

The Dale and Ruth Putman of Pleasant Hill Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	Two boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1883-1969
RESTRICTIONS:	None
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History
ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	Record in National Union Catalog Manuscripts Collection On-Line
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	See also Photograph Collection Pleasant Hill (Lexington), Photograph Collection Smalley, Isaac

History

Pleasant Hill was founded in the 1840s by Isaac Smalley. He held aspirations that Pleasant Hill would grow due to the Chicago and Alton Railroad as well as a bridge crossing the Mackinaw River being constructed nearby. Smalley had prepared the town for growth by plotting several streets, building a school and a two-story female seminary. However, the Chicago and Alton decided to build the tracks through Lexington, only three miles to the northwest of Pleasant Hill. Pleasant Hill never reached a population over 75 and all that is left are a few homes, a few streets, and the bridge that crossed the Mackinaw River.

Scope Note

This collection includes correspondence and documents of the Isaac Smalley family and the Harrison Lawrence Family who were prominent families of Pleasant Hill, Illinois. The collection also includes receipts, newspaper articles, obituaries, contracts, genealogical information, and Isaac Smalley's School Master's Book (1822-1825). This collection was donated by Dale and Ruth Putman.

BOX AND FOLDER INVENTORY

Folder 1: Miscellaneous

- 1.1.1 Business card, "Putman Book-Shop 50 Years," Ruth Putman, address and phone number
- 1.1.2 *Lexington Centennial 1855-1955*, booklet with advertisements, photographs, and brief essays
- 1.1.3 "Smalley's Dream Town had Fleeting Heyday," *The Sunday Pantagraph*, March 17, 1985, on the Smalley family and the founding of Pleasant Hill (photocopy)
- 1.1.4 "Isaac Smalley," by A.V. Pierson of Lexington, undated, 3 pages
- 1.1.5 *Concerning The Nature Of These Pleasant Hill, Illinois Letters and Papers, Especially as Relates to Isaac Smalley, Jr. and Captain Harrison Lawrence of Pleasant Hill*, printed by The Putman Bookshop, 304 West Jefferson, Bloomington, Illinois, undated (2 copies)
- 1.1.6 *Concerning the Nature of These Pleasant Hill Letters & Papers (Concerning the town of Pleasant Hill)*, printed by The Putman Book Shop, Bloomington, Illinois, undated
- 1.1.7 Correspondence from E.L Beach, to Mrs. Guy Carnahan dated July 30, 1926, concerning some genealogical information on the Wykoff family
- 1.1.8 Handwritten notes concerning genealogical information on A.D. Lawrence, native of Clark County, Ohio. Appears to be taken from *History of McLean County Vol II* (Prince and Burnham) page 1152
- 1.1.9 Correspondence from M.A. LaBuy to Governor Feifer <sic> dated March 31, 1891 concerning the gift of 2 books on the history of Poland which the author was sending.
- 1.1.10 "Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Lawrence At Home" announcement 50th wedding anniversary, dated May 20, 1919
- 1.1.11 Remembrance Card, Nancy Bratton, died December 25, 1893
- 1.1.12 Handwritten notes, "Brown Family," undated, concerning genealogical information on the Henry Brown and Lemirah (Smalley) Brown family

Folder 2: Pleasant Hill Memories

- 1.2.1 "Our Pleasant Hill Home, Memoirs of Childhoods Glorious Days," William Harrison Lawrence, dated December 1929, includes photographs of the author, the family farm, Pleasant Hill Academy, Johnson Jenkins, and others

Folder 3: Newspaper Articles

- 1.3.1 "Central Illinois Deaths," (Isaac Messer) no source, June 19, 1960
- 1.3.2 "Pioneer Dies at Lexington," (Sarah Bishop) no source, no date
- 1.3.3 "Lexington Woman Dies," (Cynthia Lawrence) no source, no date
- 1.3.4 "Aged Veteran Called By Death," (Capt. Harry Lawrence) *The Unit Journal*, no date (2 copies)
- 1.3.5 Photocopies of items 1.3.1, 1.3.2, and 1.3.3
- 1.3.6 "Biographical," (Isaac Smalley) no source, no date

- 1.3.7 "Once Prosperous Village of Pleasant Hill Slowly Fades Back to Farm Land," "Views of Pleasant Hill, Village of Yesterday," and "Recalls Early Resident and Amusing Incidents of Boyhood in Pleasant Hill," *Sunday Pantagraph*, August 18, 1928 (5 photocopied pages and original)
- 1.3.8 "Past and Present of Central Illinois Towns, Lexington," *Pantagraph*, November 11, 1921
- 1.3.9 "William Kroos," newspaper photograph, no source, no date
- 1.3.10 Question and Answer newspaper clipping, no source, no date
- 1.3.11 "Mrs. Hazel Messer," obituary, no source, no date
- 1.3.12 "A Distressing Accident," no source, April 3, 1903
- 1.3.13 Advertisement for Public Auction, May 11, no source
- 1.3.14 "Preserve Early Settler's Cabin," *Pantagraph*, September 19, 1965
- 1.3.15 "Famous Expeditioner Served Indians Well. Wm Clark had Children Baptized," no source, no date

Folder 4: Army and Receipts (Old Letters Re: Isaac Smalley and Wm. Bratton)

