

Collection #  
SC 2323

**CURTIS BEALS**  
**FAMILY PAPERS, 1726–1855 (BULK 1810–1837)**

[Collection Information](#)

[Biographical Sketch](#)

[Scope and Content Note](#)

[Cataloging Information](#)

Processed by  
Charles Latham  
8 November 1991  
Updated 23 November 2004

Manuscript and Visual Collections Department  
William Henry Smith Memorial Library  
Indiana Historical Society  
450 West Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

[www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org)

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 11 items

COLLECTION DATES: 1726-1855

PROVENANCE: Mrs. John Miklasch, Terre Haute IN, 23 October 1991

RESTRICTIONS: None

COPYRIGHT: Held by Indiana Historical Society

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1992.0002

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

The Beal family apparently originated in Nottingham in the County of Chester in England, where John Beal wrote his will in 1726. In 1810 Curtis Beal appears in a deed in Highland County, Ohio; in 1834 he laid out a village called Springboro in Randolph County, Indiana (centering on Winchester, on the east border of the state). With his wife Hannah, Curtis Beals appears on Randolph County deeds from 1834 to 1837 dealing with Springboro, and in notes written on a printed 1845 letter from the London Society of Friends. The only Spring Borough in the *Postal History of Indiana* was in White County in the 1850s.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection, including eleven items, consists of a will, several deeds, and a note. It is arranged chronologically. The earliest item is a Xerox copy of the 1726 will of John Beal of Nottingham, naming several of his children. Of the remaining items, most concern Curtis Beals of Randolph County, and date from 1810 to 1837. An 1855 deed concerns T. A. Wilkins and D. W. Brown, and a lot in the town of Farmland.

## **CATALOGING INFORMATION**

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 2323).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.