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Descriptive Inventory

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3 ½ boxes. 11 folders. 15 items. Originals. 1836-1893.

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BIOGRAPHY

James Carr was born on June 22, 1836. Formerly of Watervliet, New York, Carr came to the Shaker community at South Union, Kentucky, on September 25, 1879. He had been a member of the Watervliet society about eighteen months before arriving at South Union. On September 2, 1881, Carr left for Butler County, Kentucky, after becoming engaged to Elizabeth Flowers. He was married to Elizabeth for five years, but re-entered the society on April 15, 1886. On June 22, 1889, Carr was appointed elder of the East House after having been appointed in 1887 as second elder of the West House as an assistant to Elder Samuel Buchanan. On October 31, 1889, Carr again left the South Union Shaker community to visit his wife Elizabeth. He later returned to spend the rest of his life with the South Union Shakers, dying on August 21, 1918, at the age of eighty-two.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Collection  
 Shaker Record D, 1879-1917  
 Necropolis

COLLECTION NOTES

This collection is comprised chiefly of a journal kept by James Carr, 1890-1893, and Shaker hymnals (9) kept by various members of the society.

James Carr's journal covers everyday topics of Shaker life such as duties or chores, business partners, producing and marketing food, goods, and crops, as well as travel records. Carr also records the weather daily as well as the movements within the Shaker community of South Union, Kentucky. This journal is an excellent account of life in a Shaker community giving partial census reports and deaths. It also provides a seasonal record of crops, preserving, and milling activities.

The hymnals contain sacred songs that are typical of those used in various Shaker communities of that time period. The hymnals are compiled by different members of the South Union Shaker society.

## SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Journal and hymnals	1836-1893	4 items
Folder 1	Descriptive inventory and associated data		5 items
Folder 2	South Union Shaker journal – James Carr	1890-1893	1 item, 184p.
	2a South Union Shaker journal – James Carr (photocopy and typescript)	1890-1893	
Folder 3	South Union Shaker hymnal – Betsy Smith	1827-1836	1 item, 139p.
	3a South Union Shaker hymnal – Betsy Smith (photocopy)	1836	
Folder 4	South Union Shaker hymnal – Mary Edwards	1844-1853	1 item, 139p.
	4a South Union Shaker hymnal – Mary Edwards (photocopy)	1844-1853	
BOX 2	Hymnals	1844-1867	3 items
Folder 1	South Union Shaker hymnal – Chester C. Holman	1844-1867	1 item, 48p.
	1a South Union Shaker hymnal – Chester C. Holman (photocopy)	1844-1867	
Folder 2	South Union Shaker hymnal – Writer unidentified	1848	1 item, 122p.
	2a South Union Shaker hymnal – Writer unidentified (photocopy)	1848	
Folder 3	South Union Shaker hymnal – Writer unidentified	1849-1866	1 item, 179p.
	3a South Union Shaker hymnal – Writer unidentified (photocopy)	1849-1866	

BOX 3	Hymnals	1850-1866	3 items
Folder 1	South Union Shaker hymnal – Harvey L. Eades: only one hymn signed by Eades	1850-1866	1 item, 85p.
	1a South Union Shaker hymnal – Harvey L. Eades (photocopy)	1850-1866	
Folder 2	South Union Shaker hymnal – Harvey L. Eades	1852-1855	1 item, 254p.
	2a South Union Shaker hymnal – Harvey L. Eades (photocopy)	1852-1855	
Folder 3	South Union Shaker hymnal – Robert Johns	1852-1856	1 item, 75p.
	3a South Union Shaker hymnal – Robert Johns (photocopy)	1852-1856	
BOX 4	Hymnal	n.d.	1 item
Folder 1	South Union Shaker hymnal – Writer unidentified	n.d.	1 item, 62p.
	1a South Union Shaker hymnal – Writer unidentified (photocopy)	n.d.	

#### BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Shaker journal, 1891-1893 (184p.) kept by James Carr,  
South Union, Kentucky, giving daily activities within the Shaker  
community. Includes hymnals, 1836-1856 (9), compiled by  
Shaker society members. A name index is available, also.  
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