- 1.4.1 Statement of Charges on Muster and Pay Rolls, Co. C, 64th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, concerning Lt H. Lawrence as responsible officer and shows charges for Pvt Augustus Matthews, dated 2nd Qtr, 1865
- 1.4.2 Certificate of Discharge for George T Glenn from Co. C, 7th Illinois Cavalry, dated 8/15/1865
- 1.4.3 Envelope with note paper clipped, "Wikoff family interest. Wokoffs were related to the Smalleys of Pleasant Hill, Ill. They were from the same county back in Ohio, Adams County," obituary for Sarah Wikoff's husband
- 1.4.4 Request for furlough by Pvt John H. Kaufman, 1 page letter with 3 columns of endorsements (approved/disapproved) on reverse, dated March 18, 1865
- 1.4.5 Union Stock Yard National Bank of Chicago, dated August 5, 1882
- 1.4.6 Correspondence to Harrison Lawrence at Selma, McLean County, Illinois from his father C. Lawrence, dated September 28, 1893(?), with envelope
- 1.4.7 Receipt from Hall, Patterson and Co. Live Stock Commission Merchants, dated January 15, 1875, with envelope
- 1.4.8 Western Union Telegraph, from Sarah Eyerly to Harry Lawrence concerning dying father, dated August 25, 1881, with envelope
- 1.4.9 Shipping receipts; W. G. Welch, Chicago to Gammon & Knight, Odell, Il., dated October 28, 1869; Agent Express Co to Gammon & Knight, Odell, Il., dated July 24, 1869; U.S. Express Co. to Midd Vertis Newton, Odell, Il., dated September 24, 1872; F. K. Orvis & Co. to Gammon & Wright, Odell, Il., dated July 28, 1869
- 1.4.10 Correspondence to Ill Central Insurance Co. from William Bretton, dated September 28, 1887
- 1.4.11 Envelopes addressed to Harry Lawrence at Lexington, IL and Selma IL addresses

Folder 5: Contracts, Receipts, Taxes (Ephemera; Lexington and Pleasant Hill, Ill; Bank notes, Old Receipts, M.E. Church 1910, Old letter, Civil War ribbon, etc.)

- 1.5.1 Live Stock Contract from Chicago and Alton Railroad Company for H. Lawrence, dated January 12, 1875
- 1.5.2 Unidentified township and range map, handwritten, Baily H. Coffey written on back, no date
- 1.5.3 Promissory note Bank of Lexington, from H. Lawrence to Harness, Vandolah & Co, dated May 25, 1882
- 1.5.4 Promissory note Bank of Lexington, from H. Lawrence to Harness, Vandolah & Co, dated December 9, 1880
- 1.5.6 Promissory note Bank of Lexington, from H. Lawrence to Harness, Vandolah & Co, dated August 3, 1875
- 1.5.7 Property tax receipt from McLean County Collector's Office to Isaac Smalley, dated January 10, 1854
- 1.5.8 File folder, with some information about Pleasant Hill and Lexington, Il

Folder 6: Memorandum Book (Memorandum Book for Pleasant Hill Chapel (Methodist) 1846)

- 1.6.1 Note card, explaining Memorandum Book
- 1.6.2 "Memorandum Book for Pleasant Hill Chapel for the M.E. Church," includes records of contributions, labor, and materials, and list of names, 1846, also includes minutes of a meeting held September 1847

Folder 7: Smalley, Isaac and Patton, John (Isaac Smalley and John Patton; Pleasant Hill and Lexington, Ill) (Lexington, Ill. Miscellaneous (also Towanda, Ill) John Patton Indenture, 1837)

- 1.7.1 Correspondence to "Bro Frank" from Mark Gesbrick dated May 22, 1873 concerning family happenings
- 1.7.2 Correspondence to William Bratton from Green W. Nee___ dated August 27, 1856 concerning money owed
- 1.7.3 Correspondence from C. Lawrence to H. Lawrence, dated April 24, 1873
- 1.7.4 Correspondence from W. W. Smith (Towanda) to H Lawrence, dated December 24, 1873, with envelope concerning abstracts of title and land sales
- 1.7.5 Correspondence from S.B. Swim to William Bratton, dated January 16, 1860 concerning introductions for purpose of matrimony
- 1.7.6 Correspondence from J.W. Phillips to George dated February 23, 1873, with envelope concerning school teaching and winter months
- 1.7.7 Correspondence from Urania Bailey (Sugar Grove, IN) to Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence ("dear cousins Cynthia & Harry"), dated November 24, 1878, with envelope concerning health, teaching, agriculture, and Thanksgiving
- 1.7.8 Correspondence from M. Bishop (Jerome, OH) to M Lawrence (Selma, IL), dated March 27, 1876, with envelope
- 1.7.9 Correspondence from R.E. King (Mansfield, OH) to Harrison Lawrence ("dear brother"), dated May 28, 1884, with envelope
- 1.7.10 Handwritten promissory note from Harrison Lawrence to Cranford Bailey for \$250, dated Lexington, Il January 1, 1868

- 1.7.11 Envelopes addressed to William Bratton, Harry Lawrence, and Cynthia Lawrence (6 items)
- 1.7.12 Pocket Journal, Harrison Lawrence, dates include 1861-1866, Civil War notes, business notes, poetry, etc, (very poor condition)
- 1.7.13 Indenture between John and Margaret Patton and Isaac Smalley for \$100 dated September 22, 1837
- 1.7.14 Correspondence from "Your Geo" to "Dear Wife," dated November 14, 1863 concerning harvest, accidents, and food
- 1.7.15 Indenture (Bill of Sale), between Isaac & Nancy Smalley and the trustees of the Pleasant Hill M.E. Church, for land for the new church, dated July 1, 1847
- 1.7.16 Correspondence from S.Y. Lont(?) (Towanda, IL) to Harvey Knight Esq. dated May 14, 1870 concerning money owed
- 1.7.17 *Constitution of D.F. Wilson Chapter No 9352 of the Towanda M.E. Church*, Normal District, Central Illinois Conference, dated 1894
- 1.7.18 Marriage Certificate for David B. Ralston and Mary E Johnston, dated December 24, 1879
- 1.7.19 Advertisement, "New Tin Shop," on Main St., Lexington, Il, owned by R.D. Powley
- 1.7.20 Receipt, (blank) from Clark Churchill & Co., Lexington, Il
- 1.7.21 *Course of Study with the rules and regulations of the public schools of Lexington, Il, together with the names of the alumni*, 1892.
- 1.7.22 Class roll (Lexington High School, 1911?) shows graduates, class motto and class flower.
- 1.7.23 *Christmas Annual, Lexington High School*, Class of 1898, includes alumni directory 1879-1897
- 1.7.24 "L.H.S Alumni Class of 1897," ribbon
- 1.7.25 *Lexington Unit-Journal*, July 25, 1907, sticker "Lawrence, H" on front page

