

DAVIS FAMILY PAPERS, 1776-1895

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: 1776-1895

PROVENANCE: Gift of Mrs. William H. Davis, Indianapolis, IN, November 1971

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 71.1108

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Davis family, represented in this collection first by John Davis and then by Robert Davis, lived first in

Shearmen's Valley, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and then moved to Rush County, Indiana, about 1820. There are indications that John Davis, who married his wife Jemima in 1780, was a wheelwright, and that Robert Davis made chairs.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists mainly of receipts for notes and taxes, along with one deed and some agreements. The collection fills six folders, and is arranged chronologically. The first document in the collection, dated 9-16-1776, is a pass for John Davis to go from Perth Amboy, N.J., to Pennsylvania; it is signed by Clement Biddle, Deputy Quartermaster General. Among the undated documents is an inventory of the estate of Jemima Davis.

BOX AND FOLDER INVENTORY

Folder 1. 1776-1780

Folder 2. 1781-1799

Folder 3. 1800-1819

Folder 4. 1820-1840

Folder 5. 1841-1875, 1895

Folder 6. No date.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Davis, John, fl. 1776-1820

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Davis, Robert, fl. 1820-1860

Frontier and pioneer life--Indiana--Rush County

Frontier and pioneer life--Pennsylvania--Cumberland County

Decedents' estates--Indiana--Rush County

Taxation--Indiana--Rush County

Taxation--Pennsylvania--Cumberland county

Wheelwrights--Pennsylvania--Cumberland County

Chair-makers--Indiana--Rush County

Rushville (Ind.)

Rush County (Ind.)

Cumberland County (Ind.)

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