

Harkey Family Papers (1989.39)

Date Span: 1863-1930

The papers of the Harkey family papers primarily relate to D. Z. A. Harkey¹ (1845-1924), a long-time resident of Marysville Township, Miami County (just south of Spring Hill, Johnson County).² Harkey was a Confederate veteran³ who in 1868 married Mary Elizabeth Barkley and settled two miles east and two miles south of Gardner.⁴ D. Z. A. Harkey was the father of Dr. William C. Harkey.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

1868	Harkey family, from North Carolina, settled south of Gardner ⁵
1872	William Cathey Harkey born near Gardner (January 17)
1890-1892	William C. Harkey attended Fort Scott State Normal
1890s	William Harkey taught school in Miami County
1894-1895	William Harkey served as schoolmaster at Hillsdale
1890s	House built at 224 East Main Street, Gardner
1897	William Harkey entered medical school
1899	William Harkey married Marie Elizabeth Meng (September 12)
1899-1935	William Harkey was physician and surgeon
1900	Dr. Harkey graduated from University Medical College in Kansas City
1902-1903	Served as Gardner city councilman
1906	Dr. Harkey served as treasurer, Gardner township
1907	Dr. Harkey served as president, Gardner State Bank
1909-1910	Family moved to New Orleans during Dr. Harkey's advanced study at Tulane Medical School

¹ Full name seldom found in original papers but family histories in accession file: Doctor Zelias (or Zelas) Alexander Harkey.

² D. A. Harkey enumerated in Marysville Township in 1875, 1885, 1895, and 1905 Kansas censuses but addresses of insurance policies in this collection are Spring Hill, Johnson County and the family banked at Spring Hill. Family members are buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

³ D. Z. Alexander Harkey appears in roster of Company A, 2nd Regiment, North Carolina Artillery; <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>

⁴ The Harkey name does not appear in the southeast portion of Gardner Township in the 1874 Atlas Map of Johnson County.

⁵ "Death of D. A. Harkey" Spring Hill *New Era* November 21, 1924; and "Looking Back" *Sun Newspapers* September 26, 1986

1910	Dr. Harkey head of pediatrics, Bell Memorial Hospital
1911	Family purchased farm near Lenexa
1920	Family purchased home and 23 acres at southeast corner of 15 th and Haskell in Lawrence
1924	Family sold Haskell Avenue house and moved to the Lenexa farm
1935	Dr. Harkey died near Lenexa (February 7)
1986	William C. Harkey house named to Register of Historic Kansas Places (May 10)

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The papers of the Harkey family document several decades of their long-time residence in Miami County and has fragmentary coverage into southern Johnson County. The collection consists of two series: Correspondence and notes, and Financial Records. A limited portion of the collection relates to the medical career of Dr. W. C. Harkey

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTES, 1863-1916

The series consists of three letters and a note and contains the earliest material in the collection--two letters from 1863, one from W. L. Harkey, a Confederate soldier and brother of D. Z. A. Harkey, and the other from a fellow soldier who reported Harkey's death.

SERIES 2: FINANCIAL RECORDS

The series primarily consists of banking records and legal documents, 1871-1930. The legal documents relate to the family's Miami County property. The series is arranged alphabetically by object type and then chronologically. Bank checks, deeds, and tax receipts are the most numerous items. Two of the four account books represent medical office records from Dr. W. C. Harkey of Gardner.

FOLDER INVENTORY

SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTES

1863⁶
 1916
 Cure for rheumatism; undated

⁶ William L. Harkey (January 5, 1842-May 4, 1863) is buried at Saint Pauls Lutheran Church, Statesville, Iredell County, NC; Findagrave memorial. William Lawson Harkey was the son of Daywalt Harkey and Esther Peck. He was killed at Chancellorsville—on May 4 or May 5.

SERIES 2: FINANCIAL RECORDS

Bonds; Liberty Loan; 1918-1920
Certificates, Redemption; Treasurer, Miami County; 1887; 1894
Checks, Bank; Farmers State Bank; 1919-1921
Checks, Bank; Spring Hill Banking Company; 1919-1924
Checks, Bank; Peoples National Bank, Paola [unused]
Deeds; Miami County; 1871-1893
Decree; District Court, Miami County; 1883
Mortgage; Miami County; 1878
Notes, Promissory; 1920-1921
Notes, Promissory; Spring Hill Banking Company [unused]
Policies, Insurance; D. A. Harkey; 1916, 1924 [Patrons' Fire and Tornado Association, Olathe]
Receipts, Tax; Harkey family; Miami County; 1878-1921
Receipts, Tax; other owners; Miami County; 1871-1902
Receipts; Cemetery Association of Spring Hill; 1886; 1906
Receipts; Spring Hill Co-operative Association; 1881, 1896
Receipt; Johnson County Co-operative Association; 1887
Receipt; Johnson-Miami County Co-operative Telephone Association; 1905
Receipts; Mijo Co-Operative Telephone Company; 1921-1924
Receipts; Farmers Union of Spring Hill Co-operative Association; scale tickets; 1921
Receipts; Clattawa Grange #486, Patrons of Husbandry; 1919-1923
Receipt; Coons Furniture, Spring Hill; 1922
Receipt; Farmers State Bank, Spring Hill; 1922
Receipts; Spring Hill Banking Company; 1924
Book, account; Peoples National Bank, Paola; D. A. Harkey; 1897-1903
Book, account; Peoples National Bank, Paola; D. A. Harkey; 1905-1906
Book, account; Peoples National Bank, Paola; D. A. Harkey; 1905-1924
Book, account; Dr. Harkey; 1900-1909
Book, account; Dr. Harkey; 1922-1930

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