Folder 8: Genealogy (Smalley—Lawrence, Edwards, Wikoff, and related families—genealogical letters, etc; Genealogy of Smalley—Lawrence Family

- 1.8.1 Tax receipt for John Beach and David Smalley, property in Pleasant Hill, IL, dated June 22, 1865
- 1.8.2 Correspondence from Roy Liston to Cynthia A Lawrence (daughter of Isaac Smalley, wife of Harrison Lawrence), dated August 16, 1926 concerning family history (4 pages)
- 1.8.3 Correspondence from Charles S Lawrence to Roy Liston dated September 14, 1926, contains genealogical information on Smalley and Liston families
- 1.8.4 Correspondence from Henry R Rathbone (House of Representatives) to Charles S. Lawrence, dated August 2, 1826, attached to copy of letter from U.S. Dept of Interior to Henry R. Rathbone, dated July 28, 1926
- 1.8.5 Correspondence from Ora D. Smalley to Cynthia A Lawrence, dated September 5, 1926, concerning Smalley family genealogical information
- 1.8.6 Correspondence from Thomas Rogers (Adams County, OH) to Nancy Bratten, dated May 7, 1865 concerning Rogers and Bolton family genealogy
- 1.8.7 Rogers and Bolton family genealogies, undated

- 1.8.8 Jesse Edwards genealogy described by Mrs. Ettie Shanklin, Seattle, WA.. Dale Putman, onetime owner of the Smalley/Lawrence collection believed the Lawrence family was trying to establish a connection to the Edwards' for financial reasons
- 1.8.9 Genealogy of Smalley and Smith families, handwritten (5 pages)
- 1.8.10 Correspondence from Cynthia A Lawrence to Mrs. Jessie M Aughe(?), dated July 28, 1926 concerning Edwards and Smalley genealogy
- 1.8.11 Correspondence from Cynthia A. Lawrence to Mr T.B. Wikoff, dated September 5, 1926, response to this letter on reverse, dated, 9/7/1926
- 1.8.12 Receipt, to Cynthia A. Lawrence from Jessie M. Aughe, (Gen Sec'y, Mid-West Edwards Heirs Association, Inc. Indianapolis, IN) dated October 18, 1926, with envelope
- 1.8.13 Correspondence to Charles S. Lawrence (Cousin Charley) from "Cousin Jessie" (J.L. Smith, 339 N El Morino St, Pasadena, CA), dated August 3, 1926, with envelope
- 1.8.14 Envelopes, addressed to Cynthia Lawrence, Harrison Lawrence, and Rev William Bratton (3 items)
- 1.8.15 Correspondence to Cynthia A. Lawrence from Thomas B. Wikoff, dated September 15, 1926, concerning genealogical information
- 1.8.16 Correspondence to Charles S. Lawrence ("dear cousin") from Roy Liston, dated September 22, 1926 concerning genealogy
- 1.8.17 Correspondence to Mrs. Cynthia A. Lawrence from Jesse A Smalley (Lawshe, OH), dated August 12, 1926
- 1.8.18 Correspondence to Charles S. Lawrence from Mary Margaret Kean (Deputy Clerk, County of Scioto (OH) Probate Court, Portsmouth, OH), dated July 30, 1926, concerning marriage records and genealogy
- 1.8.19 Correspondence to Charles S. Lawrence from B.W. Franklin (Clerk's Office Circuit Court of Loudoun County, OH), dated July 21, 1926, concerning marriage records
- 1.8.20 Correspondence to Postmaster from Charles S Lawrence, dated July 25, 1926, response on bottom of this letter, undated
- 1.8.21 Correspondence to C. S. Lawrence from H. L. Kirker (Pittsburgh, PA), dated July 21, 1926
- 1.8.22 Correspondence to Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence from Mrs. Jack Kilgo (Wilson, OK), dated October 24, 1926
- 1.8.23 Correspondence to Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence from B. Wamsley (Butler County State Bank, Clarksville, IA), dated November 3, 1926
- 1.8.24 Correspondence to County Clerk, Hampshire Co, Romney, WV from Charles S. Lawrence, dated September 3, 1926, response to this letter on reverse, dated September 6, 1926
- 1.8.25 Handwritten note, Wicoff and Smalley genealogical information, undated, on Western Electric Company letterhead
- 1.8.26 Correspondence to Charles Lawrence from Roscoe Moore (R.W. Moore General Merchandise, Ficklin, IL), dated July 29, 1926, with envelope
- 1.8.27 Correspondence to Charles Lawrence from A.U. (?) Moore (R.W. Moore General Merchandise, Ficklin, IL), dated July 29, 1926

- 1.8.28 Lease Agreement (handwritten copy), Manhattan Island between Robert Edwards and John and George Curgar, dated June 1, 1778

