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INTRODUCTION

This genealogical collection was compiled and given to the Manuscript Division by Esmerelda Robinson (Mrs. Quentin M.) Smith (1895-), genealogist of Nashville, Tennessee. Many of the records center around the descendants of John Robinson of Cumberland County, Virginia, and those families into which they married.

The materials in this collection measure 1.21 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Esmerelda (Robinson) Smith Genealogical Collection may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection of Esmerelda Robinson (Mrs. Quentin M.) Smith, spanning the period 1738-1939, and containing four large indexed volumes and approximately 100 items, is composed of compilations of genealogical data; Bible, birth, census, land, and marriage records; biographical sketches; correspondence; maps; wills; and a volume entitled *Some Descendants of John Robinson of Cumberland County, Virginia, With Notes on the Robinson Family*. Many of the records are Xeroxed copies of originals.

One volume contains compilations of data and excerpts and citations of original records and published works. The wealth of information in this volume has been made quite accessible to the researcher through use of its excellent name index. It was collected and arranged by Mrs. Smith and Katherine Reynolds.

Robinson family descendents and related families settled in DeKalb, Jackson, Smith, and Wilson counties in Tennessee; Cumberland, Goochland, and Henrico counties in Virginia; and numerous other counties in Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

There are letters (1848-1877) of the Potts family and numerous land records from White County, Tennessee (1820-1888), with some from Henry (1824) and Smith (1835 – 1889) counties in Tennessee; Rutherford County, North Carolina (1792); and Goochland County, Virginia (1738; 1741), belonging primarily to the Brown, England, Lancaster, Lowry, Potts, Price, Robinson, Thomas, and Turner families.

Genealogical data is given for the following families, among numerous others: Adamson, Anderson, Barnes, Bartlett, Bradley, Bradshaw, Brown, Cantrell, Cardwell, Corley, Driver, England, Fite, Foutch, Gallimore, Given, Hampton, Jennings, Jones, Lack, Lancaster, Manners, Martin, Meador, Oakley, Odom, Patterson, Prichard, Reynolds, Roberts, Robertson, Simpson, Smith, Turner, Uhls, Williams, Winfree, and Yeargin.

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