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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 342 SAMPSON, Flemon Davis, 1875-1967

½ box. 9 folders. 108 items. 1939-1974. Originals, photographs.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Flemon Davis "Flem" Sampson, the son of Joseph Sampson and Emoline Kellum, was born on 25 January 1875 near London, Kentucky. He attended Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky and earned a law degree from Valparaiso University in 1894. After returning to Barbourville to practice law, Sampson became City Attorney. He married Susan Steele (1877-1952) in 1897. They became the parents of three daughters: Paula (1899-1967), who first married Richard E. Gerrish, Jr., then Rollin Franklin Risen (1897-1974); Emolyne (1901-1998), who married J. J. Martin, Walter F. Wright, and Newton C. Churchill (d. 1966); and Helen Katherine Sampson (d. 1929).

Sampson's public service included election in 1906 as county judge of Knox County; election in 1911 as circuit judge of the Thirty-Fourth Judicial District; and election in 1916 as a judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He served as chief justice of the Court of Appeals from 1923-1924. A Republican, Sampson served as governor of Kentucky from 1927-1931. After leaving office, he resumed his law practice in Barbourville. His civic activities included the presidency of the Knox County Chamber of Commerce and the Dr. Thomas Walker Memorial Association. Sampson died in Louisville on 25 May 1967.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists primarily of correspondence between Flem Sampson, his wife Susan Sampson, their daughters Emolyne and Paula, and other members of their daughters' families. The bulk of the correspondence dates from the 1940s. Various other papers relating to Flem Sampson's personal affairs, dating mostly from the 1960s, are also included.

Folder 2 contains letters of Flem Sampson to his daughters Paula and Emolyne and to Emolyne's husband Newton C. Churchill. One letter from each of Paula and Emolyne to their father is also included. Sampson writes affectionately to his daughters about family news, their mother's health, his travel, and of meeting with them for holidays and special occasions.

Folder 3 contains miscellaneous letters to Flem Sampson from friends and acquaintances, dating from the late 1950s.

Folder 4 contains correspondence between Susan Sampson and her daughters Paula and Emolyne. She writes of family news, household matters and their father's activities, and in a letter postmarked 12 November 1945 discusses her stock portfolio.

Folder 5 contains pedigree and registration papers and a show ribbon for a boxer dog owned by Newton C. Churchill.

Folder 6 contains family correspondence relating mainly to Emolyne Churchill and family. Included are two 1948 photographs, identified only as "D's" twins "Dex" and "Terry."

Folder 7 contains a paper by Helen K. Sampson entitled "Policies of the Democrats and Republican Parties." Written for a political science class, it discusses the candidates in the 1928 U.S. presidential election and their parties.

Folder 8 contains legal correspondence and documentation relating to a 1965 claim by Oscar Roark for royalty payments on coal mined from property belonging to Sampson. The correspondence was directed to his daughter Emolyne, who was then acting as committee for Sampson.

Folder 9 contains miscellaneous personal papers of Flemon Sampson, including vehicle registration and insurance policies, and an electric bill. Included is an affidavit and pledge of a neighbor, Roscoe Gray, witnessed by Sampson, in which Gray undertakes to abstain from alcohol in consideration of a reduced jail term on a charge of drunkenness.

SHELF LIST

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Folder 2	Flemon Davis Sampson – Family correspondence	1939-1949	62 items
Folder 3	Flemon Davis Sampson – Miscellaneous correspondence	1957-1958	5 items
Folder 4	Susan (Steele) Sampson – Correspondence	1943-1949	8 items
Folder 5	Winston Risen Churchill (boxer dog) – Pedigree, registration, show ribbon	1944-1946	4 items
Folder 6	Miscellaneous family correspondence and photos	1944-1974	8 items
Folder 7	Helen K. Sampson – Political science paper, "Policies of the Democratic and Republican Parties"	[1928]	1 item
Folder 8	Oscar Roark – Coal royalty claim	1963-1965	7 items
Folder 9	Flemon Davis Sampson – Miscellaneous insurance and personal papers	1954-1965	12 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Family correspondence of Flemon Davis "Flem" Sampson, attorney, judge, and governor of Kentucky from 1927-1931. Includes correspondence of Sampson, his wife, daughters and their families, and miscellaneous personal papers.

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SEE or SEE ALSO

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See:

Risen, Paula (Sampson)

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See:

Churchill, Emolyne (Sampson)

Wright, Emolyne (Sampson), 1901-1998

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Churchill, Emolyne (Sampson)

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