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COLLECTION GUIDE

John and Anna Smith Family Papers **Collection Number: 1833**

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Processed by Lorna M. Loring and Buffy Knappenberger, March 2024.

ACCESSION NUMBERS: 2023.062 THL

EXTENT: 0.42 linear feet

CREATOR: Smith, John (1750-1836) and Smith, Animus “Anna” (Bull) (1760-1831)

DATE: 1811-1833

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains personal correspondence between John and Anna Smith and their daughter Jacqueline from 1811 to 1833.

The collection also contains transcriptions of the letters completed by the donor. An index to names and places in each letter is included in the collection. Credit for this material should be given to the donor and compiler, Ophelia Paine.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: John Smith (1750-1836) was born in Middlesex County, VA. He served during Dunmore’s War, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812. He settled in Winchester where he established a plantation and built his house, *Hackwood*, located just to the northeast of Winchester. It is believed that Smith, who had been given \$20,000 to build barracks for prisoners held during the Revolutionary War, used Hessian troops to help build the house around 1777. *Hackwood* would later be used as a Union hospital during the Civil War. The house suffered significant fire damage while it was at the center of the Third Battle of Winchester in 1864. It was later rebuilt.

Following the Revolutionary War, John Smith served as a representative both in the Virginia House of Delegates and the US House of Representatives. In 1781, John Smith married Animus “Anna” Bull (1760-

1831). Gravestones indicate that Anna died in 1832; however, the collection donor has given 1831 as the year of her death. She was born in Norristown, PA and was the daughter of Revolutionary War soldier Colonel John Bull. They would have several children, counting Edward Jacqueline Haines Smith as one of them. Jacqueline's older sister was the wife of Joseph Nourse, first Register of the U.S. Treasury. John Smith would experience financial issues later in life (there is a record of him being committed to jail in Frederick County for a \$30 debt in 1831). Both John and Anna are buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester.

Edward Jacqueline Haines Smith Daniel (1793-1872) was born in Frederick County, VA. She married George William Murdock in 1815 in Maryland. They had two children, George and John. George Murdock died in 1819. Jacqueline remarried in 1827 to James Madison Daniel. The couple had a number of children. Her second daughter, Eliza, married Robert Mills, architect of the Washington Monument. The family moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where she passed away in 1872 and is buried.

The letters to Jacqueline mainly contain news of family and friends, as well as her parents' advice and guidance on her education as a young lady. In addition, Anna frequently updates her daughter on operations of their plantation, with frequent information about the farm's enslaved population. As such, the letters provide an intimate portrait of relations between the Smith family and the enslaved workers, and the daily life and concerns of a prominent Winchester family in the early 1800s.

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Ophelia T. Paine.

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