

Elias Kizer collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Kizer, Elias, 1800-1868
Title	Elias Kizer collection
Date	1800-1866
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	Salishan languages
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Biographical Note

Elias Kizer was born in 1801 in Botetourt County, Virginia, and lived there until 1820 when his family moved to Ohio. In 1822, they moved to Randolph County, Indiana and built a cabin for themselves and a brush house for the horses. According to Kizer's account, they "worked hard and lived hard." Possessing only five dollars, Kizer married Margery Ward in Randolph County, Indiana on January 1, 1824. They had two sons, Thomas W. and Caleb, and adopted an orphan, Margery. He died March 5, 1867 and was buried in Winchester, Indiana.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

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FindaGrave.com. "Elias Kizer." *Find a Grave Index*, May 1, 2009. Accessed July 16, 2015. <http://www.findagrave.com>.

Scope and Contents

This two-page, typed manuscript was written by Elias Kizer in Indiana on June 9, 1866, the year before he died. He recounted his early life in a log cabin in Indiana and the hardships he endured. He stated that the hardest times were when the children were small. He raised flax for his wife to spin and weave in order to make their clothing. They did not have much time to go to church, because he went hunting on Sunday. Elias wrote: "with all those hardships we kept in good spirits."

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Richmond (Ind.)
- Winchester (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Frontier and pioneer life--Indiana
- Manuscript
- Personal narratives
- Reminiscing