

Information Sheet

R **Cook, Warren.**
43 **Collection, 1782-1978.**
 Five folders.

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The Warren Cook Collection consists of photocopies of letters, estate papers, and miscellaneous documents, principally pertaining to Cook's ancestors in southwestern Missouri. Cook inherited the manuscripts upon the death of his grandmother, and he has used some of the papers as sources for a series of articles in the *Neosho Daily Times* entitled "Out of the Attic." Photocopies of several of these articles have been placed in Folder 5.

The Cook family has its antecedents in the Smith and Havins families of Kentucky and Alabama, and the earliest papers in the collection are indenture contracts and estate documents from those states. The Smiths and the Havinses began moving westward in the 1830s, and while some settled in southwestern Missouri, others moved on to homestead in Texas and in northwestern Arkansas.

The period from 1850-1900 is well represented in the collection, primarily by correspondence among the various branches of the family. In addition to family news, the letters contain comments on economic conditions in Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri, as well as notes on cattle prices and markets. The Civil War period is represented by letters and papers of Lt. J. W. Roseberry of the 16th Regiment, Missouri Volunteers (Confederate). Roseberry wrote to his family from army camps in Arkansas and Louisiana, and his letters contain interesting comments on the war and the army, including a religious revival in the camps in late 1864. Roseberry surrendered with the army in 1865, and included are photocopies of his parole and oath of allegiance. There is also a letter of recommendation from the elders of a church at Camp Allen, Louisiana, attesting to Roseberry's good standing in the congregation there.

Two other items of interest in the correspondence are an eyewitness description of the San Francisco earthquake and fire, 1906, and a letter from Clara Smith Steichen, wife of the famed photographer Edward Steichen, in which she describes events in Europe at the beginning of World War II.

The correspondence has been arranged chronologically in folders 1 and 2.

The remainder of the collection includes photocopies of two pocket farm diaries for 1875-1876 that were kept by J. W. Roseberry of Kent, Missouri. In addition to the weather and domestic events, the diaries mention trips to Neosho to buy supplies, sell farm produce, and to attend Grange meetings. The diaries have been placed in Folder 3. Folder 4 contains various receipts and promissory notes, and Folder 5 includes genealogical notes, newspaper clippings, and copies of photographs of several of the individuals represented in the collection.

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Shelf List

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Folder 1: Correspondence and estate papers, 1782-1875.

- 06 Aug 1782 Last Will and Testament of John Haven, Fincastle County, Va.
 12 Sep 1796 Warranty Deed: James Mann to James Havans, Jefferson County, Tenn.
 01 Jun 1814 Warranty Deed: Henry Beeson to David Smith, Wayne County, Ky.
 06 Nov 1821 Appointment of Executors: Christina Alsop and James Havens to the estate of William Alsop, Lawrence County, Ala.
 06 Aug 1822 Appointment of Executors: Sarah Havens and David Smith to the estate of James Havens, Lawrence County, Ala.
 January 1823 Assignment of Dower of Sarah Havens from the estate of James Havens.
 11 Feb 1823 Inventory of the estate of James Havens.
 04 Apr 1824 James Langston, Monticello, Ky., to David Smith, Lawrence County, Ala.
 February 1826 Order to sell property from estate of James Havens, Lawrence County, Ala.
 17 Aug 1828 Dillard and Nancy Huse (Hughes), Boonville, Mo., to Nancy Huse, Monticello, Ky.
 01 Mar 1831 Bill of sale of property from the estate of Nicholas Alexander.
 28 Nov 1838 Certificates of pedigree for horses.
 04 Feb 1839 Promissory Note: William Spradlin to David Smith.
 04 Mar 1847 Pedigree and stud schedule for horse "Jos. Morton," Newton County, Mo.
 28 Aug 1848 Letter: Martha B. Carnes, Lee County, Va., to Amanda Roseberry, Newton County, Mo.
 25 Jun 1849 Letter: Thomas J. Havins, Hopkins County, Tex., to Mrs. Charlotte Smith, Newton County, Mo.
 12 Oct 1850 Letter: N. A. Langston, Randolph County, Ky., to "Dear Aunt."
 15 Aug 1853 Letter: William Huckoby, Lockhart, Caldwell County, Tex., to John Roseberry, Hazel Bottom Post Office, Newton County, Mo.
 21 Jan 1854 Letter: Thomas P. Wilson, Carrollton, Mo., to William Gibson, Carthage, Mo.
 2 Mar 1854 Letter: H. C. Armstrong, Neosho, Mo., to Charlotte Smith. Concerning hire or sale of Negro girl to Armstrong.
 06 Jun 1854 Letter: J. Mitchell, Lee Valley, Va., to Amanda Roseberry, Senacker[?] County, Mo.
 September 1854 Letter: C. S. Havins, Grenville, Tex., to Sarah Smith.
 29 Jun 1855 William K. Summers, Carroll County, Ark., to "Cousin John Smith."
 28 May 1858 J. R. Smith, Wash burn's Prairie, Mo., to Thomas Benton.
 03 May 1859 J. R. Smith, Washburn's Prairie, Mo., to "Mother."
 01 Sep 1863 Alvin B. Havins, Erath County, Tex., to Franklin Marrs, Miller Grove, Hopkins County, Tex. Concerns the death of Abigail Havins.
 18 Jan 1864 James W. Roseberry, Camp Bragg (Ark. or La.[?]), to Charlotte Smith.

