

Kosciusko County, Names Compiled from Robert Smith's Account Book, 1851–1852

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Account books are valuable to genealogists for the names listed in them, placing people in a specific location at a specific time. The particular account book featured in this article belonged to Robert Smith, who ran a business in Palestine, Kosciusko County, Indiana. While we have no personal information about him, the few notes of “beef,” “apples,” and “lumber” in his ledger point to a general store.¹ We can also see that he catered to a fairly large number of surrounding residents and that he kept meticulous records of the transactions he made.

Perhaps of more import and interest is the provenance, or place of origin, of Smith's account book. It is obvious that it originated in Palestine, Indiana, as labeled by Smith himself. However, on locating this town on a map of Indiana, we can see that there are, or were, multiple similarly named towns in the state besides in Kosciusko County. While the collection guide states that Kosciusko County is the correct location, no evidence on the account book itself indicates a specific county. In an attempt to determine the correct location, we researched several names found in the account book in the closest census, which was 1850. We selected the names at random and determined that this account book did in fact originate in Kosciusko County.² This particular Palestine, Indiana, in southern Harrison Township, became a town in 1837 and thrived until the laying of a railroad through neighboring towns, but bypassing Palestine, led to its eventual decline.³

Below is a list of names found at the beginning of Smith's account book as they appear there—loosely alphabetized—in Smith's customer index. Each name corresponds to a page found later in the book that indicates each person's business with the store, from the end of 1851 and continuing into 1852.

Notes

1. Robert Smith Account Book, 1851–1852, SC 2664, Indiana Historical Society.
2. Abner C. Barns, 1850 U.S. Census, Franklin Township, Kosciusko County, Indiana, roll M432_156, page 396A, image 671, Ancestry.com; James Bowen, 1850 U.S. Census, Harrison Township, Kosciusko County, Indiana, roll M432_156, page 406A, image 691,

Ancestry.com; Henry Bedell, 1850 U.S. Census, Harrison Township, Kosciusko County, Indiana, roll M432_156, page 407A, image 693, Ancestry.com.

3. L. W. Royse, *A Standard History of Kosciusko Indiana*, vol. 1 (Chicago: Lewis Publishing, 1919), 350; *Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Indiana* (Chicago: Baskin, Forster and Co., 1876), available in Indiana Historical Society Digital Collections, <http://images.indianahistory.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16797coll20>.

**Names Listed in Index to Robert Smith's Account Book, Palestine,
Kosciusko County, 1851–1852**

Armantrout, Jacob	Bybee, Nathen
Ausbarger, Solomon	Billen, Jacob
Alt, Jacob C. father	Blue, Eli
Ancleson, William	Bumon, John
Ammons, Erastees	Blue, James
Andrews, James	Bauser, John
Ammons, Ephram	Brown, Mr.
Anders, Cleas	Bedell, Henry
Andreck, Daniel	Barkley, Alexander
Arnold, John	Baker, Aberham
Ayersman, Daniel	Baker, Aaron
	Br[---], John
Burns, Abner	Boggs, Milton
Brewer, Jackson	Bowman, Berham
Baker, John	Beerket, Daniel
Bowen, James	Br[---], Martin
Birt, James	Brinnon, Shedon
Bussett, Martin	
Bisel, William	Cutter, Stephen J.
Baughman, Michael	Cress, Henry
Blue, William	Cuffel, Jacob
Blue, David	Charles, Hugh

Cr[---], John	Frush, William
Cook, Robert	Flanigan, A.
Crock, [---]	Griffith, Thomas
Coop, Daniel	Ford, Henry
Cuffel, Henry	Ford, George
Cune, Cheeves	Farmer, Henry
Cuffel, Albert	Florey, John
Cuffel, Peason	
Caldwell, Joshua	Gragg, John
Comp, John	Gwain, James
Corn, John	Griffin, Jacob
	Grutton, Ire
Do[a?]son, [---]ire	G
Devenport, Thomas	Gardon, Edward
Dewell, Nathanel [Nathaniel?]	G[---]den, Gorge
Davis, William	[Griffith, Thomas]
Dewell, Solomon	
Delany, Walter	Hatfield, John
Daming, Harmein	Hartman, Simon
Daion, Nelson	Herington, William
Darmon, Nelson	Hanocol[k?], Elizabeth
Darmon, Open[---]	Harold, Arter
[Denneck?], John	Heater, Simon
Delany, David	H[---]yer, Michael
D[---]berry, Jesse	Hines, Francis
Douglass, James	Hammon, David
Delany, Dennis	Herrington, Jacob
	Hyer, Michael
Eaton, Caleb	Hains, John
	Hine, Simon
	Holoway, [J?]. Sarah

