KATHARINE SMITH FAMILY PAPERS, 1820–1912

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 5 folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1820-1912

PROVENANCE: Katharine Smith, 295 Village Lane, Greenwood IN 46163, through Caroline Dunn, 12 December

1990

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

James Gilmore, of Clark County, and Andrew J. Walkup were ancestors of Katharine Smith. Louise Smith Stanton (Mrs. William H. Stanton) was a relative. Oliver P. Morton (1823-1877) was Governor of Indiana 1861-1867, and appointed Andrew Walkup, of the Jeffersonville Railroad Company, in 1863 as a special agent to Indiana troops in Kentucky and Tennessee.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling five folders, consists of letters, legal documents, and diary transcripts covering the years 1820-1912. They deal mainly with relatives and ancestors of Katharine Smith of Greenwood. They are arranged chronologically.

<u>Folder 1</u> contains two documents regarding the estate of James Gilmore, who died in Clark County in 1820. <u>Folder 2</u> contains two Clark County deeds dated 1851 and 1889. <u>Folder 3</u> contains three letters from Gov. Oliver H. P. Morton to authorities in Kentucky and Tennessee as a special agent to Indiana troops stationed in those two states.

<u>Folders 4 and 5</u> contain carbon transcripts of diaries and correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Stanton of Anderson during a trip to Central and South America in 1912. These include descriptions of the Panama Canal, not open until the following year, and of passages on five coastal steamers. The Stantons arrived home in New York just in time to hear of the sinking of the Titanic.

FOLDER LISTING

Folder

- 1. Estate of James Gilmore 1820
- 2. Clark County deeds 1851, 1889
- 3. Letters from Gov. Morton re: Andrew Walkup 1863
- 4-5. Travel diaries and correspondence of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stanton 1912

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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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 2298).
- 5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.