

C Copher and Stidham Family, Records, 1784-1974
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INTRODUCTION

The records of the Copher and Stidham families contain dates of births, deaths, and marriages, wills, and military records. The volume contains both original records and transcriptions created by J.H. Stidham.

DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by J.H. Stidham on 27 July 1978 (Accession No. 2183).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Copher and Stidham families settled in the New World in the colonies of Virginia and North Carolina. The Copher family settled in Virginia. Thomas Copher served as a captain in the War of 1812 and led a battalion in Kentucky. Following the war, some members of the Copher family, including Thomas Copher, went west and settled in Boone County, Missouri.

The Stidham family traces back to Wilkes, County, North Carolina. David Stidham moved to Russell County, Virginia, and built a house by the Powell River. Members of the Stidham family moved to Boone County, Missouri, between 1849 and 1951.

Jacob Haller, or J.H., Stidham, was born in Harrisburg, Missouri, on November 1, 1884, to Susan Copher and William Stidham. J.H. was a minister in the Boone County area for 47 years. He married Ima Allene Nichols on May 21, 1912. They remained together until his death on September 19, 1979.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records are contained in a single volume that includes both original and copied records for both the Copher and the Stidham families. All copies were written by J.H. Stidham. One of the original records is a roster of the men who served in the 2nd Battalion 36th Regiment of the Kentucky militia, the regiment commanded by Thomas Copher.

The records also include copies of wills from Thomas Copher, Jesse Copher, who was Thomas' father, and Jackson Stidham. Among the property that is bequeathed in the wills are the few slaves owned by the Copher family.

Marriage, birth, and death records are also kept by J.H. Stidham. These records also indicate where members of the families lived.

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