

Gilmer Realty/James Gilmer Papers (SC24)

Introduction

This collection consists of correspondence, legal descriptions, leases, and other papers related to the Gilmer Realty Company, also known as Gilmer and Gilmer.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: James Gilmer
Title: Gilmer Realty/James Gilmer Papers
Dates: 1932-1941
Size: 0.2 linear feet, 1 box, 11 folders
Collection Number: SC24

Donor Information

Found in collection.

Citation Note

Gilmer Realty/James Gilmer Papers (SC24), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Historical Sketch

Gilmer Realty Company was founded as Gilmer & Gilmer in 1899 by brothers from Pittsylvania County, Virginia: James Carrington Gilmer (1871-1943) and Lindsay Gilmer (1873-1909). The pair had previously run Gilmer Feed Co. in 1896 and Gilmer Coal Co. from 1897-1898, as indicated by city directory listings. After Lindsay's death, brother William T. Gilmer (most likely Tazewell Gilmer, 1865-1937) and Mercer Williams Gilmer (1869-1942) became involved with the firm. By 1912, city directories noted the company as "South Side Real Estate Specialists" with an office at 202 Westport. Sister Mary Gilmer, an artist, also worked out of the Gilmer Realty office; she is involved in some of the correspondence found in the collection. The last address for the company is at 4108 Main, with its final directory listing appearing in 1942.

Scope and Content Note

The collection covers the period from 1932 to 1941 and consists of correspondence related to real estate transactions, a contract and lease on a commercial property in Kansas City, legal land descriptions, and documents on a potential resort along the Roaring River in southern Missouri. The collection is arranged by type of material, then chronologically.

Collection Inventory

- f. 1 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1932
- f. 2 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1933
- f. 3 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1934
- f. 4 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1935
- f. 5 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1936
- f. 6 Miscellaneous correspondence, 1941
- f. 7 Contract and lease for 305 Westport Road, 10/3/1939
- f. 8 Legal description of Benton Cramar Farm, n.d
- f. 9 Legal description of Fred Blevins Farm, ca. 1939
- f. 10 Legal Description of Miami Creek, ca. 1940
- f. 11 Correspondence related to Roaring River Resort, 1938

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