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Introduction
The collection contains strictly genealogical material relating to the lines of descent, birth and death dates and location, marriages and children. Also included are original letters, clippings, photographs, and programs or brochures relating to the history of the various family members. Information in the collection refers to historical events, business opportunities and political activities of the family and of the nation in general. This collection deals primarily with the Desha, Brown, and Smither families for the period 1740 to 1960.

Miss Helen F. Smither has completed genealogical and historical research on her family which she has combined with original documents, photographs, and mementos to form a cohesive family history. Much of the historical and social history within this collection is directly related to Western Missouri.

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Box 1

Desha Family Papers and History
Brown Family Papers and History
Smither Family Papers and History (2 folders)
John Milton Smither (3 folders)
William Noel “Pat” Smither World War II Letters (3 folders)