



## Collection Summary

Title

Downing Family Bible

Date

1840-1936

Extent

1 archival box

Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

Reference code: MGC 1140-DFB

Processed by: Jolene Clark, 2018; finding aid created by Jolene Clark, 2018

Name of Creator

Samuel and Amanda Downing

Biographical History

Samuel and Amanda P Downing of Lexington, Kentucky married on April 14, 1840 and had six children. After his wife died, Samuel married, Margaret (Maggie) Combs in 1855. Samuel and two of his sons, Samuel Jr. and Alfred O., moved to Missouri in 1857. The two boys attended Kemper Military Academy in Booneville, Missouri and the family eventually purchased a farm between Higginsville and Dover. Samuel, his new wife, and the rest of the family came to Missouri in 1858. Samuel died on August 28, 1871.

Scope and Content

Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Amanda, probably wrote the family record pages pertaining to her parents and siblings. Her brother, Sabert B. Downing of Higginsville, Missouri, probably wrote other pages. Sabert had no children so the family Bible was given to Mary H. Downing Knipmeyer who wrote the note on the inside of the Bible. The family Bible contains names and dates of the Downing family. Record of births, marriages, and deaths are written on the family record pages of the Bible.



## Collection Inventory

### System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 1 series.

#### Series 1, Bible

Item 1, History of Downing family Bible written by James H. Knipmeyer

Item 2, Family record sheets [scanned]

Item 3, Bible

## Rights and Access

### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use by appointment.

### Physical Access

Records within this collection are housed in file folders. The Bible is secured with cotton tying tape and wrapped in acid-free tissue paper.

### Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

### Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated by James H. Knipmeyer.

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

### Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

### Notes

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:

Ancestry.com. *1860 United States Federal Census* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA:

Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009.

Ancestry.com. *Kentucky, Marriage Records, 1852-1914* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.

James H. Knipmeyer. "Downing Family Bible."