

Collection Summary

Title

Simrall & Simrall Collection

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Biographical History

Horatio H. Simrall, born in Shelby County, Kentucky in 1845, came to Missouri after graduating from law school. He practiced law in Liberty, Missouri for over 40 years. Horatio married Martha Jane Denny. Their children James S. Simrall, born 1884, and Ernest G. Simrall, born 1887, were both lawyers. Both attended William Jewell College and received their law degrees from Kansas City School of Law. Both served at one time as the city attorney of Liberty as well as prosecuting attorneys for Clay County. James S. Simrall, Jr., born 1916, was also a lawyer and practice law in the family firm. The law offices of Simrall & Simrall were located in the National Commercial Bank Building on the Square in Liberty, Missouri.

Scope and Content

Documents in this collection pertain to the law offices of Simrall & Simrall from the 1930s through the 1950s. Much of the collection is correspondence between the law office and clients regarding legal matters. The files are not complete. Sometimes only notes on envelopes or receipts for payments made give clues as to the people involved in the cases. Other documents include items pertaining to the business itself such as bank receipts, tax receipts, and insurance information. The folders are arranged alphabetically and the items within the folder are arranged chronologically.

Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement

These records are arranged in 2 series.

Series 1, Business and personal documents

Folder 1, Bank statement and receipts

Folder 2, Insurance documents

Folder 3, Investments

Folder 4, Personal property tax receipts for James S. Simrall

Folder 5, Receipts for funds received

Series 2, Legal documents and correspondence

Folder 1, Abstract of Title

Folder 2, Correspondence, 1930s

Item 1, Kansas City-Liberty Blvd Road District [undated]

Item 2, Re: Mrs. Jennie A. Thomason, 1930

Item 3, between The Wolf Company and North Kansas City Development
Company, 1930

Item 4, Re: Mrs. Helen Motley, 1931

Item 5, to Pauline Toohey and to Pauline James, 1931

Item 6, Re: Landie R. Hulse

Item 7, C.M. (Fred) Waggy, Mrs. Etta Waggy, 1931

Item 8, Re: J.B. Murray, 1931

Item 9, George W. Shaver papers, 1932

Item 10, to Mrs. Nell Newby, heir of Miss Rosalie Schachner's estate, 1933

Item 11, Escrow-William E. Berry and Charles C. Porter, 1934

Item 12, to Miss Pearl Gehring, 1935

Item 13, payment due to John Thomas from Josiah Baker, Thomas W. Baker, and
Louella Smith, 1938

Folder 3, Correspondence, 1940s-1950s

Item 1, Re: deed of trust of George M. Campbell to James Simrall to secure
indebtedness to Jessie W. Reed, 1941

Item 2, to Mrs. Eugene Lewis, 1941

Item 3, to Mr. Sam Hornback re: Mr. Lincoln, 1942

Item 4, Re: estate of John H. Taylor, 1942

Item 5, to Mr. Luther A. Bell Re: Dockery

Item 6, War Department Office of Dependency Benefits to Mrs. Martha J.
Palmer, 1944

Item 7, to Mr. William A. Fullenkamp (page 2, only), 1944

Item 8, to Mrs. Bess S. Parker re: Gordon Keney, 1945

Item 9, to Mr. Nathan Reiger re: Mrs. Flora S. D. Courtney, 1945

Item 10, Re: Dr. J.H. Rothwell, agent of Phillip Hardwicke, 1946

Item 11, insurance indorsement transferring the Floyd F. and Florence E. Taylor
policy to Julia Jane Coleman, 1950

Item 12, insurance policy for J. Blanche Jury, 1955



Folder 4, Deeds

Item 1, Deed of trust from Bessie P. Hodge and P.D. Hodge to James S. Simrall, trustee to Gertrude Lockhart, 1928

Item 2, Deed of trust from Leslie Lancaster and Lillie May Lancaster to Selby G. Edsell, trustee for James E. Hymer, 1941

Item 3, Warranty deed between Ruby Brockman and Frank Brockman, 1949

Item 4, Warranty deed between Floyd F. and Florence E Taylor and Julia Jane Coleman, 1949

Item 5, Deed of trust from William L. and Collene Fern Frankes to Judson L. Palmer and James S. Simrall, Jr., 1949

Folder 5, Demand of Ruth M. Wilkie against the estate of Helen G. Salkeld

Folder 6, Envelopes and notes

Folder 7, I.O.O.F. Liberty Lodge No. 49 legal documents

Folder 8, Kansas City Missouri River Navigation Company legal documents

Folder 9, North Kansas City incorporation

Folder 10, Personal property tax receipts and delinquent tax receipts for George W. Corum

Folder 11, Real estate contacts

Item 1, between Ruth Henderson, Frances Thompson, Lewis William Riley, Thomas S. Henderson, Berna Pendleton, DeWitt Henderson, Frances Watts, heirs of Alcepha Henderson and George Messick, 1941

Item 2, between John W. and Roberta I. Vale and James and Louise Brown, 1943

Item 3, between Frances Myall and Richard K. Thompson, 1946

Item 4, between Charley A. Murphy and Ella Mary Archer, 1950

Folder 12, St. Paul and Kansas City Short Line v. William P. and Martha A. Shannon



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Notes

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

- Woodson, H. W. *History of Clay County, Missouri*. Topeka, [Kan.]: Historical Pub. Co., 1920.
- "Ernest G Simrall (1887-1922) - Find A Grave." Findagrave.com.