

Bunn Family Collection

Size

2 boxes

Background

Grocer Jacob Bunn Sr. (1814-97) and his younger brother John Whitfield Bunn (1831-1920) were the first Bunnns to arrive in Springfield. A native of New Jersey, Jacob Bunn established the grocery firm of McConnell Bunn & Co. in Springfield in 1840. He soon bought out his partner, and the company became J. & J.W. Bunn Grocery Co. after John W. Bunn joined his brother in Springfield in 1847.

The Bunnns' enterprises, together or singly, eventually included banking, insurance, intercity and intracity railroads, newspapers and such industries as the Illinois Watch Co. and the Springfield Iron Co., Marine Bank, Sangamo Electric, and Bunn-O-Matic. They also were involved in a variety of civic causes, for example-helping to found the Home for the Friendless (now the Family Service Center), helping Lincoln Library, Sangamon State University, SIU School of Medicine, and advocating for historic preservation.

Jacob's children were Mary, Sarah, Alice, Jacob Jr., George W Sr., Henry, and William F.

John Whitfield Bunn didn't have any children

Scope

This collection includes biographical information, photos, correspondence of Bunn family members as well as information about the houses they lived in and businesses they owned-Bunn Capitol and Marine Bank.

SVC digitized the photos and they are located on the SVC server in the Manuscripts folder

Provenance

Gift from Paul Schanbacher, 2002. The collection is research materials used for *Jacob Bunn and His Descendants* by Edward Russo, published privately, 1986.

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