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### MSS 217

**Title:** *Tri-state Trader* and *Antique Week* [newspapers] genealogy columns and queries, 1968-2000

**Location:** Ohio Genealogical Society, Lyle H. West Archives, 611 SR 97 W, Bellville, Ohio, 44813

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**Dates:** 1968-2000

**Creator(s):** *Tri-State Trader/AntiqueWeek*, Knightstown, Indiana [publisher]; original columnist, Willard C. Heiss (1921-1988).

**Donor(s):** Cyrene Winger Mowrey, Ashland, OH; Nancy Bushnell Foster, Cincinnati, OH; Olive Edwards, Ashland, OH.

**Administrative history:** The *Tri-State Trader* was first published in 1968 in Knightstown, Indiana, producing articles on antiques, auctions, and local history and genealogy from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. In 1983, the paper became known as *Antique week--Tri-state trader*; by 1986, the name was shortened to just *AntiqueWeek*. The paper expanded its coverage to include Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, and Tennessee as well. Willard C. Heiss was a well-known Quaker (Society of Friends) historian and genealogist in Indiana.

Known as *Tri-state trader* Vol. 1, no. 1 (Apr. 10, 1968) - v. 16, no. 27 (Oct. 3, 1983) = Whole no.1 - whole no. 768. Became *Antique week--Tri-state trader* Vol. 16, no. 28 (Oct. 10, 1983) - v. 19, no. 1 (Apr. 7, 1986) = Whole no. 769 - whole no. 895. Became *AntiqueWeek* Vol. 19, no. 2 (Apr. 14, 1986) - = Whole no. 896 -.

**Scope and Content:** Genealogy columns and queries clipped from the *Tri-State Trader* (later *AntiqueWeek*) newspaper, including Willard C. Heiss's reoccurring column "Genealogy." Topics include family bible records, discussion of records available for genealogy research, regional or local history, as well as local news and events related to genealogy. Genealogical queries and articles related to specific families and ancestors (submitted by subscribers) were also published. Indexes available for the years 1968 to 1978, and partial indexes for 1980-1982; 1984; 1986; and 1988-1995. Some issues missing.

**System of Arrangement:** Chronological order; indexes in box 7

**Extent:** 2.94 linear feet

**Access:** No access restrictions.

**Language:** English

**Provenance:** Clippings and indexes donated to OGS 1990 through 2005, multiple donors.

**Related archival materials:** The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library in Indiana also has a set of these columns and indexes. Not available in PERSI at this time [2024].

**Processing Information:** Some clippings from 1968-1970 were originally bound; they were cut from bindings to be interfiled with the rest of the clippings. Some clippings are in poor condition.

**Additional Notes:** Queries with surname and county indexes for the years 1968-1976 are available in Box 7 of this collection and indexes for 1968-1978 are in the OGS Library [call number USA 973 GN738t].

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**Box 1:** File 0 (finding aid); clippings 1968-1974. [*Missing issues from second half of Sept. 1970, all Oct. 1970, and Dec. 25, 1970.*]

**Box 2:** Clippings 1975-1979

**Box 3:** Clippings 1980-1984

**Box 4:** Clippings 1985-1989

**Box 5:** Clippings 1990-1993

**Box 6:** Clippings 1994-1997

**Box 7:** Clippings 1998-2000; surname and county indexes to clippings from 1968-1976 (published by *The Bookmark*) and article title indexes (some partial) to clippings from 1980-1982; 1984; 1986; 1988-1995 (attributed to Nancy Bushnell Foster).

**Key Words:** Newspaper clippings; genealogy queries; state of Ohio.

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