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Ferrell Family Papers, 1878?-1959 (MSS 60)

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BIOGRAPHY

Pulaski County, Kentucky, residents Thomas Virgil Ferrell (b. 1867) and Winnie F. Broyles (b. 1866) were married on December 23, 1886. In 1885, Virgil was teaching school, but by 1931 he had acquired a clothing and furnishings store in Somerset. They were the parents of two daughters: Flonnie (1888-1954), whose married name was Tate, and Thelma (1897-1973?), who was associated with the Somerset Journal for forty years, serving as the society editor in 1965.

THE COLLECTION

The collection is comprised chiefly of family letters and correspondence. There are pre-nuptial letters of Virgil Ferrell and Winnie Broyles written in 1885 and 1886 (18 items); letters from some of their Kansas relatives, the Georges, written during the period of 1888-1890 (8 items); and other letters from friends and relatives. Correspondence, manuscript notes, receipts, and clippings of Thelma Ferrell comprise the major portion of the collection and are dated from 1924-1959 (149 items). Also, the legal papers of the Ferrell family include deeds and mortgages generated from 1923 to 1939 (7).
**SHELF LIST**

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<td>Folder 1</td>
<td>Incoming letters, etc., to Winnie F. (Broyles) Ferrell</td>
<td>1878(?)-1937</td>
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<td>Folder 2</td>
<td>Incoming letters to T. V. Ferrell and to Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Ferrell</td>
<td>1885-1929</td>
<td>20 items</td>
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<td>Folder 3</td>
<td>Incoming letters to Thelma Ferrell</td>
<td>1943-1957</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous letters and items</td>
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<td>Legal papers of the Ferrell family</td>
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**CATALOG CARD**

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FERRELL Family Papers 1878(?)-1959

Correspondence of Thomas V. Ferrell, teacher and businessman, and of his wife, Winnie, 1885-1937 (58 items), and of their daughter Thelma, 1924-57 (94), of Somerset, Ky.; Ferrell family legal papers, 1923-39 (7); notes of Thelma, who worked for the *Somerset Journal* for years; and miscellaneous receipts, clippings, etc.

1/2 box. 6 folders. 214 items. Originals.


**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Clergy - Kansas, 1888 F2
Economic conditions, 1887-1890 F2
Economic conditions, Kansas, 1888-1890 F2
Farms and farming - Kansas, 1888-1890 F2
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Ferrell, Thomas Virgil, 2867-
Ferrell, Winnie F (Broyles), 1866-
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Pulaski County - Teachers and teaching, 1885-1886 F1,2
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Teachers and teaching - Pulaski County, 1885-1886 F1,2

**CHRONOLOGY CARDS**

1878(?)
1881-
1901-
1926-
1951-