Together they had seven children. Peninnah died in 1822. In 1825, William married Catherine Patterson Vernon, daughter of Benjamin and Esther Patterson. Between 1807 and 1825 William travelled extensively both in the United States and Europe to help spread and maintain the Quaker faith. In about 1808 he moved his family to Mount Pleasant, Jefferson County, Ohio, where he died circa 1837.

Sources: Materials in Collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Collection consists of one small journal. The journal contains a memoir written by William Flanner for his children. The memoir records his life from birth through his second marriage. Part one was written prior to 1819 and part two written afterwards.

Note: Pages 15 and 16 of part one are missing.

The journal also contains several newspaper-printed poems glued to the pages. Inside the back cover is a printed genealogical chart for the Beeson family. Charity Beeson married William Flanner's son, Jacob. One of their children, Henry Beeson Flanner, is the subject of IHS Collection M 0106.

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