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Collection Title: Kemper Family Papers

Manuscript Series Number: MS078-2021

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Date Span: 1818-1956

Size of Collection: 3.0 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 1 letter half size document case and 1 oversize box.

Type of Material: Correspondence, manuscripts, newspapers, maps, photographs and ephemera.

Condition of Material: Fair, with fading and damaged caused by dust and improper storage.

Arrangement: Organized by format and size of item; Alphabetical arrangement by title of file folder.

Biographical / Historical Information: The Kemper family of Cincinnati, Ohio dates back to arrival of James Kemper from Danville, Kentucky on October 25, 1791. He was ordered to supply the Presbyterian Churches at Cincinnati and Columbus. The following year he was ordained and installed as minister of First Presbyterian Church and later the Second Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati. He founded the first school in the city in 1793, organized the Walnut Hills Academy in 1807 and was influential in the development of Lane Theological Seminary. He and his wife had fifteen children. The Kemper family remained prominent in the region of Ohio and Kentucky in the fields of religion, education, agriculture and business for generations. The Kemper log house, constructed in 1804, is presently located at the Heritage Village Museum in Sharon Woods, Ohio.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of family, church and community histories related to the Kemper family of the Walnut Hills community of Cincinnati, Ohio. The collections consists of manuscript histories of Walnut Hills, the First Presbyterian Church of Walnut Hills, Spring Grove Cemetery, and the Kemper log house. Included with the collection is a history of the Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church of New Richmond, Ohio, leaflets promoting the Walnut Hills Grammar School (1820) and Rehoboth Society of Walnut Hills (1819), a plat of Cottage

Farm, Ohio, a township plat of Clay County, Illinois for military claims, a history of Fleming County, Kentucky published in the Cincinnati Times-Star (1940), and newspaper clippings and photographs of Kemper family members.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Kemper, James, 1753-1834.

Kemper family.

Ohio – Cincinnati – Walnut Hills.

Walnut Hills (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Ohio – Millcreek (Williams County: Township) – Maps.

Fleming County (Ky.) – History.

Clay County (Ill.) – Maps.

First Presbyterian Church (Walnut Hills, Ohio) – History.

Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Walnut Hills Grammar School (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Rehoboth Society of Walnut Hills (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church (New Richmond, Ohio) – History.

Cemeteries – Ohio – Cincinnati.

Log cabins – Ohio.

Notes: Collection was located in the Office of Special Collections & Archives and likely was misplaced a decade or so earlier and found in November of 2021. The provenance of the collection is presently unknown.