



David Smock Papers, 1840-1878

MSS 110

Overview

Creator: David Smock
Title: David Smock Papers
Collection Number: MSS 110
Collection Dates: 1840-1878
Size: 1 box
Repository: Hanover College Archives
Duggan Library
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Collection Information:

Scope and Content Note

A set of journals and ephemera written by David Smock between 1840 and 1878, including extensive entries about life in Indiana in the mid-1800's. This collection also includes ephemera such as personal notes, letters, tax information, and church information. Smock writes of his daily life and his opinions on some subjects such as: people he meets, happenings in the local communities he visits, and happenings within the churches he visits. Many of these subjects include his time as a travelling minister for the Presbyterian Church around Indiana and later in Iowa. It also contains a family history of the Smock family, with particular focus on Samuel Smock.

Historical Information

One of twelve children, David Vancleave Smock was born on Nov 13, 1808 in Jefferson County, Indiana. Growing up, he read newspapers at the post office and attended John Finley Crowe's Bible School held in the local grammar school building. His father offered each of his 8 sons 80 acres of land, but David instead accepted a college education. David was the third enrollee at Hanover College. David went on to attend and graduate from Indiana Theological Seminary, becoming a Presbyterian minister in Indiana and serving as a trustee of Hanover College between 1845 and 1852. He moved to Iowa to continue his pastoral career, and died in Keota on December 31, 1878.

Organization

Chronological

Administrative Information:

Related Items:

Related materials may be found by searching the [Hanover College online catalog](#).

Acquisition:

Purchase, 2008.

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Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Dates	Notes
1	1	Journal	1840-1842	Daily and family life, daily weather, local happenings, Presbyterian ministry travel logs to places such as: Knightstown, Rushville, Lewisville, and Newcastle, Indiana
1	2	Journal	1858-1876	Biographic and genealogical information, family and daily life, daily weather, Presbyterian ministry travel logs to places such as: Hanover, Madison, and Knightstown, Indiana as well as Sigourney, Iowa. Includes a biography of Samuel Smock and his decision to move his family from Kentucky to Indiana because of his opposition to slavery.
1	3	Journal	1876-1878	Elderly life, church happenings, gardening, daily weather, family life
1	4	Ephemera	Undated	Poems, reading material, personal notes, letters, church financial information, tax information
1	5	Photographs	Undated	Two images: Jesse Duncan Smock; Unidentified couple
	CP_Box1_F1	Samuel Smock tintype	Ca. 1850	Tintype of an unidentified man, possibly Samuel or David Smock