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Alumni Association

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Harris Family Papers, 1853-66, 1870-75, 1890-1920

Box 1:

B.F. Harris Account Book, Nov. 8, 1853-March 5, 1861

A ledger record of loans, payments by employees for food and supplies, livestock and agricultural products and payments by B.F. Harris for agricultural labor. Cattle and hog sales and labor credits for harvesting corn and wheat, breaking prairie and fencing are common entries. Accounts include those of Charles Aston; George Bowman; William Bryant; August and David Feaster, Charles W., George W. and Mary Harris; Samuel Moore; John Morse; Henry Moss; James O'Neal; George Reed; Thomas Ruggles; Wilson Wheatley; Marshal White and Joseph Wright. The accounts include a record of cash lent (pp. 63, 73) to individuals and organizations (1856) and an October, 1858 5-page list of original subscribers for Bethel Chapel (p. 212). There is an alphabetical name index.

B.F. Harris Day Book, dec. 28, 1860-Oct. 6, 1866, 1870-75, 1890

A day book or ledger record of B.F. Harris' accounts showing date, payor or payee, purpose and amount of payments for cattle, food, supplies, agricultural labor, livestock (steers, hogs and oxen) and preaching. Among the accounts are those of Charles, Henry and James Adams, William Baker, James Carr, Harrison Chambers, Mrs. Chambers, Charles Grossback, Henry P. Harris, Peter Keiffer, Robert Miller, Henry Morse, Rachel J. Phillippe, David Pfiester, (Also Pfiester, Feaster, Pfisterer, Pheister), David Shannon and Jackson Wright. The book includes records of financial transactions, agreements, contracts and personal expenses in Centerville and Urbana and other communities.

Farm Record Books and Accounts, 1886-90, 1894-96, 1900-01, 1904, 1906, 1908-10

Box 2:

Financial Account Books, 1893-1910

Canceled Checks and Stub Books, 1900-02, 1906-10

Banking, ca. 1905

Utilities, 1898, ca. 1905

gas statement and record book

Blotters

Photographs, 190-03, 1907

N.M. Harris home, Barbara B. Harris, cattle

Box 3:

First National Bank of Champaign, Building Construction Specifications, 1871
 1908
 June 15 & Oct. 10, 1909
 Bank Vault Photos, 1909-10
 Champaign Chamber of Commerce, 1904-05
 First Methodist Church Building Fund, 1906-07
 Champaign Electric Lighting and Power Company, April 3, 1909
 Harrises vs. Chapin & News
 Peerless Motor Car Company, Jan. 1909-Sept. 1910
 Chicago Motor Car Supply Company, March 1909-Oct. 1910
 Marshall Field & Company, Aug. 1909-Nov. 1910
 Ida Harris will, 1901
 Morfey vs. Perry, 1940
 Illinois Billiard Parlor

Box 4:

Newton M. Harris' Letter press Copybook, Sept. 27, 1897-Feb. 18, 1907 (204 pp.) Including copies of letters sent to the New York Dramatic Mirror about shows at the Walker Opera House (1897-99), farm management, investments and business activities. The book includes some letters by B.F. Harris Jr.
 H.H. Harris and B.F. Harris Jr., 1890-1902
 Political clippings, 1891, 1894; financial worth, 1895; free silver, 1896; Old Settlers' Association Speech, 1897; Gazette, 1900; address to the Banker's Association of Illinois, 1900
 N.M. Harris, 1902-03, 1907-09, 1909
 Jan.-June, 1910
 July-Dec. 1910
 "The Banker-Farmer" - Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association, June-Nov. 1916
 "Home and Progress" - First National Bank of Champaign quarterly, 1916-20
 World War I Loan, Savings & Military Training Literature, 1917

Harris Family

Benjamin Harris-Revolution, 1800-Eastern shore Maryland-Frederick County, Va.
 William H. Harris (ca. 1789-) Republican, Methodist War of 1812
 m. Elizabeth Payne - 10 children
 I. Benjamin Franklin Harris (Dec. 15, 1811 - 1905) 2nd son. Winchester, VA
 1833- Clark Co., Ohio
 August 1834 Cattle drover Ohio-Pennsylvania
 July 1835 bought 80 acres in Piatt County

1836-41 cattle drover Illinois-Ohio-Pennsylvania
 1841 bought 500 acres in western Champaign County
 July 22, 1841 m. Elizabeth Sage (- October 1845)
 1846 m. (2) Mary J. Heath
 1859 5,000 acres
 1863 moved to Champaign and entered banking business

II. Henry H. Harris

m. Melissa Megrue
 1873 elected cashier
 1905-1914 president, 1st National Bank

III. Benjamin "Frank" Harris II (September 30, 1868-December 29, 1920)

December 5, 1895 m. May Melish (1876-January 30/1931)
 Academy, 1887-1889
 LAS, 1889-90, Columbia, 1889, LLB, 1892
 1892 purchased Champaign utilities
 1900 sold Champaign utilities to McKinley
 1914-28 president, Illinois Bankers Association
 Progressive Republican

Children:

H.H. Harris, Champaign and Urbana
 W.M. Harris, New York
 B.F. Harris III, Boston schools

IV. Newton M. Harris (July 27, 1873-January 6, 1953)

LAS 1890-92 Yale University, 1895
 Kappa Sigma
 m. Mary Burnham (-January 10, 1921) November 17, 1897
 m. (2) Mary Stedman (1927-30)
 1st National Bank, 1893- President, (1921-53)

Children:

Bruce B. Yale
 Barbara (Mrs. Ray Dobbins)
 Julia (Mrs. D.C. Dodds)
 Rachel J. Harris m. David A. Phillippe
 Mary Ida Harris

Box 5 (Oversize):

First National Bank of Champaign and Old Gazette Building Plans, ca. 1910