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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 64 SHAKERS – South Union, Kentucky

1 box. 4 folders. 3 items. 1814-1911. Original, photocopy, typescript.

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HISTORY

Ann Lee (1736-1784), mother of Shakerism, claimed a few years before her death to have experienced a vision in which she saw the next great opening for the gospel occurring in 1801 or 1802 in the southwestern part of the United States. John Meacham, Benjamin S. Youngs, and Issachar Bates embarked on a missionary journey to that area on January 1, 1805. This trek proved to be one of more than one thousand miles. Because of the great religious revival taking place in Logan County, Kentucky, the Shakers proceeded to that region. They gained converts and in 1807 established a communal society, which practiced celibacy and pacifism, at South Union in Logan County. Membership peaked at 349 in 1827. Disbanded in 1922, South Union was the last of the six western societies to close.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of a single ledger volume (Folder 2) containing the following records of the Shaker Society at South Union: accounts, 1814-1815, of the fulling mill, documenting yardage of cloth received and delivered, its purpose and finishing processes, and including an index of customers; accounts, 1843-1844, documenting general expenses; and a journal, 1909-1911, of James Carr recording daily activities, weather, and some expenses. For the convenience of researchers, the first two portions of the ledger have been photocopied (Folder 3). Also included (Folder 4) is a typescript of the ledger with a name index of James Carr's journal at the back, and a separate subject index of the entire ledger.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Shakers – South Union, Kentucky	1814-1911	4 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item

Folder 2	Ledger containing fulling mill records (1814-1815); accounts (1843-1844); and journal kept by James Carr (1909-1911)	1814-1911	1 item
Folder 3	Photocopy of fulling mill records and accounts portion of Folder 2	1814-1844	
Folder 4	Typescript of Folder 2; index	1814-1911	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Carr, James, 1836-1918

Shakers – South Union, Kentucky – Woolen and worsted manufacture, 1814-1815, 1843

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