McLean County Museum of History

Butler, Harry Collection

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Collection Information

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1915-1917
RESTRICTIONS:	None
PROVENANCE:	Gift of Tracy Holman, Prosper, TX, August 2020
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ALTERNATIVE FORMATS:	None
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	None
LOCATION:	Archives
NOTES:	

Brief History

Harry Butler (1868-1931) lived his life in Bloomington. He attended Bloomington schools then opened his sheet metal and roofing business that lasted 40 years.

Butler operated his business at various places in Bloomington: 319 South Main Street, in the period covered by this collection, and 341 South Main Street, beginning about 1924. Some items ([see Kinlock-Bloomington Telephone Co.) list Turner Hall as the business location.

Butler served two consecutive terms as Bloomington city council alderman.

Scope

The collection consists of bills and invoices received from 1915 to 1917. As such, they provide a window into the sheet metal and roofing trades in the 1910s. The items are arranged alphabetically by name of the billing company.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: General

Folder 2: "A"

Bills and invoices from various businesses, mostly local, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor, 1915-1917.

Folder 3: "B"

Bills and invoices from businesses, all but one local, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor, and one item from Harry Butler. Includes Bloomington & Normal Ry. And Light Co. electric service bills and City of Bloomington Water Tax. 1915-1917.

Folder 4: "C"

Bills and invoices from various businesses, mostly local, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor, 1915-1917.

Folder 5: "D-E"

Bills and invoices from various businesses, most from Chicago or out-of-state, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor, 1915-1917.

Folder 6: "F-G"

Bills and invoices from various businesses, most from out-of-town, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor, 1915-1917.

Folder 7: "H"

7.1 Bills and invoices from businesses, all but one local, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor. 1915-1917.

Folder 8: "I-J-K-L"

8.1 Bills and invoices from various businesses, mostly local, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor, 1915-1917. Includes Kinloch-Bloomington Telephone Co. bills for his business and residence.

Folder 9: "M"

9.1 Bills and invoices from various businesses, both local and out-of-town, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor, 1915-1917.

Folder 10: "N-O-P"

10.1 Bills and invoices from various businesses, almost all out-of-town, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor, 1915-1917.

Folder 11 "R"

11.1 Bills and invoices from businesses, all but one out-of-town, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor. 1915-1917.

Folder 12 "S"

12.1 Bills and invoices from various businesses, mostly local, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor, 1915-1917.

Folder 13 "T"

13.1 Bills and invoices from businesses, mostly from Tanner & Co, Indianapolis, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor. 1915-1917.

Folder 14 "U"

14.1 Bills and invoices from businesses, all but a few from Union Gas and Electric Co. for service to his business at 319 S. Main Street and his home at 702 S. East Street, both in Bloomington.

Folder 15 "W"

15.1 Bills and invoices from various businesses, almost all out-of-town, for items sold to Harry Butler, sheet metal and roofing contractor, 1915-1917.