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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 3 DUNN Family Papers

1/2 box, 3 folders, 224 items, 1824-1916

Gift of A. Thomason, Leitchfield, Kentucky, 1949

BIOGRAPHY

At age seven, Mary Rogers (d. 1857), daughter of James Rogers [Rodgers], moved with her family from Virginia to Nelson County, Kentucky. Mary married Vincent Dunn, and they had several children; three of which were: Prudence (1798-188?), James R. (1802?-1881), and Vincent (b. 1811). After the death of her husband in 1811, Mary moved to Grayson County. Prudence's first husband was a Mr. Rogers, and they lived in Bowling Green, Missouri. Her second husband was the Disciples of Christ minister Jacob Creath, Jr. (1799-1886). They lived in Palmyra, Missouri, where she managed the farm and reared the children while he served as an itinerant preacher. Meanwhile, James and his wife Elizabeth resided on a Grayson County farm with their family of several daughters and son, Zachariah James (1842-1918).

Bibliographical Notes

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THE COLLECTION

This collection consists of letters, 1832-1916 (108 items), of the Dunn family of Grayson County, Kentucky, written chiefly to James R. Dunn, his mother, and his son. Sixty of the letters from Prudence (Dunn) [Rogers] Creath contain comments on her husband's evangelistic travels, farming in Missouri, the Civil War, her steamboat trip from Kentucky to Missouri in 1868, and family affairs. The other letters, primarily about farming in Illinois and family matters, are from Grayson Porter of Illinois, William E. Ward of Caneyville, Kentucky, and members of the Dunn, Rogers, and Nelson families. Additionally, there are miscellaneous family tax receipts, 1824-1911 (116).

SHELF LIST

Folder 1	Dunn family correspondence	1832-1859	39 items
Folder 2	Dunn family correspondence	1860-1916	69 items
Folder 3	a) Tax receipts - James R. Dunn	1824-1879	51 items
	b) Tax receipts - Zachariah R. Dunn	1864-1916	62 items
	Silas Thomason	1909-1916	3 items

CATALOG CARD

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Letters, chiefly family, to Mrs. Mary (Rogers) Dunn, d.1857, James R. Dunn, 1802?-1881, & Zachariah R. Dunn, 1842-1919, farmers. Over half are from Prudence (Dunn) Rogers Creath, 2nd wife of Jacob Creath, Jr., minister of Palmyra, MO. Also tax receipts of James & Z. R. Dunn, & Silas Thomason.
1/2 box, 108 letters, 116 tax receipts.
See inventory for details.
Gift of Alma Thomason, 1949.

SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Civil War - Missouri - Palmyra - 1861-1865
 Creath, Jacob, Jr., 1799-1886 - Relating to
 Creath, Prudence (Dunn) Rogers, 1798-188?
 Disciples of Christ
 Dunn, James R., 1802?-1881
 Dunn Mary (Rogers) d.1857
 Dunn, Zachariah James, 1842-1918
 Farms and farming - Missouri
 Farms and farming - Illinois
 Grayson County
 Grayson County - Businesses, 1824-1911
 Grayson County - Tax receipts, 1824-1911
 Nelson, Calvin
 Nelson family - Dewitt County, Ill.
 Palmyra, Missouri 1848-1884
 Stoner, Porter J.
 Thomason, Silas
 Ward, William E.

CHRONOLOGY CARDS

1824-
 1841-
 1861-
 1866-
 1881-
 1901-