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Helm Store Collection - Hardin County, Kentucky (MSS 65)

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1 box. 3 folders. 4 items. 1814-1842. Originals.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Benjamin Helm (1767-1858) was Hardin County’s first surveyor and was a member of the first town board. He served from 1800 to 1817 as Hardin County Court Clerk, Clerk of the Quarter Session Court, and Clerk of the Circuit Court. Helm was the senior partner of the Helm & Green mercantile company and was chosen as the first president of the Union Bank of Elizabethtown.

Duff Green (1791-1875) came to Elizabethtown to teach in the Elizabethtown Academy. After serving in the army, he formed a partnership with Helm in the merchandise business, in which he was active until he moved to Missouri in 1817. He was the editor of the *St. Louis Enquirer*, a member of President Andrew Jackson’s “Kitchen Cabinet”; and held other politically important posts until President Lincoln’s administration.

John B. Helm (1797-1872) was selected as the first clerk in the Helm & Green store, after graduating from Elizabethtown Academy. When Helm & Green ceased partnership, he was associated with Benjamin Helm and Washington Whitaker in the merchandising firm of John B. Helm & Company. Later Helm became Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Hannibal, Missouri.

Washington Whitaker (1800-1853) was the adopted son of Benjamin Helm, being his wife’s son by a previous marriage. When the John B. Helm & Company partnership was dissolved, Whitaker remained in the mercantile business with various partners until his death.

**COLLECTION NOTE**

A journal of sales from 1814 to 1816 of the Helm & Green store and an 1828 account book of the John B. Helm & Company comprise the major portion of the collection. An 1842 promissory note and constable’s summons pertaining to a debt are also included.
SHELF LIST

BOX 1 HELM Store – Account books 1814-1842 4 folders
Folder 1a Inventory 1 item
Folder 1 Journal of sales, credited 1814-1816 1 item (377 p.)
Folder 2 Account book 1828 1 item (300 p.)
Folder 3 A promissory note and a constable’s summons dealing with a debt 1842 2 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Account books, 1814-1828
Green, Duff, 1791-1875 – Relating to
Helm, Benjamin, 1767-1858 – Relating to
Helm, John B., 1797-1872 – Relating to
Merchants – Elizabethtown
Whitaker, Washington, 1800-1853 – Relating to

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