Cook, Matthew Allen (MSS 302)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Matthew Allen Cook received his undergraduate degree from Western Kentucky University in 2005 and his Master’s degree in Folk Studies from Western in 2007.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists entirely of Cook’s drawings which feature some of the architectural elements of the Centre Family Dwelling at the South Union, Kentucky, Shaker community. This large brick structure was begun in 1822. The walls were raised and the roof built in 1824, the date etched in limestone over a second-floor window. In 1833 seventy residents, male and female, moved into their new home where they would sleep, eat, and worship in community. The dwelling contained forty-two rooms on four floors. Cook provides floor plans which include room locations for each of the floors. His other drawings reveal the details and dimensions of the baseboards, fireplaces, doors, and windows, as well as the built-in cupboards, chair rails, and peg rails which reflect the Shaker ideals of proportion, simplicity, and orderliness.

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Folder 5  Layout showing fireplaces  
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Folder 6  Layout showing features of  
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**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

MSS 302  COOK, Matthew Allen  
2006

Cook's drawings of some architectural  
elements of the Centre Family Dwelling, South  
Union, Kentucky. Includes dimensions and  
details of fireplaces, doors, windows, built-in  
cupboards, chair rails, and peg rails; also floor  
plans.  
½ box. 6 folders. 172 items. Photocopies.  
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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Shakers – South Union, KY – Buildings – Design and construction

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