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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

William K. Perkins was a farmer, businessman, and Illinois native who came to Arkansas in 1850 as an early settler of Scott County. The area where he lived until his death in 1863 is now part of Booneville in Logan County. In 1854, Perkins was elected constable of Boone Township and held this office until 1860.

He was born in 1818 in St. Claire, Illinois, to Ephraim and Lucinda Perkins, who moved their family shortly afterwards to Benton County, Tennessee. Perkins remained in this area throughout his adulthood, marrying Parthenia Herrin on March 27, 1839, and fathering four children: James Madison (1840-1865), Elisha Crawford (1841-1863), Sarah Lucinda (1842-1923), and Martha Jane (born 1846). Parthenia died in 1846 and on November 30, 1847, Perkins married Martha Sykes.

He and Martha then moved to Greene County, Mississippi, where they lived briefly and where their first son, Samuel Huston (1849-1936) was born. Of his four other children with Martha, only Thomas (1854-1886) and Theodocia (born 1857) lived past infancy.

During the Civil War, Perkins briefly joined the Booneville Unit of Company A, Second Arkansas Mounted Rifles. He was shot and killed near his home in the fall of 1863.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, receipts, surety bonds, sworn statements, accounts due, and legal documents relating to William K. Perkins and his 1854-1860 career as constable of Boon/Boone Township, Scott County (now Logan County), Arkansas.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Mary F. Maskell, Booneville, Arkansas, 1956.

I. Correspondence

Collection Inventory

I. Correspondence

A. William K. Perkins

1. 1855 January 10: James F. Lee to William K. Perkins

2. 1855 February 22: S.H. Chism to William K. Perkins

3. 1855 May 19: John I. Walker to William K. Perkins

4. 1855 November 10: W.G. Featherston to William K. Perkins

5. 1855 November 20: J.W. Vandever to William K. Perkins, Boone Township, Scott County

6. 1855 December 13: E. Perkins, Camden, Tennessee, to "Dear William"

7. 1856 January 18: G.W. Reed, Waldron, Arkansas, to William K. Perkins, Booneville, Arkansas

8. 1856 April 17: I.I. Walker, Ozark, Arkansas, to William K. Perkins

9. 1856 August: Beverly B. Dannely, teacher, to William Perkins

10. 1856 September 9: I.M. Swinney, Waldron, Arkansas, to William K. Perkins

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11. 1856 October 6: [Morris] Rhyne, Roseville, Arkansas, to William K. Perkins

12. 1856 November 26: Thomas J. Price to William K. Perkins, Booneville, Arkansas

13. 1857 January 21: I.M. Swinney, Waldron, Arkansas, to William K. Perkins

14. 1857 May 10: J.J. Simco, Washington County, Arkansas, to William K. Perkins

15. 1857 July 13: C. Massey, Booneville, Arkansas, to William K. Perkins

16. 1858 October 14: E. Perkins, Camden, Tennessee, to William and Martha [Perkins]

17. 1859 February 21: L.G. Wright to William K. Perkins

18. 1859 August 6: E. Perkins, Camden, Tennessee, to William K. Perkins

19. 1859 September 21: John I. Walker to William K. Perkins, Booneville, Arkansas

20. 1859 September 28: S.L. Eastes to William K. Perkins

21. 1860 February 6: F.M. Scon[?], Booneville, Arkansas, to William K. Perkins

22. 1860 March 13: John S. Houston to William K. Perkins

23. Undated: George S. Virnie to William K. Perkins

24. Undated: John I. Walker to William K. Perkins

B. Other

B. Other

25. 1857 December 6: C. Massey, Lamertine, Arkansas, to Mr. Rhyne and Company, Booneville, Arkansas

II. Legal Documents

26. 1854 October 7: Justice's execution of debt claims, W.G. Featherston and Son v. William C. Hicks

27. 1855 February 21: Sworn statement, J.B. Proctor, Franklin County, Arkansas

28. 1856 February 2: Blank surety bond

29. 1856 February 14: Notice of appeal, Alford Grigg, Scott County, Arkansas

30. 1856 August 8: Confirmation of election, William K. Perkins, Constable, Boon/Boone Township, Scott County, Arkansas

31. 1856 September 4: Surety bond, James M. Swenney vs. John W. Page

32. 1857 June 18: Justice's execution of debt claims, S.I. Heamby vs. David Pope

33. 1857 June 20: Justice's execution of debt claims, I.M. Swinney vs. John W. Page

34. 1857 September 4: Justice's execution of debt claims, Reed Lyons and Company vs. John W. Page

35. 1857 September 12: Justice's execution of debt claims, Reed Lyons and Company vs. John W. Page

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36. 1857 October 16: Justice's execution of debt claims, C. Massey vs. John Wardroap

37. 1858 February 6: Justice's execution of debt claims, William Rogers vs. I.J. Mangrum and William Oliver

38. 1858 February 6: Justice's execution of debt claims, William Rogers vs. I.J. Mangrum and William Oliver

39. 1858 November 30: Justice's execution of debt claims, G.W. Carter vs. I.H. Baker

40. 1859 January 31: Justice's execution of debt claims, William Whitticer vs. William Lowery

41. 1859 February 12: Justice's execution of debt claims, A.H. Moffet vs. F.C. Oliver

42. 1859 March 12: Justice's execution of debt claims, Anna Manard vs. L.J. Hicks

43. 1859 June 15: Justice's execution of debt claims, Webster McCastlin vs. George Stanton

44. 1859 July 26: Justice's execution of debt claims, William Thompsom and L. Laster vs. Joseph Baker, et al

45. 1859 September 26: Summons, James T. Lee vs. L.C. Walton and McHamby

46. 1859 October 6: Sworn statement, D.M. Tucker

47. 1870 January 24: Letters of guardianship, Martha Perkins

48. Guardianship fees, Paris and Pennington

III. Authorizations for payment

49. Sworn oath, J.A. Morrison vs. N. Morrison

III. Authorizations for payment

1855-1860 (24 items)

V. Miscellaneous documents

Accounts due, statements of accounts, notes, etc. 1851-1861 (58 items)

VI. Other material

Miscellaneous, 1854-1887 (24 items)

IV. Receipts 1853-1860

A. 1853 (1 item)

B. 1854 (9 items)

C. 1855 (22 items)

D. 1856 (30 items)

E. 1857 (7 items)

IV. Receipts

F. 1858 (7 items)

G. 1859 (14 items)

H. 1860 (9 items)

I. Undated (12 items)