

JAMES E. SMITH LEDGERS, 1865-1880

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BV 1779-1780
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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	10 bound volumes
COLLECTION DATES:	1865-1880
PROVENANCE:	J. H. Small, Books, Indianapolis IN, 11 June 1979, 15 June 1992, and 15 April 1993
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James E. Smith (1827-1905) was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, and was brought at a very early age to Marion County, Indiana. After teaching school for several years, he moved to Fountaintown, Shelby County, and ran a general store in partnership with Benjamin Freeman. He served two terms as trustee of Van Buren Township, and for many

years as postmaster in Fountaintown. He was married twice, first to Margaret Cunningham, then to Nancy Thompson. W. H. Smith, a son of the second marriage, succeeded his father in the store and as postmaster.

Sources: *Beers Atlas of Shelby County* (1880), p. 21
Chadwick, *History of Shelby County* (1909), pp. 722-723

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of ten bound volumes, the ledgers for Smith's store between 1865 and 1880. They show the store dealing in such merchandise as dry goods, hardware, groceries, tobacco, coal oil, castor oil, and shoes.

CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING

BV 2649:	October 1865 - July 1866
BV 2650:	January-May 1868
BV 2651:	September 1868 - January 1869
BV 2652:	February-July 1869
BV 2653:	1869
BV 1779:	1870
BV 1780:	1871
BV 2654:	1873
BV 2643:	1879
BV 2644:	1880

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