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Jacob Smith Collection, 1801-1830

Object ID: MG0168

1 box 7 folders .25 cubic ft.

Repository: LancasterHistory (Organization); PV7

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Scope and Content Note: The Jacob Smith Collection consists of the daybooks and papers of Jacob and Abraham Smith. The daybooks contain notes on workers' attendance, assignments, pay, mill equipment, and names of people with whom Abraham boarded. There is also a court order appointing six men to study the feasibility of a road from Jacob Smith's mill to Manor's skating rink.

Creator: Smith, Abraham.

Conditions for Access: No restrictions.

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Language: English

Biographical and Historical Note:

The original grist and sawmill was built by Jacob Smith in 1774 on Pequea Creek, about eight miles from Lancaster. The stone mill was built by Jacob Smith circa 1800. The mill remained the property of Mr. Smith and his heirs until 1846, when it was purchased by Abraham Mylin. Mylin built an addition and put in another water wheel. Subsequent owners were Benjamin Harnish in 1857, Jacob B. Good in 1868, and Thomas Baumgardner in 1870. Mr. Baumgardner repaired the mill and put in new machinery. Later owners were Jacob Herr, Henry Hess, Edwin Diffenderfer, Enos Harnish, Sumner Brown, Clayton Hilton, and H. F. Eshleman.

Ellis, Franklin and Samuel Evans. 1883. *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania : With Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men*. Philadelphia: Everts & Peck. p. 1011.

"Baumgardner's Mill / Millvale Mill - Lancaster Co. - Pennsylvania." n.d. Millpictures.com. Accessed October 7, 2021. <https://millpictures.com/mills.php?millid=652>.

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Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

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People:

Baer, Jacob
Bard, George
Burkholder, John
Forrey, Christian
Freeman, Clarkson
Gundacker, John
Hershey, Andrew
Hess, Christian
Klepfer, Michael
McCullouch, J.
Metzger, Jonas
Ross, George
Sight, Martin
Smith, Abraham
Smith, Christian
Smith, Henry
Smith, Jacob
Smith, Magdalena
Smith, Martha
Thomas, Adam

Subject Headings:

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Executors and administrators
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Search Terms:

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Pequea Twp.

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Processing History: Processed and finding aid prepared by DT, 1999. This collection has been documented, preserved and managed according to professional museum and archives standards. The finding aid was updated using DACS conventions.



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Folder 1

Insert 1 Daybook of Jacob Smith, Jr. is a workers' attendance log by day and worker at various mills from February 1801-December 1802. Details of equipment at several mills. Also, notes on payments to workers and some mathematical calculations. 4.25 x 7.75", 27 pages.

Insert 2

Release of Jacob Smith, administrator of the estate of Henry Smith, by Henry Smith's brothers, Christian and Abraham Smith. Additional names:

Philip Gloninger, John Bonnet, and William Bausman. Dated 1803.

Account of disbursements by Jacob Smith, administrator of the estate of Henry Smith. Additional names: George Ross, Dr. George Bard, J. McCullouch, John Gundacker, Dr. Clarkson Freeman, Michael Klepfer, Jonas Metzger, Adam Thomas, Martha Smith, Christian Smith, Abraham Smith. Dated 1803.

Folder 2 Daybooks of Abraham Smith for 1804-1809, 1810, 1811, and 1813. Workers' attendance logs by day and worker at various mills. Included are some notes on the movement of workers between mills. 3.75x 6.5". *Daybook for 1804-1809 was transferred from the library, 1999.*

Insert 1 Daybooks for 1810, 1811, 1813.

Insert 2 Abraham Smith's 1812 daybook and a sheet of blotting paper.

Folder 3 Daybooks of Abraham Smith for 1814-1817. Workers' attendance logs at various mills. Included are some notes on the movement of workers between mills. The 1817 daybook begins to log Abraham's places of boarding. 3.75 x 6.5".

Folder 4 Daybooks of Abraham Smith for 1818-1821. Logs of people with whom Abraham boarded by month and day. Contain a few miscellaneous notes. The 1818 daybook notes the death of brother Jacob Smith on 23 February 1818, aged 43 years, 6 months, and 26 days. The 1819 daybook mentions Abraham's mother Magdalena Smith. The daybook mentions A. Smith as a minor child of deceased Jacob Smith. 3.75 x 6.5".

Folder 5 Daybooks of Abraham Smith for 1822, 1823, 1825. Logs of people with whom he boarded by month and day. Few notes. 3.75 x 6.5".

Insert 1 1824 daybook and a sheet of blotting paper.



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Folder 6 Daybooks of Abraham Smith for 1826-1828. They are logs of people with whom he boarded by month and day. Few notes. 3.75 x 6.5".

Insert 1 1829 daybook and a sheet of blotting paper.

Insert 2 1830 daybook and a sheet of blotting paper.

Folder 7 A Quarter Sessions court order responding to a petition of "Inhabitants of the Township of Conestoga" requesting the creation of a road from Jacob Smith's Grist and Merchant Mill to a road extending from the Peach Bottom Road to Clinger's Mill near the Menonist's Meeting House. Appointed to evaluate feasibility of this were Christian Hess, John Burkholder, Christian Forrey, Andrew Hershey, Martin Sight, and Jacob Baer.