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JAMES RUSSELL WILSON, SR. PAPERS

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JAMES RUSSELL WILSON, SR. PAPERS

I

The papers of James Russell Wilson, Sr. were received by the Archives on May 13, 1980 via his son, James Russell Wilson, Jr.

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Scope and Content Note: **The James Russell Wilson, Sr. Papers are a valuable source of Lancaster County, South Carolina history, with a focus on Indian Land history. Mr. Wilson owned a large amount of land in Lancaster County and there is a substantial amount of titles, deeds, and other records of real estate transactions dating back to 1887. There are also a number of quite precise plats and maps. Mr. Wilson's papers could be of genealogical interest.**

Related Collections:

- Caroliniana File: Lancaster, S.C.
- [Interview with James Russel Wilson Sr. and Alan Whiteside](#) - OH-84

II

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

JAMES RUSSELL WILSON, SR.

1885, Feb. 24 Born, Lancaster County, S.C.

1905 Moves to Indian Territory in Oklahoma

1908 Returns to Rock Hill and marries Mary Ashley

1910 Elected school trustee in Indian Land

1938-48 County Commissioner

1972 Aided Indian Land in successful effort to obtain land for the school

1979 Selected to appear in the *Book of Honor* of the American Biographical Institute

1979, Dec. 8 Died

III

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

| <u>Box(es)</u> | <u>Folder(s)</u> | <u>Series</u> | <u>Year(s)</u> |
|----------------|------------------|--|----------------|
| 1 | 1 | HISTORICAL FILE A very brief but interesting autobiography. | 1976 |
| 1 | 1 | CORRESPONDENCE Includes a letter of appreciation signed by the Indian Land School, a birthday card from President Jimmy Carter, a letter from Wilson's grandson Bucky, and correspondence from Clemson Extension county agents F.W. Cannon and John C. Clyburn. In chronological order. | 1941-1979 |
| 1 | 2-5 | TITLES, DEEDS, AND BILLS OF SALE The Wilson family had extensive holdings in real estate in Lancaster County. Some of the names associated with these real estate transactions include McKibben (McKibbin), Morrow, Ashley, Rodgers, Smith, Kell, Heath, Bivens, Griffin, Vickery, Harris, Nisbet, Vincent, Massey, Yarbrough, and Ivey. In chronological order. | 1887-1973, nd |
| 1 | 6 | MORTGAGES Includes mortgages of various properties of the Wilson Family. In chronological order. | 1915-1949 |
| 1 | 7 | FEDERAL LAND BANK ABSTRACTS Consists of abstracts of titles, deeds, and wills associated with the Wilson family. The abstracts were prepared in 1922 and 1925 by the Federal Land Bank and dates mentioned in the documents go back to the 1870s. Some of the surnames mentioned in the abstracts are Ashley, Bivens, Griffin, Heath, Kell, Massey, Morrow, McKibbin, Nisbet, Pettus, Rodgers, Rodman, Stokes, and Yarborough, In chronological order. | 1922, 1925 |
| 2 | 8-10 | VARIOUS LEGAL DOCUMENTS Includes indentures, receipts, promissory notes, certificates, licenses and insurance policies. In chronological order. | 1908-1975 |
| 2 | 11 | MAPS AND LAND PLATS Consists of land survey plats and maps largely portraying areas, mainly Wilson land, in Lancaster County. The plats show various landmarks and landowners primarily in the Indian Land area. In chronological order. | 1890-1971, nd |

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| 2 | 12 | CLIPPINGS Consists of newspaper clippings relating to the Wilson Family and Lancaster County. In chronological order. | 1965-1979, nd |
| 2 | 13 | MEMORABILIA FILE Includes a game permit, a report card, a food ration certificate, hospital bills, membership cards and certificates to various organizations, a typescript of a 1797 will, a recipe for scuppernong wine, and other personal records. Of particular interest is a U.S. Army Service Forces Daily Work Sheet which is a list of Prisoners of War (German) who worked on farms in the area during WWII. In chronological order. | 1905-1979, nd |