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Boggs family, 1903-1920

Collection 224

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Creator/Corporate name:** Boggs Family

**Inclusive Dates:** 1903-1920

**Physical Description:** 1 box, 1.1 linear feet

**Provenance:**

The Boggs family collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

**Access:**

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Franklin Howard Boggs, a son of Benjamin F. and Mary Armstrong Boggs, was born in Pesotum, Ill. on December 30, 1865 or 1866, and grew up in Tuscola, Ill. He attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for one year and subsequently attained a law degree from Northwestern University in 1890, thereafter settling in Urbana, where he established his practice. He later served as mayor of Urbana from 1911 to 1913, and was elected to the circuit bench as a judge in 1914. He married Belle Gibbs in Urbana in 1892, with whom had one daughter, Elizabeth. He corresponded frequently with one of his brothers, F. Stanley Boggs, who was a real estate and insurance agent in Urbana. Franklin Boggs died in April 1931 in Urbana.

Benjamin Franklin Boggs was born in 1832 in Lawrence County, Ohio. He married Mary J. Armstrong in 1853, with whom he had nine children. He was a farmer and later became successful in the real estate business. He died in 1903 and is buried in Mt. Hope cemetery in Urbana.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains Business correspondence, receipts, financial documents, legal documents, inventory lists, and brochures dating from 1903-1920.

**Inventory list:**

-Judge Franklin Boggs

Business correspondence, 1919-1920 (four files)

Correspondence, receipts, financial documents, legal documents, inventory lists, brochures.

-Benjamin Franklin Boggs

"In Memoriam," 1903

Memorial booklet for Benjamin Franklin Boggs.

**Name Terms:**

Armstrong, Mary J.

Boggs, Benjamin Franklin

Boggs, Elizabeth

Boggs, F. Stanley



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Boggs, Mary J. Armstrong

Gibbs, Belle

Mount Hope Cemetery (Urbana Township, Ill.)

Northwestern University (Evanston, Ill.)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Box ID:** 431

**Annex shelf location:** 29