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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

Frederick Kramer was born in Halle, Prussia, December 29, 1829. He emigrated to the United States in 1848. Kramer enlisted in the United States Army and served in the Seventh Infantry until his discharge at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, in July 1857. After his discharge, Kramer settled in Little Rock, Arkansas, and became a citizen in 1859. He married Adaline Margaret Reichardt, an emigrant from Germany, in 1857. They had six children Louisa, Mattie, Emma, Charles, Fred, and Henry.

Frederick Kramer became a civic leader in Little Rock, serving as the first president of the Little Rock School Board of Directors beginning in 1869. He served as Little Rock Mayor, 1873-1875, and 1881-1887. For a time he was a partner with F.A. Sarasin in the mercantile business and later became the president of the Bank of Commerce. Kramer traveled with his wife and daughter Emma to Colorado Springs, Colorado, in the summer of 1896 to recuperate from an illness. He died there on September 8, 1896.

Charles Kramer married Adelia Bender on October 13, 1888. They had two daughters, Sadie and Norma. Kramer followed in his father's footsteps as a civic and business leader in Arkansas. He was an ice manufacturer and served as president of the National Grocers Association. He was a volunteer with Little Rock's first volunteer fire department and was President of Oakland Cemetery. Charles Kramer died in Little Rock on May 29, 1938.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains business and family papers of Frederick Kramer and his son Charles. Frederick Kramer's papers include naturalization papers, letters, deeds, commissions, and letters. Charles Kramer's papers include school records, letters, and articles.

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Taylor B. Roberts, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1973.

Collection Inventory

Frederick Kramer

1859 December 5: Naturalization papers, Frederick Kramer

1869 July 6: Letter conferring degree from Free Masons upon Frederick Kramer

1872 May 28: Frederick Kramer's passport

1876 January 25: Deed, Beall, Fay, and Gertrude B. Hempstead, to Frederick Kramer

1877 June 28: Marriage license, Jacob Niemeyer, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Mattie Kramer, Little Rock, Arkansas

1877 September 15: Register of marriage, Jacob Niemeyer and Mattie Kramer

1879 February 17: Baptism certificate, George Frederick Niemeyer

1878 May 27: Commissioner's deed, Martha Frederick Niemeyer and Jacob Niemeyer versus George R. Weeks

1881 April 6: Commission, Frederick Kramer, Mayor of the City of Little Rock

1883 April 5: Commission, Frederick Kramer, Mayor of the City of Little Rock

Charles John Kramer

1885 May 20: Commission, Frederick Kramer, Mayor of the City of Little Rock

1886 July 26: Sam Williams, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Frederick Kramer, Little Rock, Arkansas

1887: Tribute to Frederick Kramer, Mayor of the City of Little Rock, from city officials

1890 October 21: Louisa Buerger, power-of-attorney to Frederick Kramer

1890 January 7: Receipt, Louisa Buerger, to Frederick Kramer

1890 March 26: Receipt, William Stifel, to Louise Buerger

1893: Broadside, Little Rock Public Schools

1896 September 9: Transit permit for corpse, Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company, for Frederick Kramer

Charles John Kramer

1864 June 19: Certificate of baptism, Charles John Kramer, Little Rock, Arkansas

1877 November 14: Seventh grade report card, Charles John Kramer, Little Rock Public Schools

1879 November 28: Little Rock Public High School report card, Charles John Kramer, junior year

1880 December: Monthly report card, Charles John Kramer

Charles John Kramer

1881: "We the undersigned do hereby agree to pay the amount set opposite our names, for the purpose of giving a reception to the graduates of Sherman High School of 1881," Charles John Kramer, executive committee

1881 June 7: Dance card, fourth annual ball, Sherman High School, in honor of graduates

1881 June 7: Invitation, complimentary ball given to graduates of Sherman High School

[1881]: Ribbon

1885 September 6: "Coz," Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Charles John Kramer, Little Rock, Arkansas

1885 September 6: Emma Kramer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to "Brother"

1885 October 13: Marriage license, Charles John Kramer and Adelia H. Bender, Medina County, Texas

1887 October 4: Charles John Kramer, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Emma Kramer, Harrodsburg, Kentucky

1888 August 29: Fred Kramer, St. Louis, Missouri, to "son Henry," Little Rock, Arkansas

1906: Wilhelmina Graf, Asch, Germany, to Adeline Kramer, Little Rock, Arkansas

1906 December 11: Wilhelmina Graf, Asch, Germany, to Adeline Kramer, Little Rock, Arkansas

1907 December 9: Wilhelmina Graf, Asch, Germany, to Adeline Kramer, Little Rock, Arkansas

[1906-1907] Card, Friedricke Uebel

Charles John Kramer

1907 February 1: "Charles J. Kramer, guest at an elaborate banquet..." Arkansas Gazette

1914 February 13: Program, complimentary dinner given by Charles J. Kramer, to Members of Torrent Fire Company Number 4

1919 January 16: Charles Penzel, France, to Charles J. Kramer and family, Little Rock, Arkansas

1919 September 1: Paul Goerick, Hamburg, Germany, to Charles John Kramer and family, Little Rock, Arkansas

1919 October 10: Charles John Kramer to Paul Goericke, Hamburg, Germany

1935: Lilli Simon, Germany, to Charles John Kramer, with postcard and photo

1938 May 31: Will, Charles J. Kramer, Little Rock, Arkansas

1938 July 21: "Resolution in Memory of Mr. Charles J. Kramer," Board of Commissioners, Oakland Cemetery

1938 June 6: Oakland Cemetery Board to the Mayor and City Council, Little Rock, Arkansas

1938 September 7: "Resolution," E.N. Sloan, President of the Ohio Association of Cemetery Superintendents, to the family of Charles J. Kramer