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INTRODUCTION

DONOR INFORMATION
The papers were deposited with the University of Missouri by L. Hyde on 1 June 1944 and 16 October 1945 (Accession No. 137). An addition was made by L.M. Hyde on 4 October 1955 (Accession No. 3242).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Ira B. Hyde was the father of Laurence, a Missouri Supreme Court Justice, Arthur, governor of Missouri, and Ben, who went into partnership with his father in 1893.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The papers have been arranged into the following three series: Politics, Scrapbooks, and Volumes. More complete series descriptions are located in the folder list.

FOLDER LIST

Politics Series

f. 1-17 Newspaper clippings and notes dealing with politics. Election returns, 1872-1876. Entire newspapers.

Scrapbooks Series

v. 1a-3a Clippings from Civil War and Post Civil War period. Newspaper articles about political conventions, reconstruction, national finance, Freedmen's bureau, Chicago Copperhead Convention, and addresses by Lincoln, Johnson, and U. S. Grant.

Volumes Series

v. 1 Account book, 1867-1875; 112 pp.
v. 3 Account book, 1898-1906; 213 pp. Accounts of Missouri and Iowa Telephone Co. and Western Telephone Co.
v. 4 Bank book, 1903; 6 pp. Accounts of Western Telephone Co.
v. 11  Cash book, Hyde & Orton, 1882-1901; 143 pp. Collections on
      notes, overdue accounts, etc.
v. 16  Collection book, Hyde & Orton, 1865-1866; 143 pp. Collections on
      notes, overdue accounts, etc.
v. 17  Collection book, Hyde & Orton, 1870; 166 pp. Notes received for
      collection from Wm. P. Ballew.
v. 18  Collection book, Hyde & Orton, 1877-1901; 143 pp. Records of
      collections in reference to N. M. Ridgway & Son, Calloway, and Helm,
      and Eli Mullinax.
v. 19  Phoenix Insurance Co., 1885-1887; 83 pp. Hyde & Orton were agents
      for this company.
v. 22  Collection book, 1897-1901; 499 pp.
v. 27  1869-1872; 470 pp. Business correspondence of Hyde & Orton, in
      reference to land, collections of notes, settling estates, etc. J.H. Orton
      was probate judge, 1870; a letter from him, representing school board
      of Princeton, Missouri, ordering supplies. Pleas to governor for
      clemency on behalf of a murderer. Discussion of railroad bonds,
      January 21, 1870.
v. 28  Letter book of Ben C. Hyde, 1900-1905; 428 pp. Letters of Western
      Telephone Co., of which Ben C. Hyde was manager. The company had
      headquarters at Brookfield, Missouri; Albia, Iowa; and Unionville,
      Missouri. Orders for supplies and letters in reference to new bank
      building. Discussion of merits of Swedish-American and Stromberg-
      Carlson telephones.
v. 29-33  1902-1909. Letters to clients in reference to Chicago, Rock Island and
      Pacific R.R. Co.; Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Western
      Telephone Co.; correspondence with Beardsley, Gregory and Kirshner,
      Kansas City law firm, and other legal letters.
v. 34-38  Loan Books. Investments of Phoenix Insurance Company.
v. 34  Hyde & Orton, 1876-1880; 103 pp.
v. 35  Hyde & Orton, 1883-1885; 112 pp.
v. 36  Hyde & Orton, 1886-1889; 113 pp. (Gardner Estate)
v. 37  Hyde, Ira B., 1889-1895; 223 pp.
v. 39  Map Book, 18 pp. Land plot of township of Ravanna, Missouri.
v. 40  Mercer County Bank, Record Book, 1886-1915; 170 pp. Articles of incorporation, bylaws, and minutes of directors' meetings of the Mercer County Bank of Princeton, Missouri, incorporated in 1886.
v. 41  Scrapbook, 1891-1903; 190 pp. Book listing members of the Grange in north-central Missouri, used as scrapbook. Clippings giving statements of banks in Mercer and adjacent counties.
v. 42-55  Bar Dockets of Mercer County, Missouri, Circuit Court
v. 42  1901-1904; 10 pamphlets.
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