Folder 9: Genealogy II

- 1.9.1 Probate document (typed copy), concerning the estate of John Browne, Killingworth, CT, undated, date of original June 15, 1710
- 1.9.2 "The names of the persons who dined at Cap meeting September 1, 1843," date copy made not known, contains 17 names including Nancy "Small"
- 1.9.3 Handwritten notes, appear to be sermon notes, notes, or meditations on sermon or bible passage, undated
- 1.9.4 Handwritten note, Thomas Nathaniel Edwards genealogy, undated
- 1.9.5 Correspondence to Mrs. C.S. Lawrence from H.L. Kirker (Pittsburgh, PA), dated August 21, 1926
- 1.9.6 Correspondence to Mrs. Lawrence (Cynthia?) from Mrs. Fred Thompson (Rarden, OH), dated September 22, 1926
- 1.9.7 Correspondence to "Cintha" A ("Small") Lawrence from Mrs. Mary E. Kent (Portsmouth, OH) dated August 18, 1926
- 1.9.8 Handwritten note, Wikoff—Cochran-- Smalley genealogy, undated
- 1.9.9 Handwritten note, Wykoff --Smalley genealogy, undated
- 1.9.10 Correspondence to "Dear Madam" from Mrs. Ettie Shanklin (Seattle, WA), dated October, 28, 1926
- 1.9.11 Correspondence to "Dear Friend" from Susanna Myers (Shell Rock, IA), dated November 9, 1926

Folder 10: Tax Receipts (Isaac Smalley and William Bratton Tax Receipts Received 1840s-1880s)

- 1.10.1 Receipt, Isaac Smalley Jr. and William Cruel (C.C.) taxes for Pleasant Hill, IL, dated 1843
- 1.10.2 Tax receipt, Isaac Smalley, dated April 11, 1854
- 1.10.3 Tax receipt, Smalley and Mahan, Will County Court, dated May 12, 1856
- 1.10.4 Tax receipt, Isaac Smalley, State of Illinois County of Will, dated January 3, 1855(?)
- 1.10.5 Tax receipt, Isaac Smawley, Jr., Collector's Office, McLean Co., dated 1851
- 1.10.6 Tax receipt, Isaac Smalley, State of Illinois M'Lean County, dated March 30, 1855
- 1.10.7 Tax receipt, Isaac Smalley, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, dated February 26, 1857
- 1.10.8 Tax receipt, Isaac Smalley, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, dated March 7, 1858
- 1.10.9 Tax receipt, Thomas Neeld for Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois Iroquois County, dated March 6, 1879
- 1.10.10 Tax receipt, Thomas Neeld for Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois Iroquois County, dated March 5, 1883
- 1.10.11 Tax receipt, William Bratten, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Watseka, dated May 28, 1878

- 1.10.12 Tax receipt, G.H. Neeld, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Watseka, dated May 27, 1875
- 1.10.13 Tax receipt, G__ H. Neeld, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Watseka, dated March 26, 187_
- 1.10.14 Tax receipt, Amos Bishop for Wm. Bratten, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Ashgrove, dated February 26, 1879
- 1.10.15 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratten by Amos Bishop, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Ashgrove, dated March 12, 1880
- 1.10.16 Tax receipt, W. Bratten by Amos Bishop, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Ashgrove, dated February 14, 1882
- 1.10.17 Tax receipt, W. Bratton by A. Bishop, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated March 1, 1883
- 1.10.18 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton for G. H. Neeld, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Watseka, dated May 22, 1869
- 1.10.19 Tax receipt, W. Bratton for G. H. Neeld, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Watseka, dated May 15, 1871
- 1.10.20 Tax receipt, William Bratton per Green H. Neeld, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated March 10, 1873
- 1.10.21 Tax receipt, W. Bratton for Neeld, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Watseka, dated May 24, 1877
- 1.10.22 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated March 25, 1853
- 1.10.23 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated February 9, 1854
- 1.10.24 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated March 9, 185_
- 1.10.25 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated January 22, 1856
- 1.10.26 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated January 12, 1857
- 1.10.27 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Middleport Township, January 24, 1857
- 1.10.28 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated January 13, 1857
- 1.10.29 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated April 29, 1858
- 1.10.30 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated February 15, 1858
- 1.10.31 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated April 27, 1858
- 1.10.32 Tax receipt, Green Neeld for Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated May 5, 1858
- 1.10.33 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated January 27, 1859
- 1.10.34 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated April 5, 1859

- 1.10.35 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated June 25, 1861
- 1.10.36 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton by John Stilhem, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated June 21, 1862
- 1.10.37 Tax receipt, James Adams for Geo. A. Woodford, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, dated March 13, 1863
- 1.10.38 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Ashgrove, dated January 9, 1864
- 1.10.39 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Ashgrove, dated January 30, 1864
- 1.10.40 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Town of Lexington, McLean Co., dated January 21, 1864
- 1.10.41 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Ashgrove, dated January 27, 1866
- 1.10.42 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Watseka, dated May 24, 1867
- 1.10.43 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Watseka, dated May 21, 1868
- 1.10.44 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Watseka, dated May 21, 1874
- 1.10.45 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Watseka, dated May 30, 1881
- 1.10.46 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, Iroquois County, Ashgrove, dated February 13, 1882
- 1.10.47 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, dated December 30, 1856
- 1.10.48 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, dated February 27, 1858
- 1.10.49 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, Lexington, dated February 8, 1862
- 1.10.50 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, Lexington, dated Jan. 26, 1863
- 1.10.51 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, Lexington, dated December 26, 1884
- 1.10.52 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, Lexington, dated December 26, 1884
- 1.10.53 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, Lexington, dated December 22, 1860
- 1.10.54 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, Lexington, dated December 26, 1864
- 1.10.55 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, Lexington, dated February 1, 1866
- 1.10.56 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, Lexington, dated January 20, 1868
- 1.10.57 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, M'Lean County, Lexington, dated February 16, 1871

