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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

John Nicks (1781-1831) was born December 20, 1781 in Guilford County, North Carolina. Nicks was first appointed an officer in the United States Army in 1808. Lt. Col. Nicks was honorably discharged June 8, 1821. Later that year he was recommended as Fort Jesup's sutler, but appointed sutler at Fort Smith. After he took up his residence at Fort Smith he was elected to the Third Territorial Legislature of Arkansas and represented Crawford County in the House of Representatives in 1823 and 1825. Nicks was put in charge of the buildings at the newly abandoned Fort Smith. President John Quincy Adams appointed Nicks brigadier general of the Arkansas Militia in 1827. When Lovely County, Arkansas was organized in October, 1827, the Legislature appointed a commission to locate the county seat. John Nicks of Nicks Township was one of the three commissioners and Nicksville, named after Nicks, was selected. Nicks died December 31, 1831 after a ten day illness and is buried in the national cemetery at Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains an officer's commission for John Nicks.

Administrative Information

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