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R. H. Smith Papers. 1836, 1839

Summary Information
Creator
Smith, R. H.
Extent (quantity/size)
1 folder.
Language
English
Abstract
The R. H. Smith Papers contain three letters, one of which has a typed transcription. Several incidents described in the letters relate to the Texas Revolution.

Subjects

Administrative Information
Restrictions on Access and Use
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Preferred Citation
When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is:
R. H. Smith Papers, Accession # 3829, Box #, Folder #, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.

Processing Information
Described by Michelle Herbelin and released on 2013-04-23.

Scope and Content
The R. H. Smith Papers were acquired by purchase from Ian Brabner Bookseller in one transaction in 2012. The papers consist of one folder, beginning in 1836 and ending in 1839.

Administrative/Biographical History
The R. H. Smith Papers consist of three letters to relatives in Holmesburg, Pennsylvania, from R.H. Smith. The first two letters were sent from Bayou Sara, in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. Located on the bank of the Mississippi River, it became the largest port city between New Orleans, Louisiana and Memphis, Tennessee. Smith worked as a clerk and later a merchant during his time in Bayou Sara. Among several things regarding Texas, he recounted the discovery of a plot for a slave insurrection in a nearby community with the ultimate goal of a mass escape to Texas. Smith also recounted seeing Generals Sam Houston and Felix Huston in Baton Rouge and the Schooner Independence in New Orleans. He described and sketched the ensign flown by the Independence in the body of the letter. By 1839, Smith migrated North, as the third letter is postmarked from Vandalia, Illinois, which served as the state capitol through that year.

Related Resources
Related citations
Thomas W. Cutrer, "INDEPENDENCE," Handbook of Texas Online (http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/qti01), accessed April 08, 2013. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

Archival Arrangement
The R. H. Smith Papers were not organized prior to this finding aid.
Currently, the R. H. Smith Papers are organized in one series: I. Personal Correspondence.

Series 1: Personal Correspondence . 1836, 1839

Administrative/Biographical History
Series I consists of three letters from R. H. Smith to relatives in Pennsylvania. One letter is accompanied by a typewritten transcription.

Item List
Box 1. Folder 1. Personal Correspondence, 1836, 1839