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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 254 FORGY, Samuel Walton, 1866-1927

1 box. 8 folders. 539 items. 1911-1915. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Samuel Walton Forgy was born in Allensville, Todd County, Kentucky on 15 October 1866. His parents were Elizabeth Frances (Crewdson) Forgy and Samuel Perry Forgy, a Baptist minister. He received his law degree from Cumberland University in 1887 and began his legal career in partnership with R. W. Henry in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. In 1889 he returned to Todd County, to the county seat of Elkton, and became associated with Hazel G. Petrie. Also in 1889, he married Petrie's daughter Sarah who died in 1892. In 1895 he married Elizabeth Tidwell by whom he had three children: Samuel Walton Forgy, Jr., Samuel Raymond Forgy, and Elizabeth (Forgy) Kirkpatrick.

A prominent member of his community, Forgy was active in local and state Democratic party politics, though he never held elective office. He was a director of the Elkton and Guthrie Railroad Company and the Farmers and Merchants Bank. He belonged to the Elkton Masonic Lodge No. 71 and was also a member of the Knights of Pythias. He died 9 March 1927 and is buried in the Glenwood Cemetery in Todd County next to his second wife who died in 1929.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of Samuel Walton Forgy's correspondence from March 1911 to August 1915. The bulk of the collection is related to his civil law practice and his involvement in Democratic party politics during the months January to August, just prior to the 1915 Kentucky governor's election. These letters, many to prominent politicians and Democratic party leaders, comprise seven of the collection's eight folders. Additionally, there are a number of letters concerning his financial interests in Kentucky's Dix River Power Company and the Georgia Railway and Power Company.

SHELF LIST

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Correspondence related to the legal career of Forgy, of Todd County, Kentucky, as well as to his personal business dealings. Includes political correspondence related to Kentucky's 1915 governor's race.

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