

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY**  
**K0225 (KA0012, KA0443)**  
**RUSSELL VINCENT DYE FAMILY PAPERS**

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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 devices 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.

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**Donor Information**

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**Location Note**

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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

United States Patent Office Publications, 1897-1952

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

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- 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