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Leslie Linville Papers

Collection Summary

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Content Note

Correspondence, records, financial disclosures, contracts, and photographs help tell the stories of the Linville and Tallman families of western Kansas. The two families, related by marriage, shared roles as wholesale grocers in the late 19th century. Most of the material relates to the Linville family between the late 1800s to the depression years of the 1930s. The items trace W. H. Linville's career as grocer, land agent and family farmer in Kansas. Also of note are several farm family record books from the 1930s. This collection provides a commentary on the lives and times of Kansans and their business ventures during this period.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	Three ledger books. The first is a financial journal from the 1890s to August 1, 1901 recording costs as well as items purchased, the date, and from whom. The second is a notebook recording freight to Beloit, Kansas. Listed are items purchased, the price, and total cost of purchases, including groceries, clothing, and dry goods for 1899 (?). The third book is a cash book recording finances and balances for April 12 to November 17, 1890. Included are expenses made in Omaha, Nebraska.
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Box 1	FF 2	Remaining section of a ledger book dating from January 1, 1872 to October 29, 1894 recording expenses, receipts, etc. Also notes on events, weather at the time, or agriculture tasks undertaken. Included are pages or articles from unknown publication relating to land measurement, fence posts, and related matters as well as an 1889 map of Kansas and counties by James Monteith.
Box 1	FF 3	Cash account book for 1896 including dates and accounts with various people in the general store in Thomas County run by W. H. Linville and Co.
Box 1	FF 4	Two account books. One is an account book including items and costd dated February 24, 1902. The second is an account book for the general store dated June 11, 1894 to August 15, 1902. Included are also receipts and expenditures for the store from June 1, 1899 to June 1902.
Box 1	FF 5	Ledger for J. M. Linville for 1907. Includes accounts with several businesses and deposit receipts for Linville.
Box 1	FF 6	Miscellaneous materials including the following: an account book for 1896 by William L. Tallman including scale receipts from the Chicago Scale Co. for 1892; a "Rapps New Commercial Cal Culator" including tables, and items related to running a business; letters from the Mexico International Land Company from 1908 endorsing the company; a motor vehicle tag by counties; a 1943 mini-calendar for Hall Topeka from Cecil H. Brooks; check holder for the Swartz, Lynn and Co.; letter bag from Franklin, Nebraska.
Box 1	FF 7	Miscellaneous material includes receipts, canceled checks and deposits in account of W. H. Linville in Beloit State Bank from 1901 through 1905. Various correspondence from 1901 to 1938, some to W. H. Linville. Also included are brochures from the State Life Insurance Company. Lastly, a collection of letters to W. H. Linville mostly dealing with his position of land agent dating from 1900 to 1910, and a letter addressed to W. L. Tallman dated 1910.
Box 1	FF 8	Two letters the first dated July 29, 1911 from W. R. Stubbs, governor of Kansas, to W. L. Tallman regarding a crop failure and possible assistance. The second dated December 24, 1904 soliciting support for a town site by the Indianapolis Town Site Co.
Box 1	FF 9	Ledger book entitled Tallman Brothers Monuments, "Ks." It is an account book for H. F. Tallman and a store he owned in the 1860s. The book is undated and is only partially full.
Box 1	FF 10	Blank checks, deposit slips, and letterheads for "Tallman Brothers, General Merchandise," 1900s, and "W. H. Linville and Co.," 1900s, Monument, Kansas. Also included is an account statement (blank) for the Beloit Candy Factory.

Box 1	FF 11	A typewritten account by Mrs. Alice Tallman Linville written in the 1940s on her move with the Tallman Family from Smith County to Logan County, Kansas in 1886.
Box 1	FF 12	Miscellaneous material including a Warranty Deed to H. W. Goodwin and Leeta Goodwin for lots in Logan County, Kansas, dated August 9, 1927. A partial letter of the Kansas Register of Deeds on a Kansas movement to consolidate Office of Register of Deeds and County Clerk. Three mounted group paragraphs possibly of trip to Mexico.
Box 1	FF 13	Farm Account Book for 1935 for Mrs. Leslie Linville with receipts and loan agreements with the Resettlement Administration.
Box 1	FF 14	Farm Account Book for 1936 for Mrs. Leslie Linville.
Box 1	FF 15	Farm Account Book for 1936 for William Linville including expense receipts paper worth from the Resettlement Administration.
Box 1	FF 16	Farm Account Book for 1937 for Leslie Linville.
Box 1	FF 17	Farm Family Record Book for 1938.
Box 1	FF 18	Farm Family Record Book from January 1, 1939 to January 1, 1941 for the William Linville Family.
Box 1	FF 19	Farm Family Record Book from January 1, 1940 to January 1, 1941 for the William Linville Family.
Box 1	FF 20	Various paper work from 1934 to 1940 pertaining to the operation of the William Linville Farm. Includes receipts, government correspondence, lease agreements, and letters and notices from the Department of Agriculture.
Box 1	FF 21	Miscellaneous correspondence and paper work dating in the 1950s pertaining to William Linville's position as an FCIC agent including agreements and vouchers. Also is a photocopy of a 1934 "Handy Farm Account Book," and a photocopy of Funeral Notice of "Wild Bill" Hicock.
Box 2	FF 1	Photographs corresponding with a trip to Mexico as land deal venture.
Box 2	FF 2	Continuation of FF 1.
Box 2	FF 3	Photographs of Mexican trip.
Box 2	FF 4	Continuation of FF 3.

Box 2

FF 5

VHS video tape of the German Family/Cheyenne Peace Ceremonial dated September 9, 1990. The German family was attacked by a band of Cheyenne in the Smoky Hill area in Western Kansas on September 11, 1874. Five members of the German family were killed and the four girls of the family were captured by the Cheyenne, but were later rescued by the Army. The great-granddaughter of one of the girls and the great great-grandson of the leader of the Cheyenne band, along with other family members and members of the tribe, came together over a hundred years later at the site of the massacre to hold a peace ceremony. This is the video of that ceremony. (Note: Leslie Linville was the executive director of this video.)

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