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- 26 May 1864 James W. Roseberry, Camp Three Creek, Ark., to "Friend." Four-page fragment mentioning fighting at Mansfield, Alexandria, and Saline River, La.
 18 Sep 1864 James W. Roseberry, "Camp Near Monticello, Ark.," to Charlotte Smith. Mentions great revival of religion in army camps.
 19 Sep 1864 James Roseberry, "Texas," to "Dear Friend."
 14 Oct 1864 Nannie Coffey, Monticello, Ky., to "Dear Cousin."
 10 Dec 1864 Printed Form: Headquarters Department, Department of Arkansas, ordering guards to pass Sarah A. Walker en route by horseback to Newtonia, Mo.
 circa 1865 Verse: "Richmond on the James," by James W. Roseberry, 16th Missouri Infantry, camp near Camden, Ark.
 21 Feb 1865 R. B. Roseberry, "Camp Near Camden, Ark.," to Charlotte Smith.
 01 May 1865 General Order No. 27, Shreveport, La., announcing promotion of James W. Roseberry as 2nd Lieutenant of Co. E, 16th Missouri Infantry.
 19 May 1865 Certification of membership of James W. Roseberry as a member of the "Christian Church of the 2nd Brigade of Missouri Infantry," Camp Allen, La.
 08 Jun 1865 Printed parole of James W. Roseberry, 16th Missouri Infantry, Shreveport, La.
 22 Jun 1865 Oath of Allegiance: James W. Roseberry, at St. Louis, Mo.

- 25 Jul 1865 Letter: John Roseberry, Dallas County, Mo., to Mrs. M. Smith.
- 29 Aug 1866 Receipt for land taxes, Newton County, Mo., to Charlotte Smith, Executor of estate of David Smith.
- 20 Dec 1867 Adolphus Mitchell, Visalia, Calif., to Amanda Roseberry.
- 16 May 1873 Thomas Havins, Hopkins County, Tex., to Charlotte Smith.
- 28 Aug 1874 Affidavit by James and Mary Langston, Macon County, Mo., concerning the deaths of Polly Langston, Chariton County, Mo., and D. S. Langston, San Francisco, Calif.
- 22 Mar 1875 Statement concerning personal effects of late Walter Adams.

Folder 2: Correspondence and estate papers, 1883-1978.

