



D.H. Loper Family Records,
1880-1972

Collection 110

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator name: David High Loper and Family

Inclusive Dates: 1880-1972, bulk dates 1910-1955

Physical Description: 2 boxes, (0.42 linear feet).

Provenance: The D.H. Loper Family Records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

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Biographical/Historical Note: David High Loper, Jr. (1836-1915) and his wife, Sarah Van Hess Loper (1834-1900), relocated to Champaign County in 1856 from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Loper served as the constable for Champaign Township between 1870 and 1914. Among his duties was debt collection for area businesses and for the courts. Loper also owned land in Colorado, Kansas which was overseen by D.H. Hoyt.

D.H. and Sarah Loper had six children: William J. Loper (1854-1935); David H. Loper III (1856-1955); George Loper (1861-1944); Mary Etta (Marietta or Etta) Loper (1863-1955); Dr. Matilda Loper (1867-1947); and Eva Loper (1874-1946). William J. married and moved to California; Matilda was an osteopathic surgeon residing in St. Louis, Missouri. The other children remained in Champaign, at the family home at 209 W. Springfield, until their deaths. In their old age, John Tinkey provided live-in caregiving for Mary Etta and David H. Loper III; upon her death, he served as executor of Mary Etta's estate.

Scope and Content Note: This collection contains records from D.H. Loper Jr.'s business as constable and debt collector of Champaign Township from the mid-1870s to 1913, primarily from the period of 1880-1890. Included are account receipts for collection and correspondence from business owners that used Loper's services, as well as accounting records kept by Loper. There is also a large collection of materials dealing with Loper's personal accounts, including insurance documents and correspondence regarding his Kansas property.

This collection also includes records from Loper's children, particularly Mary Etta and David H. Loper III. A large portion of the family papers includes the settling of the estate by John Tinkey after Mary Etta's death in 1955.

Arrangement: The collection is organized by topic with date ranges included, and is arranged alphabetically by folder name.

Subjects Terms:

Administration of estates

Champaign Township Constable

Collecting of accounts



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Constables

Names:

Duggan, Kate
Hoyt, D.H.
Loper, David High Jr.
Loper, David High III
Loper, Eva
Loper, George

Loper, Mary Etta
Loper, Matilda
Loper, Sarah
Loper, William
Lycan, William
Tinkey, John
Wheat, Hatch, and Corazza (Attorneys)

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: Account Balance Books, 1871-1892
Folder 2: Bank Records, D.H. Loper Jr., 1885-1889
Folder 3: Bills for collection, C.H. Baddeley, 1908-1910
Folder 4: Bills for collection, D. Gardener, 1873-1878
Folder 5: Bills for collection, Doctors, 1886-1901
Folder 6: Bills for collection, Miscellaneous, 1878-1913
Folder 7: Business Correspondence, 1877-1889
Folder 8: Business Correspondence, 1890-1919 and undated
Folder 9: Business Correspondence & Account Receipts, 1870-1895
Folder 10: Business Notes, 1891 & undated (4 booklets)
Folder 11: Correspondence, Colorado, KS Property, 1885-1895
Folder 12: Correspondence, to D.H. Loper, 1891-1910
Folder 13: Court Documentation, 1887-1913
Folder 14: Ephemera
Folder 15: Estate Records, Correspondence from Lawyers, 1951-1956
Folder 16: Estate Records, Miscellaneous, 1955-1956

Box 2

Folder 1: Indentures & Leases, 1878-1894
Folder 2: Insurance Documents, 1899-1933
Folder 3: Payment Records, Received by D.H. Loper, 1871-1906
Folder 4: Payment Records, Agreements to Pay, 1878-1908
Folder 5: Payment Records, Received by Others, 1871-1908
Folder 6: Personal Records, D.H. and Sarah Loper
Folder 7: Personal Records, Children of D.H. Loper Jr., 1913-1936
Folder 8: Personal Records, John Tinkey, 1955-1962
Folder 9: Property Sales/Property Assigned to Loper, 1872-1900
Folder 10: Tax Records, John Tinkey, 1955-1972 (1 of 2)
Folder 11: Tax Records, John Tinkey, 1955-1972, (2 of 2)