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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Samuel James Matthews was born in Marshall County, Mississippi, in 1833. In 1845, his father moved the family to a farm northeast of Monticello in Drew County, Arkansas. Samuel began studying law at an early age and served as Drew County Clerk from 1856-1860 and 1886-1888, and County Judge from 1882-1884. He represented Drew County in the Constitutional Convention of 1868. After the Civil War, Samuel began a nursery and fruit business and raised blooded stock. He also practiced law in Monticello with Z.T. Wood and James R. Cotham. In 1903, due to failing health, Samuel moved to San Diego, where he died December 29, 1903. He is buried at Monticello.

Samuel was married to Anna M. Wilson, and they had three sons and six daughters. One of their sons, Justin Matthews, Sr., was instrumental in bringing about major improvements in North Little Rock in the early 1900s, including street pavement, sewer and drainage improvements, and construction of two new bridges over the Arkansas River. Justin also developed the Park Hill District in North Little Rock as well.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains papers belonging to Samuel James Matthews and his wife, Anna, including deeds, receipts, promissory notes, bonds, insurance policies, land patents, and letters.

Administrative Information

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Deeds

Collection Inventory

Deeds	
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1. 1857 November 4: State of Arkansas to Samuel J. Matthews and William T. Wells	MG00205
2. 1857 November 4: State of Arkansas to Samuel J. Matthews and William T. Wells	
3. 1857 December 17: William T. Wells to Samuel J. Matthews	
4. 1858 March 19: Thomas Flanagan to Samuel J. Matthews	
5. 1858 August 9: Ellis Low to Samuel J. Matthews	
6. 1858 August 20: William D. Mims to Samuel J. Matthews	
7. 1858 September 4: James N. Slemons to Samuel J. Matthews	
8. 1859 January 17: Hugh Rodgers to Samuel J. Matthews	
9. 1859 May 31: James N. and Nancy E. Slemons to Samuel J. Matthews	
10. 1861 March 30: Deed of conveyance, David S. Wells to Samuel J. Matthews	
11. 1861 July 6: William T. and Pattie P. Wells to Samuel J. Matthews	

Deeds

12. 1861 July 9: Ely K. and Sarah J. Haynes to Samuel J. Matthews

13. 1861 November 30: Alexander B. Hale to Samuel J. Matthews

14. 1861 December 28: James L., Family L., and John Benthall to Samuel J. Matthews

15. 1862 March: Edward Davis to Samuel J. Matthews

16. 1864 January 20: Ely K. and Sarah J. Haynes to Albert D. Wilson and Anna M. Matthews

17. 1864 January 23: Daniel O. and Bettie Harris to Albert D. Wilson and Anna M. Matthews

18. 1865 November 9: Solomon Goar to Samuel J. Matthews

19. 1866 March 3: Albert D. Wilson to Anna M. Matthews

20. 1866 March 12: Alexander J. Wilson to Samuel J. Matthews

21. 1866 March 19: Isaac A.J. and Ebeline Handly to Samuel J. Matthews

22. 1866 April 3: Charles McDermott to Samuel J. Matthews

23. 1866 June 5: Sheriff's deed to Samuel J. Matthews

24. 1866 June 5: Sheriff's deed to Samuel J. Matthews

25. 1866 June 5: Sheriff's deed to Samuel J. Matthews

Deeds

26. 1866 June 5: Sheriff's deed to Samuel J. Matthews

27. 1866 September 19: Charles and Hetty L. McDermott to Samuel J. Matthews

28. 1866 December 26: Ely K. and Sarah J. Haynes to Samuel J. Matthews

29. 1868 September 9: William T. and Pattie P. Wells to Samuel J. Matthews

30. 1869 December 7: William T. and Pattie P. Wells to Samuel J. Matthews

31. 1870 January 15: William H. and Margarette A.T. Harper to Samuel J. Matthews

32. 1870 March 5: Henry C. Adcock to Algernon S. Crute and Samuel J. Matthews

33. 1871 January 23: Deed of conveyance, William P. Montague, Drew County Clerk, to Samuel J. Matthews

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34. 1871 January 26: Clerk's tax deed to Samuel J. Matthews

