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Charles C. Tapp (1885-1981) Papers
1887-1975
19 folders

Correspondence, news clippings, land deeds, diaries, notes, and memorabilia of Tapp, a photographer, mine operator, etc. in Clay County, MO., his wife Lizzie, and his family. Also included is material about Mosby, Missouri, the Booth Coal Mine Company, and the Clay County School Districts #8 and #37.

BIOGRAPHY:

Born in 1885, Charles C. Tapp was a descendant from early settlers in Clay County, Missouri. In 1913, Tapp moved to Mosby, Clay County, Missouri where he built and ran the Mosby Depot on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad line. At various times Tapp operated a general store, the Mosby Post Office, and was a secretary/treasurer of the Mosby State Bank.

Tapp also was a partner with Stephen E. Booth in the Mosby Coal Mine (Booth Coal Mine Company) which operated from ca. 1931 to ca. 1953. The mine, near Mosby, was located on the north side of Highway 69, and at one time employed about 130 men. The shafts were as deep as 250 feet and as much as 200 tons of coal were taken out daily.

Tapp married Lizzie McCorkle, whose parent's farm was south of Mosby. He and his wife, in their later years, traveled in a trailer around the United States.

Additionally, Tapp was involved with the Mosby School Districts #8 and #37, and wrote a brief history of the town of Mosby.

Charles C. Tapp died on February 7, 1981 at the age of 96.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

Contained within the papers are correspondence, news clippings, land deeds, diaries, notes, and memorabilia of Tapp, his wife Lizzie, and his family. Also included is material about Mosby, Missouri, the Booth Coal Mine Company, and the Clay County School Districts #8 and #37.

INVENTORY:

- Folder 1. Correspondence, 1911-1962
Included is a series of letters from Maria Ferril, Mosby, Missouri, to the Tapps (while they were in Colorado) ca. July-August 1935, about the townspeople and daily events in Mosby: a series of letters from two World War II service men concerning their military experience and the various U.S. Military Posts at which they were stationed; and letters relating to payment by the State of Missouri for right of way taken by the State Highway Department (1954).
- Folder 2. News clippings, 1922-1974
Biographical news articles including obituaries of Tapp family members and friends.
- Folder 3. Legal documents, 1975-1965
Land deeds and insurance policies relating to the Tapp family.

- Folder 4. Memorabilia, ca. 1922-1975
Notes, calling cards, tax receipts, etc.
- Folder 5. Mosby, Missouri, History, ca. 1887-1960
A map of the "Village of Mosby, Clay County, Missouri" printed ca. 1887, as an advertising circular for the Milwaukee Land Company (see x.3.). The map has handwritten notes by Tapp. Also in the folder are two copies of a 'Report of the Beginning of Mosby, Missouri,' written by Tapp in 1966.
- Folder 6. Booth Coal Company, 1934-1947
Legal documents and papers relating to the coal mining operation near Mosby. Included is a sample of a postcard (September 19, 1947) sent by the Company, and a memoranda book listing men who worked in the mine loading coal. See x.1 and x.2.
- Folder 7. Mosby School Districts #8 and #37, 1898-1909
Legal documents and land deeds relating to the school districts.
- Folder 8-11. Diaries, 1959-1975
Diaries for the years 1959, 1964, 1966-1975. Each volume details the daily activities of the Tapps. The 1959 volume was written by Lizzie Tapp and gives a timed and dated account of their travels. The remaining volumes were written by Charles Tapp, and give similar but less detailed information.
- Folder 12. Bank book, 1920-1925
Mosby State Bank
- Folder 13. Photographs, Tapp family
- Folder 14. Photographs, Tapp home and farm
- Folder 15. Photographs, Combs family
- Folder 16. Photographs, Friends and unidentified people
- Folder 17. Photographs, C.C. Tapp Store, Mosby, Missouri
- Folder 18. Photographs, Tapp travel pictures
Pictures of sites visited by the Tapps during their travels.
- Folder 19. Photographs, Mosby Coal Mine, Mosby, Missouri
Photographs of the Mosby Coal Mine near Mosby, including the reconstruction of the facility after a fire.