



Tolliver Craig Papers (C4394)

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Historical Note:

Tolliver Craig was born July 10, 1764, in Orange County, Virginia, the fifth of fourteen children. His parents were Tolliver Craig, Jr. and Elizabeth Johnson. He attended a number of country

schools. On September 24, 1768, he married Patsy Wright and from this marriage had 15 children. He and his wife joined the Baptist Church.

Craig built a cabin on land his father gave him, opening a plantation there. He later bought land at Elkhorn, Virginia, and established another plantation. He lived there a few years and then moved his family to Green River, Kentucky, and rented out his farm at Elkhorn. He eventually moved to Callaway County, Missouri, where he died about 1832.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Notebook and Autobiography with Transcription

Correspondence

Booklet: A History of the Craig Reunion

Scope and Content Note:

Notebook and Autobiography with Transcription

This series contains an autobiography of Tolliver Craig. It briefly covers Craig's birth, some childhood mishaps, and the places he lived. His numerous children, with their dates of birth and the birth and death of grandchildren are listed. Also included are Craig's feelings on the death of his wife and some of his children. The autobiography also discusses his spiritual life and relationship with the Baptist Church, including covenants and rules of decorum. He also expresses his concern over drinking. The other portion appears to be a sort of merchandise ledger, which include entries by his son, Larkin, including various individuals, with amounts due for items or services rendered, 1821-1841, as well as an estate record. The transcription was made about 1991.

Correspondence

This series consists of a letter from Tolliver Craig to his son, Larkin Craig, written March 22, 1829. He acknowledges receiving a letter informing him of the death of one of his daughters, Kitty, and expresses his concern over how her children will be cared for. He states that his friends are in reasonably good health and that he has had some bad spells but has not had any for some time. Tolliver ends the letter asking Larkin to let him know what arrangements can be made for Kitty's children.

Booklet: A History of the Craig Reunion

This series consists of a booklet covering the history of the annual family gathering of descendants of Tolliver Craig who settled in Callaway County, Missouri. Items listed include number of attendees, some names of attendees, where reunion was held, what food was served, weather conditions, events and entertainment, and family news updates. The booklet gives a nicely detailed genealogy of the Craig family. The booklet covers the Craig family reunions from 1907 to 1986.

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