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#### INTRODUCTION

German baptismal records and other German documents from 1813 for Conrad Andrew Smith, Warren County, MO; affidavit of intent to become a U.S. citizen, 1838; and oath of citizenship, 1840. Five letters in German by Conrad Andrew Smith, George Smith, and Adam Binzer. Some translations provided by the donor. Smith family genealogical information in accession folder.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by William E. Smith for Mrs. Guy Smith on 28 Mar 1968 (Accession No.0524). An addition was made on 14 Nov 1968 by William E. Smith (Accession No.0574).

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Of the five letters written in German between c. 1845 and 1848, four were translated by the donor. These letters describe the bad political and economic conditions in Germany in 1847 and the strong desire of some Germans to emigrate to America. They also portray some of the problems encountered by the immigrants in the new world. They include a few family conflicts, jealousies, and tragedies, providing an overview of family life in Germany and America in the 1840s.

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