

WILLIAM H. SMITH NOTEBOOK, CA 1905

Collection #
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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 item

COLLECTION DATES: ca 1905

PROVENANCE: Mullins Books, Box 33350, Indianapolis, IN 46203, 8 April 1996

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 96.0404

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The origin of this item is questionable. The name of William H. Smith was given by the dealer from whom the item was purchased. Handwriting and condition of paper would place the item somewhere between 1880 and 1910-- at

which time the city directories list as many as eleven William H. Smiths. At the back of the book appears "R. B. Smith, 713 E. Market St., Indianapolis;" and some letters at the back of the notebook are addressed to Mrs. E. M. Smith at the same address. However, no R. B. Smith appears at that address in the 1880, 1890, 1901, 1905, or 1910 directory.

Whoever the author was, he/she had some business experience, some education, and some idea of economic theory.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains one item, a notebook with several undated hand-written essays. The first account is of the author's attempt to start a sausage factory. There follows an account of some of the ritual of the Secret Order of Archery. Next comes a long essay on the interrelation of different forms of labor and on a voluntary organization [the Secret Order of Archery?] to promote cooperation among industries and trades. Mention is made of Franklin Landers and of the Studebaker Brothers factory.

At the back of the notebook (separated into Folder 2) are copies of some letters addressed to Mrs. E. M. Smith at 713 East Market Street, testifying to the virtues of "Secrets of the Harem" lotion, which makes the skin smooth and freckles disappear.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Smith, William H.

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Secret societies--Indiana--Indianapolis--Rituals

Trade-unions--Indiana--Indianapolis

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