- 1.10.58 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, McLean County, Lexington, dated March 5, 1873
- 1.10.59 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, McLean County, Lexington, dated March 5, 1873
- 1.10.60 Tax receipt, Wm. Bratton, State of Illinois, McLean County, Lexington, dated March 3, 1876

Folder 11: Lawrence, Harrison Family Papers (Harrison Lawrence Family Letters and Journals)

- 1.11.1 Promissory note from Harrison Lawrence to Harness, Vandolah & Co., dated July 19, 1876
- 1.11.2 Promissory note from Harrison Lawrence to R. P. Bailey, dated April 11, 1877
- 1.11.3 Correspondence to John Lawrence from Harrison Lawrence (Camp near Hillsboro, TN), dated August 11, 1863
- 1.11.4 Correspondence to "Deare brother" from George W. Baker, dated June 3, 1861
- 1.11.5 Correspondence to Mrs. C. A. Lawrence from H. Lawrence (Shingler, NE), dated April 7, 1907, with envelope
- 1.11.6 Bank deposit slip, dated December 19, 1864
- 1.11.7 Promissory note, to L. A. Stephens from?, dated November 6, 1865
- 1.11.8 Promissory note, to J. S. Whitescarver (?) from Harrison Lawrence, dated November 4, 1876
- 1.11.9 Promissory note, to H. Lawrence from Charles W. Cohagan, dated February 1, 1873
- 1.11.10 Promissory note, to C. Bailey from C. Lawrence & John Bishop dated March 20, 1876
- 1.11.11 Handwritten bearer's bond to Isaac Smalley for David S. Curtis by Phillip Hopper, dated November 18, 1845
- 1.11.13 Sales contract between W. B. Moore and Lucretia Lawrence, dated August 26, 1875
- 1.11.14 Tax receipt for Oliver Smith, State of Illinois, McLean County, dated March 8, 1854
- 1.11.15 Tax receipt for (blank), State of Illinois, McLean County, Town of Lexington, dated December 26, 1864
- 1.11.16 Wedding invitation, for Nettie Preble and V. J. Becker, dated April 7, 1881, with envelope
- 1.11.17 Souvenir booklet, New Year's Greetings, 1910
- 1.1.18 Envelope, addressed to Mr. Harry Lawrence, Selma, IL, Hand noted "answered" & Oak Point, IA, postmarked, December 29, 1870
- 1.1.19 "Poll Book," for the Republican Primary held at Lexington, IL, dated February 15, 1908, includes sample ballot with candidate vote totals, inside envelope addressed to H. Lawrence, Chairman Republican Township Comm., Lexington, IL
- 1.11.20 "The Hero of the Black Hawk War—Gen James D. Henry," *Henry County Arena*, dated March 11, 1897 (photocopy made July 1, 2009)

- 1.11.21 *The Illinois Masonic Review*, dated March 1, 1915
- 1.11.22 "Sons of Veterans, Lexington, Illinois," ribbon

Folder 12: Lawrence, Harrison, Capt. Receipts and Miscellaneous (Capt. Harrison Lawrence Receipts and Miscellaneous; Including Inventory of his Pleasant Hill Property)

- 1.12.1 Live stock sales receipts to Harrison Lawrence, dated 1871-1885 (14 items)
- 1.12.2 Live stock sales receipts to V. Pearson, dated 1877 (2 items)
- 1.12.3 Bill for dues to Masonic Lodge, addressed to Bro. H. Lawrence, dated January 31, 1881
- 1.12.4 Promissory notes from H. Lawrence to M. Beebe, January 14, 1885; H. Lawrence to W.M. Smith December 29, 1884; Harrison Lawrence to Harness, Vandolah & Co. February 10, 1871; Harrison Lawrence to Rust & Strub(?) December 29, 1884; H. Lawrence to Rust & Strub(?) March 1, 1884; H. Lawrence to M. Cochran May 2, 1885; H. Lawrence to Harness, Vandolah & Co. May 16, 1882; H. Lawrence to First National Bank of Lexington March 26, 1885; Harrison Lawrence to Harness Vandolah & Co. March 15, 1879; Harry Lawrence to John L. Laughstaff August 26, 1875; Harrison Lawrence to Harness Vandolah & Co. January 20, 1874; H. Lawrence to Harness Vandolah & Co. July 20, 1882; Harry Lawrence & C. Baily to Harness Vandolah & Co. March 20, 1880 (13 items)
- 1.12.5 Promissory note, R. A. Kilgore to Harrison Lawrence September 24, 1883; Stephen Higgins to Charles Larncce (sic) February 15, 1876; and Joseph Bowers to Crawford Baily April 10, 1877
- 1.12.6 Employment inquiry about William McClendon from (?) dated July 19, 1882
- 1.12.7 Railroad freight receipt to H. Lawrence from Chicago & Alton RR June 28, 28, 1869
- 1.12.8 Receipt from The Bradstreet Company, with information about Pleasant Hill, IL, undated
- 1.12.9 Lease Agreement between Cynthia Lawrence and Wirt B. Powell, dated September 5, 1911, concerning farmland
- 1.12.10 Mortgage agreement, from R.B. Kilgore to Harrison Lawrence, dated September 24, 1883, concerning sale of property
- 1.12.11 Railroad shipping receipt, "Weighed on Fairbanks' Standard Scale, dated June 28, 1869 and October 29, 1876
- 1.12.12 Union Stock Yard National Bank receipts, dated 1873-1885 (7 items)
- 1.12.13 Promissory note by the Fairbury Bank, unknown participants, dated January 20, 1869
- 1.12.14 Bank of Lexington deposit receipts to H. Lawrence, dated 1869-1877 (4 items)
- 1.12.15 Property tax receipts, Gage County, NE, George Lawrence by O. Townsend April 25, 1868 (2 items)
- 1.12.16 Check from the Bank of Lexington (blank)
- 1.12.17 Check from G. B. Woodard to Harry Lawrence, dated April 19, 1876

