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Abstract: The H. B. Derrick papers contains materials from the early 1900s, belonging to the Derrick family and related to cotton farming in Marianna, Arkansas; including periodicals, advertisements, business papers, receipts, letters, insurance policies, and inventory books.

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Biographical Information

Henry Bradford Derrick, Jr., was born on September 30, 1852, in Alabama and relocated with his father to Arkansas in 1859. There he grew to adulthood and received his education in the local schools. He first engaged in tilling the soil but was later employed as a store clerk. Eventually, he opened a livery business in Marianna, Arkansas in December 1873, and was successful at this until a snowstorm came and crushed in his stable. He then rebuilt and in 1876, as misfortune seemed to cling to him, his stable was destroyed by fire, sustaining a loss of about \$1,500. In 1883, the stable was again destroyed by fire with a loss much heavier than before.

In the 1883 fire, eight to ten horses were killed, a number of buggies and wagons destroyed, and had there not been a rainstorm shortly before the fire, the entire business section of Marianna could have been lost. In addition, the photographic studio of a Professor Vess, which was located near the livery stable, was destroyed. Derrick again engaged in the business, built a brick barn, and ended up having a successful livery business. He also had a cotton farm of three hundred acres and was one of the most practical businessmen of the county.

Derrick was married first in 1876 to Ella Campbell, who died in 1884, and they had children together. Derrick afterward married Emma Longley in 1886 and they had seven children together. Derrick died in 1928 and Emma in 1932, and both are buried in Cedar Heights Cemetery in Marianna, Arkansas.

Scope and contents

The H. B. Derrick papers contains materials from the early 1900s, belonging to the Derrick family and related to cotton farming in Marianna, Arkansas; including six folders of periodicals, advertisements, business papers, receipts, letters, and insurance policies. It also includes a folder containing two stock of goods inventory books belonging to Derrick from 1921-1929. In addition, there is one oversized Marianna, Arkansas, newspaper from 1924.

Subject terms

Businessmen.
Cotton industry.
Farming--Arkansas
Lee County (Ark.)
Liveryman
Marianna (Ark.)

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

1 Periodicals

- 1) "Service," Vol. 3, No. 15, published by The Federal Land Bank of St. Louis, 1928 August.
- 2) "The Cotton Boll, An Occasional Digest of Cotton Market Information," Vol. 9, No. 4, 7, 8, 10, and 11. published by Norman Mayer & Co., New Orleans, U.S.A., 1928 July-1929 April (5).

2 Advertisements

- 1) Booklet: "Cotton Manual," published by Florence Wagon Works, Florence, Alabama, Copyright by Cotton Manual Publishing Company, 1907.
- 2) Booklet and Envelope: "Seeds in Bulk," offered by D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1929.
- 3) Mailer pamphlet: "Spring 1929 Planting Guide & Catalog," Bass Pecan Company, Lumberton, Mississippi, 1929.
- 4) Mailer pamphlet: "Another mail salesman showing Beacon Blankets," Beacon Manufacturing Co., New Bedford, Massachusetts, 1929, has two blanket fabric samples inside.
- 5) Pamphlet: List of Arkansas' Sick and Crippled Children, 1929.
- 6) Pamphlet: "Great Western Tours-DeLuxe, via Canadian Rockies, or Panama Canal to the Pacific Coast," Elliott Tours, undated.
- 7) Pamphlet: "Special University Tours," Elliott Tours, Talladega, Alabama, 1929.
- 8) Flyer: "Inauguration – Washington, Cuba and Florida Tours, European Tours," Elliott Tours, Talladega, Alabama, 1929.
- 9) Pamphlet: "Concrete Streets for Your Town," published by Portland Cement Association, 1929. Includes generic letter from Portland Cement Association, from the District Engineer, Syndicate Trust Building, St. Louis, Missouri, 1929 February 11.
- 10) Mailer pamphlet: Herkert & Meisel Truck Co., St. Louis, Missouri, 1928.

3 Advertisements

- 1) Cotton industry sales advertisements regarding cotton sacks, farming equipment, roof seal, sugar, coal, and seeds, 1928-1929, (24).

4 Stock Inventory Books

- 1) Inventory of stock, No. 2, 1921-1926.
- 2) Inventory of stock, 1926-1929.

5 Business Papers

- 1) Documents: including delivery receipts, purchase receipts, Southwide Cotton Council papers, insurance purchase receipts, blank income tax return form from 1928, etcetera, 1928 March – 1929 July, (31).

6 Grocery Receipts and Credit Identification Cards

- 1) The Texas Credit Card Company, No. T57868, License No. 3982, Mr. J. M. McClintock, 2104 W. 12th Street., Little Rock, Arkansas, 1940 January-April.
- 2) Standard Oil Company of Louisiana, National Credit Identification Card, No. Z418259, License No. 3982, J. M. McClintock, 2104 W. 12th Street., Little Rock, Arkansas, expired 1940 December 31.

3) Cohn and Talley Grocery and Meat Market receipts, Marianna, Arkansas, H.B. Derrick and Mrs. Henry Derrick, 1929, (160).

7 Insurance Policies and Business Letters

1) Pamphlets: insurance policies for fire, transportation, farm, tornado, windstorm, and dwelling house, from insurance agencies Hugh Mixon Agency Insurance, Mitchener Insurance Service, Emma H. Clark Insurance, Lee County National Bank General Insurance, and The Mixon-Mitchener Co. Insurance, all located in Marianna, Arkansas, 1926 April -1930 March, (11).

2) Pamphlet: "Information for the Worker, Unemployment Insurance," Employment Services Division, Arkansas Department of Labor, undated.

3) Letters:

1 from Homer E. Minor "The Boy in the Chair" and "The Magazine Bargain Boy", a magazine salesman, about bargain magazine offers, Plainview, Texas, to Miss Macon Derrick, Marianna Arkansas, 1929.

1 from The Warren Featherbone, Co., about Warren's Bias Fold Tape, Three Oaks, Michigan, to H. B. Derrick, Jr. & Co., Marianna, Arkansas, 1929.

1 from Z. & S. Middy Co., New York City, New York, about wool skirts for sale, to H. B. Derrick, Sr., Marianna, Arkansas, 1929.

1 from E. S. Manley, Carnesville, Georgia, about big boll cotton seeds for sale, to H. B. Derrick, Marianna, Arkansas, 1929.

OS Newspaper: "The Courier-Index," Vol. 56, No. 18, Marianna, Arkansas, 1924 June 19.