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35. 1871 November 16: William H. and Margarette A.T. Harper to E.K. Haynes

36. 1872 March 6: Warranty deed, William Henderson Isom to Samuel J. Matthews

37. 1872 May 8: Clerk's tax deed to Samuel J. Matthews

38. 1872 May 13: George W. and Sarah Reeves to Samuel J. Matthews

Deeds

39. 1873 November 10: David S. and Louisa Wells to Samuel J. Matthews

40. 1878 March 10: Zephaniah J. and Mary E. Wood and Zachary T. and Tommie S. Wood to Samuel J. Matthews

41. 1879 August 22: Albert B. Zellner to Samuel J. Matthews

42. 1881 February 15: Eli Rogers to Samuel J. Matthews

43. 1883 February 10: Henry W. and Lula M. Wells to Samuel J. Matthews

44. 1884 October 30: William T. Wells to Samuel J. Matthews

45. 1885 December 11: Ely K. Haynes to Samuel J. Matthews

46. 1892 September 27: F.P. and Amanda C. Walker to Samuel J. Matthews

47. 1894 November 16: Henry H. and Minnie Wells to Samuel J. Matthews

48. 1896 March 10: Quit-claim deed, J.M. and H.N. Woodward to H.M. Wells

49. 1896 November 28: A.W. and Cornelia Jeter to Samuel J. Matthews

50. 1897 May 7: Samuel J. and Anna M. Matthews to H.H. and Minnie Wells

51. 1898 October 4: Clerk's redemption certificate to Samuel J. Matthews

Accounts and receipts

52. 1912: Right-of-way deed, Ashley, Drew, and Northern Railway Company (incomplete form)

Accounts and receipts

53. 1866-1869: I.A.J. Handly to Samuel J. Matthews

54. 1886 October 8: Receipt, Henry Hankins to Samuel J. Matthews

55. 1921 August 4: Inheritance tax receipt, Joe Ferguson to David A. Gates

56. 1922 December 14: Postmaster to Bertha Matthews (concerning transfer of 1918 war savings certificates to the federal reserve)

Land surveys and drawings

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Promissory notes

61. 1856 June 7: I.A.J. Handly to Marvin A. Wilson

62. 1859 February 24: I.A.J. Handly to William M. Harrison

63. 1861 January 4: I.A.J. Handly to William M. Harrison

64. 1861 September 7: I.A.J. Handly to William M. Harrison

Bonds

65. 1873 October 11: D.S. Wells to Samuel J. Matthews

Bonds

66. 1858 September 8: A.G. Hightower, Ethelbert Carlton, and James A. Jackson to Thomas G. Hudspeth

Insurance policies

67. 1921 February 19: Anna M. Matthews, Home Insurance Company, New York

68. 1924 February 19: Anna M. Matthews, Home Insurance Company, New York

Abstract of ownership

69. 1870, 1873: Town lots sold by E.K. Haynes

Power of attorney

70. 1850 March 26: Solomon Goar to Jonathan Ferguson

Receipts for lands

71. 1855 December 8: Receiver's Office, Champagnolle, Arkansas, to Ellis Low

Land patent

72. 1855 December 15: Receiver's Office, Champagnolle, Arkansas, to Ellis Low

73. 1856 May 10: Receiver's Office, Champagnolle, Arkansas, to Ellis Low

74. 1857 February 3: Receiver's Office, Champagnolle, Arkansas, to Ellis Low

75. 1857 February 20: Receiver's Office, Champagnolle, Arkansas, to Ellis Low

76. 1858 August 12: Receiver's Office, Champagnolle, Arkansas, to Ellis Low

77. 1859 October 24: Receiver's Office, Champagnolle, Arkansas, to Ellis Low

Land patent

78. 1875 April 10: Ulysses S. Grant to Issac A.J. Handy, assignee of William S. Rivers

Letters

79. 1859 April 2: Solomon Goar, Rock Creek, California, to Jonathan Ferguson, Monticello, Arkansas

80. 1861 February 10: Solomon Goar, Rock Creek, California, to Jonathan Ferguson

81. 1921 August 4: David A. Gates, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Bertha Matthews, Monticello, Arkansas