- 1.12.18 Receipt (handwritten) Laura N Hearpole(?) to Harry Lawrence, dated January 26, 1869
- 1.12.19 Deposit receipt to H. Lawrence, dated March 27, 1869
- 1.12.20 Correspondence to Harry Lawrence from B.J. Claggett (Cashier, First National Bank of Lexington), dated January 9, 1885
- 1.12.21 Live Stock Contracts for H. Lawrence, dated 1869-1885 (7 items)
- 1.12.22 Property tax receipt for H. Lawrence, State of Illinois, McLean County, Lexington, dated March 13, 1884
- 1.12.23 Property tax receipt for H. Lawrence, State of Illinois, McLean County, Lexington, dated February 29, 1876
- 1.12.24 Bill from the Continental Hotel, Chicago, dated January 30, 1903
- 1.12.25 Handwritten inventory of H.L. (Harrison Lawrence) Real Estate, undated
- 1.12.26 Handwritten note, list of "trees for H. Lawrence"
- 1.12.27 Blank delegate appointment for January 16, 1877 County Convention
- 1.12.28 Correspondence to Nellie Lawrence "Dear Cousin" from Vinnie Brown, dated June 6, 1879

Folder 13: Smalley and Bratton Documents

- 1.13.1 Document, testifying to the good character of William Bratton, signed by various citizens of Boonville, IN, dated April 16, 1844
- 1.13.2 Power of Attorney document, Andrew Smalley to Isaac Smalley, West Union, IN, dated August 13, 1832
- 1.13.3 Receipt, to Benjamin Bratton from John _utlidge, dated ____ 31, 1796
- 1.13.4 Receipt from _____ to Benjamin Bratton, dated December 20, 1841
- 1.13.5 Rental agreement for farm at head of Mackinaw River, between John R. Wiley and John Bunn, witnessed by Isaac Smalley, dated March 23, 1841
- 1.13.6 Handwritten booklet by Nancy Bolton Smalley, poetry and sampler, undated
- 1.13.7 Rental agreement for farm near Lexington, IL, between Aaron Foster and Henry Waggoner, witnessed by Isaac Smalley, dated May 3, 1838
- 1.13.8 License to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church granted to William Bratton, dated September 28, 1835, renewed September 5, 1836
- 1.13.9 Power of Attorney between Wallace Brattain (Bratton?) and James Brattain (Bratton?), Bourbon County, Kentucky, dated September 8, 1801
- 1.13.10 Receipt For Special Tax, U.S. Internal Revenue, to William Bratton & Co., Bloomington, IL, dated June 11, 1868
- 1.13.11 Brief record of a trip made by Isaac & David Smalley from Ohio(?) to Illinois, undated
- 1.13.12 "A Bill of Appraisement of the Goods & Chattels of the Estate of Isaac Smalley "deceased July 18 1855," list property and prices
- 1.13.13 Poem by Rebecca Smalley, undated
- 1.13.14 "A Cobby of Articles Comeing to Mrs. Smalley," list and appraisal values of items, from the estate of her husband Isaac Smalley, undated
- 1.13.15 Sheriff's Summons for Nancy Bratton, Samuel S. Smith, Elizabeth Jane Smith, Cynthia Ann Smalley, William Bratton, Nancy Bratton, dated November 7, 1857 (2 copies)

- 1.13.16 Sheriff's Summons for Cynthia Ann Smalley, Nancy Bratton, and William Bratton, by Samuel B. Smith, Elizabeth Jane Smith for a partition of real estate, dated March 8, 1859
- 1.13.17 Notification of tax lien sale, to William Bratton, concerning the property of Isaac Smalley Jr., dated July 28, 1862
- 1.13.18 Property tax receipt for Isaac Smalley, dated 1854(?)
- 1.13.19 Advertising Envelope, from R.B. Beem Books & Stationary, Lexington, IL, undated

Folder 14: Old Pleasant Hill Documents

- 1.14.1 "Biographical: Isaac Smalley," dated March 1855
- 1.14.2 Petition to the Illinois Legislature to form a new county, signed by most of the notables of the Lexington area, dated 1844
- 1.14.3 Petition to the Illinois Legislature to form a new county, same as item 1.14.2, with additional names signed
- 1.14.4 Plat Map, counties in Illinois including McLean, DeWitt, Livingston, and Logan, detail of Pleasant Hill, McLean County, Illinois undated
- 1.14.5 Plat Map, Pleasant Hill, McLean County, Illinois, attached card dates map 1840
- 1.14.6 McLean County Court appointment of Alexander Mahan, Aaron Foster and Jacob Spawr to examine road between Lexington & Pleasant Hill, dated December 2, 1844
- 1.14.7 Judicial decision signed by David Davis settling a land case between the heirs of Isaac Smalley and William Liston, dated January 20, 1858
- 1.14.8 Appraisers warrant from probate court assigning Milton Smith, Absalom Enoch and Harrison Sowards to appraise estate of Harvey Lane, dated May 19, 1863
- 1.14.9 Agreement between Isaac Smalley and D.S Curtis to move a store house from Clarkesville to Pleasant Hill, undated
- 1.14.10 "Act To Establish The County Of Mackinaw," handwritten, (see items 1.14.2 and 1.14.3), undated
- 1.14.11 Notice from Lexington Highway Commissioners to Harrison Lawrence, dated October 15, 1870, prior order of the same board attached, dated January 4, 1868
- 1.14.12 "Lecture to Conclude a School," speech or lecture, no source, no date
- 1.14.13 "This Old House – Story of the Patton Cabin, McLean County's Oldest House," handwritten, noted as first edition 1971
- 1.14.14 Correspondence to Mrs. Putnam from Ruth B. Reynolds dated March 4, 1963, concerning conveyance of Patton Cabin from Reynolds to Historical Society
- 1.14.15 "Pleasant Hill School Teachers," handwritten, lists 9 names and notes about school houses, notations on reverse concern the Methodist Church, undated

