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Norris W. Miller family collection

Title: Norris W. Miller family collection
Collection No: MSS.387
Extent: 0.25 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1836-1944 and undated.

Abstract: The collection comprises correspondence, merchants accounts and receipts, tax receipts and a clipping related to the Norris Miller family of Madison County, Tennessee.

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Biographical information

Norris Wesley Miller (b. 1819) was the youngest son of Frederick Miller, from South Carolina, and Rhoda Elizabeth Windrom Miller, who was born in North Carolina. After living in North Carolina for a time, the Millers were one of the first three families to move to the southern Madison County, Tennessee, area near Uptonville in 1821. Norris and his wife, Louisa Heidelberg Miller, stayed on his parents' farm and had twelve children—six boys and six girls. Norris died during the Civil War. Only one of Norris and Louisa's sons, James Eldridge (1857-1942), survived to adulthood and he took over the farm to support his mother and two unmarried sisters. James married Ida Jones and they had at least one child, James Roy.

Scope and contents

The collection comprises correspondence, Madison County property tax receipts, receipts on the sale of cotton, and receipts and accounts from local businesses for the Miller family. A 1944 newspaper clipping gives a history of the family.

Subject terms

Madison County (Tenn.)
Miller family.
Miller, James Eldridge, 1857-1942.
Miller, Louisa.
Miller, Norris W.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

- 1 Newspaper clipping, circa 1944 January 8. "Do You Know Any Bits of Madison County History?" column from unidentified newspaper giving the history of the Miller family.
- 2 Map (photocopy), 1895. Shows location of Uptonville, Tenn.
- 3 Plat: John R. Starkey field, by surveyor John T. Bryan, 1872 February 19.
- 4 Correspondence: Sarah E. Miller, Perry County?, Arkansas, to cousin Sarah, 1861 April 1; Evaline Corner, Palmyra, Lincoln County, Arkansas, to Louisa (Miller?) (sister), 1879 August 18.
- 5 Bank of Mercer, Tennessee, deposit slip in name of J.E. Miller, 1930 November 3.

- 6 Receipts: Sale of cotton, 1867-1902. Includes names of J.R. Starkey, Louisa, James and Norris Miller.
- 7 Accounts: Merchants' accounts for Miller family, 1838, 1851-1863.
- 8 Accounts: Merchants' accounts for Miller family, 1871-1905.
- 9 Promissory notes, 1853-1872.
- 10 Receipts, 1836-1859 and undated.
- 11 Receipts, 1860-1879.
- 12 Receipts, 1880-1933.
- 13 Tax receipts: Madison County property taxes, 1845-1899.
- 14 Tax receipts: Madison County property taxes, 1900-1942.
- 15 Recipe: Horse colic medicine, undated.