

**SMITH, S. M. (SIDNEY MYERS), 1813-1862.
S. M. Smith Diaries, 1840-1851, 1862**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Smith, S. M. (Sidney Myers), 1813-1862.
Title: S. M. Smith Diaries, 1840-1851, 1862
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 341
Extent: 0.17 cubic ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Consists of two bound volumes of manuscript diaries by Sidney Myers Smith.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

Sidney Myers Smith was born in Franklin County, Georgia, on April 22, 1813. He was the son of John M. Smith, a Methodist minister who founded Mount Gilead Methodist Episcopal Church South in Fulton County, and John's wife Nancy.

According to a biographical sketch written by Smith's brother, Peyton Pierce Smith, Sidney Myers Smith was licensed as a preacher on October 14, 1835. He joined the Georgia Conference

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of the Methodist Episcopal Church in December 1839. Smith served as an itinerant preacher for about 15 years, then located on December 19, 1855. Although he lacked formal education, his sermons were well-received and he was a popular preacher.

Smith married Aseneth W. Boring on January 15th, 1833, and was the father of seven children. He died in Savannah on November 4, 1862.

Scope and Content Note

Two bound volumes of manuscript diaries by Sidney Myers Smith, covering the years from 1840-1851. Most of the entries are brief, indicating where Smith preached as an itinerant minister within the Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (which became part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South following the 1844 split within U.S. Methodism). At the end of each year Smith listed the names of all the people he received into the church that year, as well as all the people he baptized.

The first diary volume bears a stamp indicating that it was microfilmed by the Georgia Department of Archives and History on May 13, 1964.

Also included with the diaries is a memorial sketch of Smith's life, written by his brother Peyton P. Smith.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Diary, 1840-1846
1	2	Diary, 1847-1851
1	3	Memorial Sketch of Sidney Myers Smith, circa 1862
