

## Information Sheet

**R**      **Welch, Austin H.**  
**824**      **Papers, 1908-1927.**  
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Austin H. Welch's interest in the Dorsey Corporation seems to have come via Mrs. Florence D. Welch, a beneficiary of the estate of M. J. Dorsey. M. J. and H. S. "Harry" Dorsey of Moline, Illinois, pursued a number of real estate and business ventures through the Dorsey Corporation. In addition to a 560-acre tract in Crawford County, Missouri, the Dorsey Land & Lumber Company, with offices in Texarkana, Arkansas, owned 16,966.64 acres of Red River bottomland and 480 acres of hill land in southeastern Miller County, Arkansas. The company sold or leased lots to farmers for conversion from cane sod to cotton cultivation. In June 1925 there were prospects of bumper crops, but "cotton went to the devil" by December.

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04 Nov 1908	Boone County, Mo., Warranty deed: John N. and Lovie C. Fellows to Florence D. Welch
ca. 1910	"Dorsey Coal Property, Crawford County, Missouri," by H. S. Dorsey, Independence, Kans., to Austin H. Welch
19 Feb 1923	M. J. Dorsey & Co., Chicago, Ill., to Mrs. Florence D. Welsh, Texarkana, Ark.
10 Mar 1923	Mortgage notes due, Miller County, Ark.
09 Oct 1923	Dorsey Land & Lumber Co., Texarkana, Ark., to Austin Welch, St. Louis, Mo.
02 Nov 1923	Dorsey Land & Lumber Co., Texarkana, Ark., to A. H. Welch, St. Louis, Mo.
31 Dec 1924	Map of Southeastern Miller County, Arkansas, showing property of Dorsey Corporation
29 Jan 1925	Appraisal of Dorsey Land & Lumber Co. tract in Texarkana, Ark.
03 Feb 1925	Dorsey Corporation, Moline, Ill., statement of payments by A. H. Welch
24 Mar 1925	Dorsey Land & Lumber Co., Moline, Ill., to A. H., Welch, St. Louis, Mo.

12 May 1925	Dorsey Corporation, Moline, Ill., to A. H. Welch, St. Louis, Mo.
18 May 1925	Notice to stockholders of Dorsey Corporation
18 May 1925	Dorsey Corporation, Moline, Ill., to Austin H. Welch
02 June 1925	H. S. Dorsey, Texarkana, Ark., to M. J. Dorsey, Moline, Ill.
30 July 1925	M. L. Johnson, Chicago, Ill., to Mr. Welch
18 Dec 1925	H. S. Dorsey, Texarkana, Ark., to A. H. Welch, St. Louis, Mo.
20 Apr 1927	M. L. Johnson, Chicago, Ill., to Mr. Welch
n.d.	“Statement of accounting and disposition of M. J. Dorsey notes”
n.d.	Survey notes for tract in St. Louis County, Mo.

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