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Introduction
Approximately 2 cubic feet.

The collection consists of correspondence, photographs, business records, and other related materials of the Dye family of Liberty, Missouri. Of particular interest are materials related to Alexander V. Dye, a United States diplomat in Europe and Mexico during the and after World War I.

Alexander Vincent Dye received his secondary education between 1901 and 1902 at the William Jewell College and received his doctoral degree from the University of Leipzig in 1904. Between 1904 and 1906, Dye served as the head of the modern language department at William Jewell College. By 1909, Dye began work for the Federal Government where he held several positions which included special assistant in the Department of State, consul for the American consular service, and representative of the War Trade Board. During this time, Dye was stationed in Norway, England, Berlin, Germany, and Mexico.

Russell Vincent Dye was born in 1907 in Liberty, Missouri, to Alexander Vincent and Ida Miller Dye. Dye attended the Dulwich College in London, England, and later attended the William Jewell College in 1924. During World War II, Dye served in the army as a clerk typist in Louisiana and Washington, D.C. After the war, Dye began ventures in entrepreneurship and inventing of a number of mechanical devises and products. Despite frequent correspondence with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and potential manufactures, Dye’s inventions were never completed or manufactured.

Dye served as head of the Clay County branch of the Selective Service System from 1948 to 1972. Dye was also commander of Liberty’s American Legion Post and president of the Clay County Historical Society during the 1950’s. By the 1960’s and early 1970’s Dye began writing letters to United States presidents suggesting Selective Service board reforms and giving policy advice.

In the early 1950’s, Dye and his mother converted a dwelling on their Forest Lawn property into a fourplex and rented out the apartments. In 1963, Dye threatened to shoot a former tenant he felt was trespassing on the property. Dye was charged with assault with intent to murder and was held in the Clay County jail for one night. The charge was later reduced to a firearms violation and Dye paid a small fine. Dye unsuccessfully filed a suit for false imprisonment against two members of the Liberty Police Department as well as a suit for trespassing against the former tenant.
Donor Information
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Box List

Box 1-2
Personal Papers, Alexander V. and Ida Miller Dye
   Correspondence, 1914-1969 (24 folders)
   Legal and Financial Documents, Ida Dye, 1915-1964
Personal Papers, Russell V. Dye
   Correspondence, 1912-1976 (10 folders)
   Invention and Patent Office Documents
      Correspondence and Documents, 1904-1967 (2 folders)
Financial and Legal Documents
   Legal Documents, 1925-1970
   Bank and Account Books, 1918-1977
   Lawsuit, Correspondence, Legal Documents, and Deposition Transcripts, 1964-1968 (2 folders)
Organizational Documents
   Clay County Historical Society Newsletters and Programs, 1939-1980
   Army Documents, 1941-1945
   Membership Cards and Recognition Certificates, 1943-1965
   American Legion Documents, 1948-1949, 1970
   Selective Service Board Documents and Correspondence, 1951-1969
Miscellaneous Documents
   Notebooks, 1909-1932
   Texas Pipe Line Proposal, Tennessee Land Surveys, Gravity Map, undated
Personal Papers, Luisita Dye
   Correspondence, 1917-1943 (2 folders)
   High School Textbooks and Workbooks, 1920s
   Diary, 1926
Personal Papers, Miller and Wilson Families
   Correspondence, 1863-1894
   Papers, Louise Miller, 1915-1927
   Wills, Icyphine Hutchin, 1884
Wills, Reuben Middleton, 1849

Family History
   Notes, Clark, Dye Family History, undated
   Newspaper Clippings, 1919-1967

Legal and Financial Papers
   Legal Papers, Deeds, and Real Estate, 1828-1957
   Tax Receipts and Documents, 1912-1969 (2 folders)
   Insurance Papers, 1922-1969
   Bank Notes, Statements, and Check Stubs, 1912-1923

Postcards
   Missouri, 1920-1953
   United States, 1914-1970
   Mexico, 1900-1945
   Scandinavia, 1917-1920
   Europe, 1904-1925

Miscellaneous Memorabilia
   Greeting Cards, 1900-1940
   Invitations and Acknowledgements, 1892-1946
   Souvenir Programs, Maps, Information Booklets, 1915-1965
   Ephemera, 1919-1948

Liberty Presbyterian Church
   Programs, Bulletins, Liberty Presbyterian Church, 1947-1964

Photographs
   Alexander and Ida Dye, 1895-1950
   Russell Dye, 1910-1945
   Luisita Dye Whitman and Daughters, 1914-1960
   Dye Family, 1918-1960

Travel Photographs
   Europe, 1903
   Mexico, 1920

Miscellaneous Photographs, 1800-1950

Oversize
Annual Convention Tri-State Postmasters Association, Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma,
   Kansas City, Missouri, 1925