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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

Michael Kirst was born in Prussia in 1839. At the age of seventeen, he emigrated to the United States. Kirst joined the Union Army in 1861, serving in Wisconsin's Twenty-seventh Infantry, Company B. He first came to Little Rock, Arkansas, during the Civil War while serving under General Frederick Steele. Kirst married Alvina Geyer, and they had six children; Lillie, Walter, Annie, Emma, Josephine, and Fred.

Kirst returned to Little Rock in 1866 and opened a grocery store with John M. Cooper. Cooper and Kirst was located at Sixth and Main Streets. After his partnership with Cooper came to an end, Kirst opened a grocery store in 1870 at 805 Main Street. In 1882, a new store was erected and opened at Ninth and Main Streets. Charles J. Kramer and L.H. Krodel eventually joined him as partners and the store was renamed M. Kirst and Co. Krodel left the partnership in September 1883, and the store was then renamed M. Kirst and Kramer. Kramer and Kirst's partnership dissolved in 1893. Shortly after, the store's name was changed again to Kirst and Son, after Kirst had added his son, Walter George Kirst, as a partner. His son, Fred also became a partner on January 1, 1905, and the store was renamed Kirst and Sons. The store continued to operate under Walter and Fred Kirst until 1941.

Michael Kirst was politically active in Little Rock, serving on the Little Rock City Council in the 1880s. Kirst died on September 2, 1916, while visiting family in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He was buried at Oakland Cemetery in Little Rock.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains records regarding land owned by Michael Kirst in Little Rock, Arkansas, during the 1870s. Most of the land purchased was along East Main Street.

Administrative Information

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Collection Inventory

Bond for title, B.F. Danley, Little Rock, Arkansas, to A.T. Fengler 1870 February 14

Warranty deed, Benjamin F. Danley to Michael Kirst 1870 May 5

Clerk's certificate and collector's receipt for redemption of lands sold for taxes, Pulaski County, Arkansas, to David Taylor 1876 July 26

Statement of amounts necessary to redeem the following tract of land which has been sold to state for the taxes of 1876, lot 12, block 70, City of Little Rock 1876 July 28

Deed, Benajah H. and Nancy B. Cooksey, to Michael Kirst 1877 March 23

Clerk's certificate and treasurer's receipt for redemption of lands sold for taxes, lot 12, block 70, City of Little Rock 1877 April 5

Deed, David and Julia Taylor, to Michael Kirst 1877 July 23