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.

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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

   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
   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.

   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.