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Archival and Manuscript Collections Finding Aid

ACCESSION No.: HRHS-8

COLLECTION TITLE: Stiegel Family Papers

DATES: 1770-1917

SIZE: .20 cf (8 folders, one of which is oversized)

DONOR: Robert L. Wells, Jr., and Sallie H. Wells

PROCESSED: 5/08/04, by Tracy Harter

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

John Calvin Stiegel was born 26 January 1854 in Shenandoah County, Va. He moved to Harrisonburg in 1856 and went into business with J. P. Houck as Houck & Stiegel, dealers in bark. Stiegel later became a bark buyer for the J. P. Houck Tanning Company. Stiegel also was president of the J. C. Stiegel Lumber Co.

One of the original stockholders in the Rockingham National Bank, Stiegel sat on its board of directors and served as a vice-president. He was credited with opening Franklin Street, in Harrisonburg, the street on which he also lived. Stiegel and his wife also owned significant acreage in Rockingham County, near Timberville, which was sold a few years before his death.

He died 6 March 1916 at his Franklin Street home and was buried in Woodbine Cemetery. His wife, Margaret Frances Keller Stiegel, died on 28 August 1924.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Stiegel Family Collection was “discovered” in 2001 by the owners of J.C. Stiegel’s Franklin Street home in Harrisonburg. The collection is arranged in five series: Indentures and Deeds, Correspondence, Household Receipts, Financial Receipts, and Ephemera.

Indentures and Deeds range in date from 1770-1911 and include properties granted from King George III, Governor James Monroe, and Governor Thomas M. Randolph. Primarily these documents trace property transfers of certain parcels of land in Rockingham County through various owners, namely John Stoutamoyer, Jacob Miller, Samuel Myers/Meyers, John C. and M.F. Steigel, and Mollie S. Smucker.

Correspondence (1906-1914) is largely comprised of letters to J.C. Stiegel from various legal contacts regarding real estate sales and purchases, including a homestead known as “Rose Hill.”

Also contained in the collection are various **Household Receipts (1905-1917)** which include receipts for groceries, agricultural implements, utilities, insurance, carriage and auto, household furnishings and clothing, medical expenses, and other miscellaneous household expenses.

Financial Receipts (1891-1916) consist of promissory notes, cancelled checks, tax assessment receipts, and miscellaneous other debts.

A folder of **Ephemera (1864-1913)** includes other paper items.

COLLECTION INVENTORY:

Folder 1 [Oversized]: Indentures and Deeds, 1770-1822

- Item 1: property granted from King George III to Alexander White, 12 May 1770
- Item 2: property of John and Mary Moore to John Bare, 22 Apr 1790
- Item 3: property granted from Governor James Monroe, Esq., to Jacob Stoutmire, 19 Apr 1800
- Item 4: property granted from Governor Thomas M. Randolph, Esq., to Joseph Miller, 16 May 1822

Folder 2: Indentures and Deeds, 1806-1887

- Item 1: property of Benjamin and Polly Fulkerson to Jacob Miller, 15 Apr 1806
- Item 2: certifying Polly Fulkerson's agreement, 15 Apr 1806
- Item 3: land survey for John Shaver and John Stoutamoyer, by Philip Koontz, 13 Mar 1821
- Item 4: property of John Shaver and John Stoutamoyer to Jacob Miller, 3 Apr 1821
- Item 5: property of Abraham Williamson to Jacob Miller, 31 May 1822
- Item 6: property of Andrew Moore to Jacob Miller, 20, Dec 1823
- Item 7: property of Gibson Guy to Jacob Miller, 4 Feb 1826
- Item 8: property of Benjamin A. Myers to Samuel H. Myers, 21 Feb 1866
- Item 9: Andrew J. Myers to Samuel H. Myers, 1 Nov 1870
- Item 10: land survey for S.H. Meyers by J.J. Bowman, 5 Mar 1887

Folder 3: Indentures and Deeds, 1886-1887

- Item 1: property of Mrs. Martha Shands, et al. to Mrs. M.F. Steigel, 2 Aug 1886
- Item 2: property of Mrs. Martha Shands, et al. to Mrs. M.F. Steigel, 15 Apr 1887

Folder 4: Indentures and Deeds, 1901-1911

- Item 1: survey instruments deeded from William Bradford to C.S. Hoover, 5 Nov 1901
- Item 2: lumber deeded from to J.C. Stiegel Lumber Co. from H.H. Hevner and James F. Palmer, 4 Aug 1903
- Item 3: property of John H. Ralston to J.C. Stiegle, 24 Feb 1906
- Item 4: property of John H. Hoover and Charles E. Fahrney (Fawley?) [estate of Samuel Myers], to John C. and M.L. Stiegel, 7 Feb 1907
- Item 5: Circuit Court document regarding the will of Charles Lennig of Pennsylvania, 1 Jan 1908
- Item 6: property of J.C. and M.L. Steigel (sic) to D.C. and Mollie S. Smucker, 24 Apr 1911
- Item 7: property of J.C. and M.L. Steigel (sic) to D.C. and Mollie S. Smucker, 1 May 1911

Folder 5: Correspondence, 1906-1914, n.d.

- Item 1: 19 June [n.d.] to Messrs Garber & B from ???
- Item 2: 12 June 1906 to J.C. Steigle (sic) from Chas. R. Fawley
- Item 3: 20 Aug 1908 to J.C. Steigle (sic) from Chas. R. Fawley
- Item 4: 26 May 1910 to J.C. Steigel (sic) from Chas. R. Fawley
- Item 5: 22 Aug 1910 to J.C. Stiegel from Francis F. Eastlack, Jr. (1st letter)
- Item 6: 22 Aug 1910 to J.C. Stiegel from Francis F. Eastlack Jr. (2nd letter)
- Item 7: 13 Mar 1912 to J.C. Stiegel from Albert P. Stroebel
- Item 8: 16 Mar 1912 to J.C. Stiegel from Albert P. Stroebel
- Item 9: 7 Aug 1912 to Garber Master & B... from S.L. Hoover
- Item 10: 30 Dec 1912 to J.C. Steigel (sic) from Francis F. Eastlack, Jr.
- Item 11: c.1914 note re unknown author's tracing of deed

Folder 6: Household Receipts, 1905-1917

- 6a. Grocery Receipts, 1905-1915
- 6b. Agricultural Receipts, 1905-1915
- 6c. Power and Water Receipts, 1909-1917
- 6d. Insurance Receipts, 1910-1915
- 6e. Carriage and Auto Receipts, 1906-1915
- 6f. Household Furnishings and Clothing, 1906-1915
- 6g. Medical Receipts, 1911-1916
- 6h. Misc. Household Receipts, 1906-1911

Folder 7: Financial Receipts, 1891-1916

- 7a. Promissory Notes, 1891-1913
- 7b. Cancelled Checks, 1904-1916
- 7c. Tax Assessment Receipts, 1908-1911
- 7d. Misc. Other Debts, 1905-1915

Folder 8: Ephemera, 1864-1913

- Swift's Fertilizers pocket calendar/notebook, c.1913
- Southern Railway Co., 1000 mile ticket, 1903
- \$5.00 Confederate bank note issued in Richmond
- Pamphlet:

Old Elizabeth: Some Account of "Baron" Stiegel and His Operations ad Elizabeth; and Reminiscences of the Iron master who Succeeded Him. An Address delivered at the Annual Outing of the Lancaster County Historical society, at Elizabeth Furnace and Farms, July 11, 1913. W.U. Hensel. Lancaster, PA: Press of the New Era Printing Company, 1913.