

Despain Family History Papers 2013-12

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Summary

Title: Despain Family History Papers

Span Dates: 1645-1996

Bulk Dates: 1750-1970

Accession Number: 2013-12

Creator: Chamberlin, Eileen

Extent: 1 scanned manuscript pdf file (11.4 MB)

Language: English

Repository: Digital Manuscript Collections, Genealogical Forum of Oregon Library, Portland, Oregon

Abstract: Genealogical material related to the surname Despain. One file folder containing family group sheets, pedigree charts, biographical sketches, notes, death certificates, correspondence and annotated copies from various texts and indexes. The primary surnames covered in this collection include Despain, Hiatt, Bliss, King and Lewis. Primary places traced within the family's genealogical research include Warren Co. North Carolina, Montgomery Co. Virginia, Green Co. Kentucky, and Umatilla Co. Oregon.

Authority Headings

The Library of Congress has approved the following authority headings. These search terms can be used to locate related materials within various online catalogs.

- Surnames**
- Hiatt family [MARC record](#)
 - Bliss family [MARC record](#)
 - King family [MARC record](#)
 - Blanchard family [MARC record](#)
 - Lewis family [MARC record](#)
 - Skinner family [MARC record](#)
 - Hurt family [MARC record](#)
- Locations**
- Warren County (N.C.) [MARC record](#)
 - Montgomery County (Va.) [MARC record](#)
 - Green County (Ky.) [MARC record](#)
 - Lauderdale County (Ala.) [MARC record](#)
 - Umatilla County (Or.) [MARC record](#)
- Subjects**
- United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783 [MARC record](#)
 - Daughters of the American Revolution [MARC record](#)
 - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Family History Library [MARC](#)

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The Despain Family History Papers were donated to the GFO Library in 2011 by GFO member Eileen Chamberlin. The original manuscript materials arrived within 1 physical file folder, consisting of 188 pages arranged by the creator according to her progressive genealogical research. According to the correspondence contained in the collection's file folder, one of the creator's primary sources for her research was Robert L Aurnague-Despain from Veneta, Oregon. Additionally, a number of the notes and correspondence included in the collection can be attributed to Wilford W Whitaker Jr. from Prosser, Washington. The dates from Whitaker's notes and letters are primarily from 1970 and the early 1990s.

Retention and Access: Scanned images of the collection are currently retained by the GFO Manuscript Committee in three separate digital storage locations and can be accessed via the [Manuscript Requests](#) link at the GFO Digital Manuscript website.

Processing History: Processing and description of the Despain Family History Papers began in the Spring of 2013 and scanning was completed later the same Summer. Retention of the physical items contained in the collection has been followed in accordance with the GFO Manuscript Committee guidelines. The collection has been kept in its original order as created by its author and her file keeping methods.

Copyright Status: The status of copyright in the unpublished writings and research papers of Eileen Chamberlin regarding the Despain Family is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Preferred Citation: Despain, 1750-1970. Acc. 2013-12. Digital Manuscript Collections. Genealogical Forum of Oregon Library (Portland, OR). File number, Page number.

Scope and Content Note

The Despain collection is comprised of both copied and original source materials, i.e. correspondence, Family Group Sheets, Pedigree Charts, typed obituaries, annotated pages from various published resources, and copies of the death certificates for Jeremiah Boone Despain, Mrs Peaha Jane Despain, Joseph Scott Hurt and Sarah E Hurd. Additional records consist of Oregon donation land claims and abstracts from the family's Revolutionary War pension records.

The collection's annotated materials include the following titles: *Green County, Kentucky Pension Records* as compiled by Annie W Burns Bell, *Kentucky Pension Roll of 1835* published by the Genealogical Book Company, *James Harris Despain: His Family and Descendants* as compiled by Lenna Mae Weaver Weighall, *History of the Pacific Northwest: Oregon and Washington* published by the North Pacific History Company, *An Illustrated History of Umatilla County* by Colonel William Parsons. Copies of the cover pages for these published materials are included in the scanned items for reference and the copyrights remain with the publishing bodies. Several letters and research notes within the collection are attributed to Wilford W Whitaker Jr, editor and publisher of *Despain Log Chain* journal. (NOTE: Several

issues from the *Despain Log Chain* journal are available at the [GFO Library](#) for additional research.)

Characters of interest within the collection include Samuel Despain (abt 1710- 1783), Jeremiah Despain (1833-1886), and Benjamin Despain (1800-1886), as well as their matrimonial connections with the Hiatt, Lewis and King families. The collection traces the Despain roots from England and Russia back as far as the early 1700's, reporting the family's distinct presence in Warren Co. North Carolina and Green Co. Kentucky after their move to the United States. The collection also records the migration and eventual settling of additional family members west to Umatilla Co. Oregon.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	
FILE 1	Family Group Sheets, a copy of the Will of Samuel Despain, excerpts from <i>The Library of the Despain Log Chain</i> , abstracts from Revolutionary War Pension records, Oregon Donation Land Claim records, annotated copies from various anthologies, Death Certificates, annotated printouts from the LSD's microfilmed Ancestral Files (c. 1987), correspondent inquires from Wilford W Whitaker Jr to Mrs Wayne E Gurley, additional correspondence from various interested parties, Obituaries of several Despain family members, typed family notes. Surnames Despain, Hiatt, Thatcher, Steiner, Bliss, King, Blanchard, Lewis, Skinner, Hurt Locations Warren Co. North Carolina, Montgomery Co. Virginia, Green Co. Kentucky, Lauderdale Co. Alabama, Russia, Romania, Washington, Lane and Umatilla Co. Oregon, Madison Co. Illinois Dates 1645-1996