Holloway, James
Herrington, John
Hartman, John
Hatfield, Martin
~~Holloway, Isaac~~
Hoffes, Samuel
Huffman, [---]
Harrington, Nathan
Hartman, Nathan
Hinkel, Jacob
Haryton, Gil

Jeffiers, Joseph
Jordan, [Benny?]
Jeffiers, Taylor
Jeffiers, Amos
Jeffiers, Pierce
Johnson, Jhue
Jeffiers, William

Kehlar, Jacob
Kehlar, Rulin
Kehlar, Levi
Kehlar, Levi
Kehlar, Daniel
Kehlar, Jacob
King, Thomas
Kiner, Martin

Lash, Philip
Lettrel, Elizabeth

Lewes, John
Lash, George
Lecher, William
Lischy, Aaron

Meittisc, Joseph
Milburn, Hiram
Magnen, William
McShary, Fredric
Minear, John
Madison, John
Mozesinga, Joseph
Myers, Jesse
Mezcick, John
Meredieth, Moses
Myers, Jacob
Mack [---], William
~~Mack Vicker, William~~
Malone, Thomas
Melter, Andrew
Millenha[---], William
Menwell, William
Miller, George
Mack Vicker, Simon
Myers, Wilson
Munch, Jonthan
Meredith, Thomas
Martimore, David
Munby, Samuel
Moaer, Aberham
~~M[---]. William~~

Mack Vicken, William	Reckel, William
Morris , [---]	Roberts, William
Meeker, David	Reed, William
Nebb, Isaac	Smith, Robert S. M.
Nellon, Mark	Sarben, Daniel
Norris, Morriss	Smith, Ephraim
	Smith, Peter
Offeneer, Georg	Severs, Aberham
Overstreet, Thomas	Smart, John
	Sarber, John
Price, Elijah	Sell, Peter
Pascton, John	Smith, Joseph
Passcels, John	Swartslander, George
P[---]num, John	Steffe, Jacob
Parcels, Joseph	Slife, Fredrick
[Parcton?], N. S.	Sarber, Peter
Parker, Wilson	Steward, Samuel
Pollson, John	Smith, George
	Smith, Jacob
Rickel, John	Sticklur, Joseph
Roberts, Thomas	Sarber Smart, William
Raker, William	Stoffer, Samuel
Rupe, Micheal	Sarber, William
Rupe, William	Sturgen, Martin
Rickel, Samuel	Smith, Ja[---]
Reid, Alexander	Smith, Henry
Rice, William	Selious, [Cedell?]
Rebman, Andrew	Smith, Le[---]
Reepe, Andrew	Sarber, John
Roackhill, Ellis	Smith, M[---]

Sarber, William
Sticklan[---], Jacob
Smeell, Philip
S[---], Joseph
Scott, Jeremiah

Teel, Adam
Teel, David
Teagardner, George

Ubry, George

Velston, George
Vendark, Jeremiah
Vendarnen, Miren
Vendarnen, Philo
Vendarnen, Nathaniel

Whieteman, Jesse
Wood, Abner
Washam, William
Warron, John William
Warren, Thomas
Warron, William
Wenders, William
Warron, Az[---]
Willbellem, Martin
Warton, Mr.
Wooten, George
Whiteman, William
Wiley, George

Worren, David
Win[---], Henry
Wedener, David
Wooren, Riley
Wordenbergen, J. B.
Waters, Samuel
Warton
Warren, Seth
Wardenbarger, George
Winbegler, Henry
Wingegler, John

Young, John