Folder 15: Smalley Indentures

- 1.15.1 Notice of tax lien sale to William Bratton, concerning R.M. Benjamin purchase of Isaac Smalley property, dated July 2, 1862

- 1.15.2 Notice of tax lien sale, property purchased by Henry C Bryant, dated May 14, 1855, endorsement on reverse indicates Bryant resold land to William Bratton dated September 19, 1855
- 1.15.3 Pleasant Hill land purchase agreement from Isaac Smalley to Oliver Smith, dated 1851
- 1.15.4 Pleasant Hill land purchase agreement from Aaron Foster to Isaac Smalley, dated November 19, 1849
- 1.15.5 Indenture for Pleasant Hill land from Greenbury Smith & wife to Isaac Smalley, dated December 28, 1853
- 1.15.6 Indenture for Pleasant Hill land from Aaron Foster to Isaac Smalley dated September 29, 1853
- 1.15.7 Typed note, "Deed from John & Delilah Smith to Isaac Smalley for about 40 acres land in township no. 25," dated March 26, 1847
- 1.15.8 Indenture for Pleasant Hill land from Aaron & Sarah Foster to Isaac Smalley, dated September 27, 1837
- 1.15.9 Indenture for Pleasant Hill land from Charles Merriman (McLean County Schools Commissioner) to Isaac Smalley, dated October 1, 1853
- 1.15.10 Receipt to Nancy Smalley "administratrix of Isaac Smalley" from C.R Merriman, dated October 20, 1855
- 1.15.11 Indenture for Pleasant Hill land from Isaac Smalley to Aaron Foster, dated June 7, 1851
- 1.15.12 Indenture for Pleasant Hill land from Aaron & Sarah Foster to Isaac Smalley, dated May 1, 1840
- 1.15.13 Indenture for land in Washington, Davies County, IN from Amory & Hannah Kinney to William Bratton, dated November 15, 1824
- 1.15.14 Indenture for land from Henry & Eliza McCracken to Isaac Smalley, dated May 6, 1853
- 1.15.15 Indenture for land from John and Mary Matheny to Isaac Smalley, dated April 8, 1854
- 1.15.16 Indenture for land from John Spawr to Nancy and William Bratton, dated January 31, 1857
- 1.15.17 Indenture for land from Isaac Smalley to John W. Youmens, dated June 7, 1851
- 1.15.18 Transfer of title of land from Elijah Austin to Isaac Smalley for indebtedness, dated July 14, 1849
- 1.15.19 Indenture for land from William & Cassandra Mahan to Isaac Smalley, dated March 27, 1847
- 1.15.20 Indenture for land in Davies County, IN from William and Elizabeth Warner and Seth and Nancy Roddick to William Bratton, dated November 20, 1839
- 1.15.21 Deed for land from John and Martha Stubblefield to Isaac Smalley, dated March 3, 1841
- 1.15.22 Deed for sale of land from David S Curtis to Isaac Smalley, dated May 22, 1849
- 1.15.23 Indenture for land from D. and Caroline Stidham to William Bratton, dated December 26, 1866

- 1.15.24 Indenture for sale of land from Mary Flesher to Isaac Smalley, dated February 7, 1849
- 1.15.25 Draft of Indenture for sale of land from Isaac Smalley to Aaron Foster, undated
- 1.15.26 Partial plat map of Lexington, IL, undated
- 1.15.27 List of property size and location, handwritten, no date

Folder 16: Correspondence List

- 1.16.1 Itemized list of all correspondence from 1865-1917
- 1.16.2 Itemized list of correspondence folders 1.17.1, 1.18.1, 1.19.1, 1.20.1, 1.22.1, 1.22.2, and 1.22.3

Folder 17: Lawrence Family Correspondence 1865-1872 (21 items)

- 1.17.1 Correspondence between H. Lawrence, Meggie Campbell, W.W. Smith, Oliver Townsend, R. E. King, S.W. Rogers, C. Lawrence, and Bell Lawrence; topics include family news, traveling, pension, receipts, family news, weather, illness, weaving carpets, agriculture (livestock and crops); dates include November 16, 1865 through December 25, 1872; **see 1.16.1 for itemized inventory**

Folder 18: Lawrence Correspondence 1873-1879 (22 items)

- 1.18.1 Correspondence between H. & C. Lawrence, Bell Lawrence, C. Lawrence, Dida, R.P. Bailey, John A. Vanderbelt, H. Lawrence, R.T. Liston, Didamie, A.S. Campbell; topics include family news, agriculture (livestock and farmland, fruit crop), financial information, politics, crime, illness, sewing, and weather; dates include July 22, 1873 through May 17, 1879; **see 1.16.1 for itemized inventory**

