Ephraim Cole and Lewis Smith Papers, 1829-1893
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Collection Overview
Repository: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, MA
Creator: Unknown
Title: Ephraim Cole and Lewis Smith Papers
Dates: 1829-1893
Extent: one box, 0.25 linear feet
Abstract: The collection contains legal documents; deeds, bonds, tax records, primarily from Chesterfield, Massachusetts and relating to Ephraim Cole and Lewis Smith.
Location: OSV Vault, September 2018
Language: English

Biographical Sketch
Ephraim Cole (1815-1893), son of Amaziah and Hannah, was born January 4, 1815 in Chesterfield, Massachusetts. He is listed as a farmer in Worthington, Massachusetts where most of his children were born. He married Electra Cole in 1836 and after she died in 1864, married Lucretia Clark (1826-1879) in 1866. Ephraim and Electra are said to have nine children; Fidelia M (died at 1), George E (died at 1), Fidelia E, Justin (also listed as Austin), Amasa (1848-1935), Deborah, George G (died as an infant), Emma, and Edward. Ephraim’s uncle is Ebenezer (d. 1846) and an appointment of Sally Cole, nee Bemis, and widow of Warham Smith is named as administratrix. Ebenezer’s will states that his land is to be divided between Lewis Smith, son of his wife Sally and his son Amaziah (Amasa) said to be in New York.
Lewis Smith (1807-1864), son of Warham and Sarah [The names Sarah and Sally are often used interchangeably], was born in Chester, Massachusetts. He married Rachel Cowing (daughter of Gathelus Jr. 1776-1848). The 1855 census for Chesterfield lists Smith as a farmer as does the above line for Warham Smith who appears to be Lewis’s brother.


Scope and Content
The collection consists of mainly legal documents; deeds, bonds, tax bills, administrator materials. There are also letters and scrap papers. The collection is one series. Processed previously, the collection is numbered with the accession number plus item number. It does not appear the collection has an order, not all dates are chronological and not all like objects are together. The assumption is the materials were kept in the original order in which they came in. Folder 7 refers to pieces of paper that have math problems on them, these are account scraps and do not appear to have any historical value.

Restrictions
This collection is open for research. Use is limited to available Library hours and staff. Copies and scans are done at the discretion of the library staff and condition of materials.

Search Terms
Personal Names
Smith, Lewis (1807-1864)
Smith, Charles
Cole, Ephraim (1815-1893)
Cole, Horace
Cole, Amasa (1848-1935)

Geographic Names
Chesterfield (Mass.)
Worthington (Mass.)

Genres
Probate Records
Land Deeds
Receipts
Administrative Information

Preferred Citation
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History of the Collection
The Ephraim Cole Papers were accessioned in 1951 then later processed, possibly in the 1990’s. The materials were rehoused and a finding aid created in 2018. A print out of content list was in the box, this is what the finding aid is based off of.

Processing information
Finding Aid:
Prepared by, Amy Hietala, August 2018

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