- 12 Aug 1883 Last Will and Testament of Charlotte Smith, Newton County, Mo.
- 03 Mar 1884 Printed invitation to attend commencement exercises at the Physio-Medical Institute, Chicago, Ill.
- 16 Jan 1888 J. W. Roseberry, Chillicothe, Mo., to Charlotte Smith.
- 24 Mar 1888 J. W. Roseberry, Browning, Mo., to "Dear Wife."
- 17 Jun 1888 J. W. Roseberry, Unionville, Mo., to Chalmer Roseberry.
- May 1892 Printed invitation to attend commencement exercises of the Scarritt Collegiate Institute, to Charlotte Smith, Neosho, Mo.
- 14 Mar 1893 J. W. Roseberry, Kent, Mo., to "Dear Nephew."
- 18 Sep 1895 Harve[?] Hamilton, Cabool, Mo., to Charlotte Roseberry.
- 05 Oct 1895 Ethel M. Roseberry, San Francisco, Calif., to Chalmer Roseberry.
- circa 1897 Affidavit of John R. Smith, Newton County, Mo., concerning descendants of David Smith.
- 18 Oct 1897 Printed appeal to Confederate veterans by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Concerns donations of war relics for Missouri Room of the Confederate Museum, Richmond, Va.
- 22 Mar 1899 "Cousin Wade," Blue Ridge, Tex., to Chalmer Roseberry.
- 14 Apr 1899 "Cousin Wade," Blue Ridge, Tex., to Chalmer Roseberry.
- 15 May 1901 *Le Souvenir*, a four-page newsheet printed at Neosho, Mo.
- 20 Jun 1901 Charles Payne, "Dealer in Live Wild Animals," Wichita, Kan., to C. H. Roseberry, Kent, Mo.
- 17 Sep 1901 Charles Payne, Wichita, Kan., to C. H. Roseberry, Kent, Mo.

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- 09 Jul 1902 Headquarters, United Confederate Veterans, St. Joseph, Mo., to J. W. Roseberry, Commander of Freeman Camp, U.C.V., Waddill, Mo.
- 12 Oct 1902 E. M. Roseberry, Hobart, Okla., to "Mother."
- October 1902 *The Amicus Curio*, Vol. III, No. 4, printed at Kent, Mo.
- 23 May 1903 A. S. Havins, Hillsboro, Hill County, [Calif.?], to Charlotte Roseberry.
- 11 Oct 1905 Charles Payne, Wichita, Kan., to C. H. Roseberry, Kent, Mo.
- 14 Oct 1905 C. H. Roseberry, Kent, Mo., to Charles Payne.
- 26 Nov 1905 Ozro Mitchell, Visalia, Calif., to Charlotte Roseberry, Kent, Mo.
- 21 Apr 1906 Ozro Mitchell, Visalia, Calif., to Charlotte Roseberry, Kent, Mo. Contains a description of the San Francisco earthquake.
- 28 Jun 1906 Mabel [?], Prosperity, Mo., to Chalmer Roseberry.
- 16 Dec 1906 Letter fragment concerning the death of Ozro Mitchell.
- 12 Oct 1915 C. E. Brewster, purchaser of wild game, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa., to C. H. Roseberry.
- 29 May 1916 J. R. Roseberry, Springfield, Mo., to Chalmer Roseberry, Stella, Mo.
- 29 Nov 1938 Clara S. Steichen, Florence, Italy, to Mrs. J. E. B. Cook, Roseberry, Mo.
- 31 Dec 1949 Bill for services by C. H. Roseberry, Stella, Mo., to Newton County, Mo.
- 20 Jan 1950 R. W. Roseberry, Springfield, Mo., to C. H. Roseberry, Stella, Mo.
- 07 Oct 1962 Robert J. Cantrell, Hot Springs, Ark., to Warren Cook, Republic, Mo.

17 Jun 1978 Laverne Pace, San Jose, Calif., to Warren Cook, Republic, Mo.

Folder 3: Farm diaries, 1875-1876.

These are pocket farm diaries for 1875-1876. The diary for 1875 was marked on the outside of the cover "J. W. Roseberry, Kent, Newton Co. Mo." The inside flyleaf bears the inscription, "Presented to Chalmer H. Roseberry on his 29th birthday by his mother, Jan. 11, 1904." The diaries were photocopied one above the other on the same page. The diary at the top of the page is for the year 1875, that at the bottom for 1876.

Folder 4: Miscellaneous papers, 1816-ca. 1875.

Included here are promissory notes, tax and financial papers, and a few estate papers. (Circa 40 pages.)

Folder 5: Miscellaneous genealogical notes and records.

Includes obituaries, "The Havins Recorder," and photocopies of photographs. (Circa 40 pages.)

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