Shakers - South Union, Ky. (MSS 154)

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BIOGRAPHY

Jesse McCombs (1750-1815), in his younger years, lived in Orange County, North Carolina. He later moved to Guilford County, North Carolina but settled in Logan County, Kentucky sometime before October of 1799. The Shakers sent ministers to Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and other states in the early nineteenth century to capitalize on the religious revivalism that was spreading in the West. McCombs was among many Kentuckians that converted to the Shaker beliefs. The Shakers utilized much of McCombs’ land, with the North Family at South Union living in a brick house that had formerly belonged to McCombs. The Shakers were a religious sect that established communal societies in New York, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and other places, chiefly in the nineteenth century, with one of their main tenets being that of celibacy. They were also known for their superior craftsmanship and shrewd business acumen.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Collection.
Shaker Record A, Volume I.

THE COLLECTION

This collection is comprised chiefly of Shaker business and legal papers including: documents of Jesse McCombs (50 items); items of James Johnson (40 items); documents about slavery (21); materials concerning children and the transfer of guardianship (11); legal documents (20); land transactions, plots, surveys, etc. (58); promissory notes (26); documents pertaining to mills (16); wills (28); agreements (228); receipts and expense lists (278); and miscellaneous items (21).
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