Folder 19: Lawrence Correspondence 1880-1917 (17 items)

- 1.19.1 Correspondence between C. Lawrence, H. Lawrence, W. Lawrence, R.E. King, Robert T. Mercer, Mrs. H.B. Davidson, Dave Powley, Henrie Infield, G. Lawrence, Lou; topics include family news, directions, wills, lawyers, court cases, holiday (July 4th), festivals, apologies, politics; dates include October 20, 1880 through October 24, 1917; **see 1.16.1 for itemized inventory**

Folder 20: Lawrence Business Correspondence (7 items)

- 1.20.1 Correspondence and receipts Kelly, Graber & Co., H. Lawrence, Bank of Lexington, John Kelly, F.M. Atwood; includes information about hog sales, money deposits, and cattle selling; dates include August 9, 1876 through September 17, 1884; **see 1.16.1 for itemized inventory**

Folder 21: Lawrence Correspondence Undated (4 items)

- 1.21.1 Undated correspondence between members of the Lawrence family, Sperry Gitt, Mrs. H.B. Davidson, R.E. King, and Wm. ___mener; topics include addresses, strawberry and ice cream festival, agriculture, family news

Folder 22: Smalley Family Personal Correspondence 1850-1865(15 items)

- 1.22.1 Correspondence between Mrs. Nancy Smalley and D.S. Curtis, L.B. Smith, Andrew Smalley, David Smalley, LBS, LB and EP Smith, J. & R.M. Wilcosen, C.W. Royal; topics include cattle raising, family news, illness, travel; a few undated items
- 1.22.2 "Inventory of goods that A. Enoch has in Store," booklet containing the number of items and price, dated January 19, 1849 (?)
- 1.22.3 "Curtis and Enoch of __Wright," list of items and prices and total amount

Folder 23: Putman Family Biographical Information

- 1.23.1 "Ruth I. Putman," *Pantagraph*, November 3, 2002
- 1.23.2 "Dale W. Putman, book seller, dies," *Pantagraph*, January 26, 1976
- 1.23.3 "Putman closing book shop after 22 years," *Pantagraph*, June 8, 197? (2 copies)

Folder 24: Miscellaneous

- 1.24.1 Handwritten notes about Capt. W. H. Lawrence and Patton Cabin
- 1.24.2 Photograph caption of Pleasant Hill School
- 1.24.3 Letter signed by Greg Koos and Marie Carden dated May 6, 2002 concerning donation
- 1.24.4 Inventory, undated
- 1.24.5 Information about Pleasant Hill, Illinois compiled by James N. Adams, State Library Springfield, Illinois
- 1.24.6 Handwritten notes on legal pad paper, no date
- 1.24.6 Floppy disk

Folder 25: Isaac Smalley School Masters Book

- 1.25.1 Description and list of notations found in the book
- 1.25.2 "Isaac Smalley School Masters Book," undated, includes: "Notes on Isaac Smalley Founder of Selma, Illinois"

BOX 2: Isaac Smalley School Masters Book (donated by Steven and Carol Struck; material written by Steven and Carol Struck, January 7, 2004)

- 2.1.1 Isaac Smalley School Masters Book; This rare McLean County school master's copy book dated 1822 through 1825, exemplifies how the Irish Hedge School masters (later known as "Blab Schools"), taught their daily lessons. This unusual example of early schooling in the United States belonged to Mr. Isaac Smalley. Mr. Smalley taught using a variety of beautifully handwritten and hand illustrated exercises dealing with measurement, weights, and mathematical puzzles and rules. Many reading and writing lessons included mathematical story problems. Much of the 208

page muslin cloth bound book uses verse and rhyming to teach early frontier children.

Lessons in “Federal money and English money,” “Apothecaries Weight,” and “Table of Cloth Measure, Long Measure and Land or Square Measure,” are depicted. “Wine, Ale, and Beer measures” were also taught in the first quarter of the 19th Century. Most pages have a notation near the bottom of the page with the date and author’s name. Some dates appear out of sequence however, since this book is hand stitched it appears that periodically Isaac Smalley added pages leaving some blank ostensibly for future lessons.

- Page 5 Indicates Isaac Smalley, January 11 or 12, 1822—Adams County
- Page 34 Notes “Isaac Smalley 11th March 1823”
- Page 36 Notation at bottom of page, “30th December 1822”
- Page 37 Notation at bottom of page, “31st December 1822”
- Page 41 Notation “Isaac Smalley 7th January 1823”
- Page 45 “Isaac Smalley was born 6th of march 1806”
- Page 51 Notation “Isaac Smalley 24th Jan”
- Page 56 Notation “I S 14th Feb 1823”
- Page 57 Notation “19th Feb – 1823”
- Page 59 Notation “27 Feb 1823”
- Page 65 Notation lower right corner, “Isaac Smalley his Cypring By The instruction of Josiah Hoshiner (?) Minister of the ...” – the remainder of this statement is unclear
- Page 73 Notation “6th February 1824 Isaac Smalley” – on this page and others he teaches measuring to build a house from “logs of round timber” and planks of 21 feet in length
- Page 78 Notation “19th February 1824 Isaac Smalley”
- Page 84 Notation “Isaac Smalley was born in the year of our Lord 1806”
- Page 97 Notation “17th August 1824 Isaac Smalley”
- Page 121 Notation “Isaac Smalley 4th January 1825”
- Page 127 Notation “Isaac Smalley 24th Jan 1824”
- Page 152 Notation “Isaac Smalley 4th February 1825”
- Page 194 Notation Isaac Smalley October 31st 1825 wrote, “Have Communion with few be Intimate with one deal Justly by all Speak Evil on none”