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O'Neal, Vance and Fultz family papers

Title: O'Neal, Vance and Fultz family papers

Collection No: MSS.336

Extent: 0.5 cubic feet

Inclusive Dates: 1866-1939

Abstract: The collection comprises legal papers, tax receipts, ledger sheets, invoices, promissory notes, cancelled checks, photographs and some personal correspondence belonging to members of the O'Neal, Vance and Fultz family of Mississippi.

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Scope and contents

The collection comprises items from members of the O'Neal (also written as O'Neil), Vance and Fultz families who lived near Greenwood and Grenada, Mississippi, between 1866 and 1939. The earliest item is a deed transferring land in Tallahatchie County to Thornton Young O'Neal. James Presley O'Neal, possibly a brother, who died around 1875, lived at Sandy Ridge, Tallahatchie County, and had land at Twin Lake in Leflore County near Greenwood. T.Y. O'Neal also had property in Grenada along with Mrs. Elizabeth Vance O'Neal. An Elizabeth V. Vance lived at Peete, in Grenada County, and had Gates relatives in Slate, Arkansas. There is also mention of a J.D. Vance and later J. Thomas Vance. The daughter of Mrs. J.D. Vance, Mattox, married Lloyd S. Fultz of Holcomb, Mississippi, and their children included Lloyd Earl, and Barbra Imogene. Louis Henry Fultz (1919-1968) worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

The collection chiefly contains legal papers, tax receipts, ledger sheets, invoices, promissory notes, and cancelled checks. There are some photographs of unidentified individuals and some personal correspondence.

Provenance

The collection was donated by Frank J. Gattuso, Jr. in 1992 who found them while clearing out unclaimed furniture in his storage company, E Z Storage and Van Company, Main Street, Memphis.

Subject terms

Fultz, Henry L.
Fultz, Mattox.
O'Neal, J.P.
O'Neal, T.Y.
Vance, Elizabeth.
Vance, J.D.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

- 1 Legal documents, invoices, and ledger sheets, 1866-1869. Includes deed, F.G. Hunt and S.A. Hunt land sold to T.Y. O'Neal, Tallahatchie, Miss., 1866. Other names mentioned: Enock Herring, P.Y. O'Neal.
- 2 Legal documents, invoices, ledger sheets, and personal correspondence, 1870-1875. Includes letter: R.S. Weir, Vaiden, Miss., to J.P. O'Neal, 1873 June 6: Discusses fire in business district of Vaiden and requests O'Neal to make payment of last year's rent and shortfall on a shipment of cotton. Other names mentioned: T.Y. O'Neal, E.V. O'Neil.
- 3 Legal documents, invoices, ledger sheets and receipts, 1876-1879. Names mentioned include: T.Y. O'Neal, Elizabeth V. O'Neal, J.P. O'Neal.
- 4 Legal documents, invoices, ledger sheets, receipts, and personal correspondence, 1880-1889. Includes letter: Unknown author, Smithville, to Bettie (Elizabeth Vance), 1883 May 2. Mentions planning visit to Grenada, Miss. "...don't you know that will feel grand in the town of Grenada I expect that I will act so green that the gees [sic] will eat me up before I get Back Home." Other name mention is J.D. Vance.
- 5 Legal documents, invoices, ledger sheets, receipts, and personal correspondence, 1890-1899. Names mentioned include Elizabeth Vance, and Z.T. and T.L. Gates, Slate, Arkansas.
- 6 Deed, tax receipts, and patent medicine advertisement, 1901-1914. Names mentioned include J.D. and Elizabeth Vance.
- 7 Birth certificates, 1915, 1924. Barbra Imogene and Lloyd Earl Fultz.
- 8 Cancelled checks, promissory notes, hospital furlough, 1930-1936. Names mentioned include J. Thomas Vance, E.V. Vance, Dora Herring.
- 9 Personal correspondence, certificate of discharge from Civilian Conservation Corps, receipts, 1937-1939. Includes letter: Idelle, Decatur, Ga., to Papa, 1938 February 20. "But it seems the feeling every where is about war, look's [sic] like something is brewing, all the Burroughs men in all the stations have been working only four day's per week, guess the co. is donating to help build those big Battle Ship's which the United States needs.
Everybody had better hold on to what money they have and spend wisely when they do spend, because if Japan keep's on the States will surely declare war."
Other name mentioned is Mattox Vance Fultz.
- 10 Correspondence, 1930. To Virginia Fultz.
- 11 Photographs. Unidentified individuals; views of Paris, France, between World War I and II.
- 12 Miscellany. Includes notes, program, card, clippings.