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Dennis Stubblefield Collection

COLLECTION 67

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Compiled by: Youngmie Han, December 2010.

Creator/Corporate name: Dennis Stubblefield.

Inclusive Dates: 1986-1993.

Physical Description: 1 box, (0.5 linear feet).

Provenance:

Items in this collection were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

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Biographical Note:

Dennis Stubblefield is a veterinarian and resident of Rantoul, Ill., and served as a member of the Rantoul Planning Commission from 1998 to 1991. He graduated from the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1964, and from the University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1966. He is related to the Funk family.

Isaac Funk was born on November 17, 1797, in Clark County, Ky. In 1824, Funk built his first home on a stand of timber now known as Funk's Grove, 10 miles southwest of Bloomington, Ill. He worked for 40 years buying and raising cattle, and succeeding generations have worked for the betterment of agriculture. The Agriculture Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign was named in his honor in 1986 after a generous gift from the Funk family in Bloomington. Isaac Funk died shortly after the Civil War.

Scope and Content Note:

Collection contains materials regarding the Funk family and the Agriculture Library at the University of Illinois, including correspondence of Dennis Stubblefield with university administrators, Funk family members, and other individuals; newspaper clippings; speeches; legal documents; news releases; annual reports; pamphlets; photographs; ephemera; and a proposal for an Agricultural Information Science Center at the university.

In the 1990 folder, there are materials pertaining to a proposal to establish a President's Scholarship endowment at Illinois State University in the Funks' name. There is also a folder dedicated to correspondence pertaining to Funk's Grove Cemetery Association.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged by subject matter.

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Subjects Terms:

University Of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Agriculture Library
Funk's Grove Cemetery Association.
Funk Brothers Seed Company
Funk Family

NAMES:

Funk, Eugene D., Jr.
Stubblefield, Dennis
Campbell, John R.
Funk, Isaac

Container List:

Box 1

Folders 1-7: Correspondence and other materials concerning the naming and redesign of the University of Illinois Agriculture Library after Isaac Funk, organized by year, 1986-1993 (7 folders)
Folder 8: Funk's Grove Cemetery Association, 1992-1993