AMOS K. DILTZ FAMILY PAPERS, CA. 1874–1913

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Amos K. Diltz (b. 1829), a native of Champaign County, Ohio, was the son of Wesley and Cynthia (Kennard) Diltz. He attended Mechanicsburg (Ohio) Academy, then taught school for three years. In 1868, Diltz married Ada A. (Boswell), daughter of Parnham and Ada Boswell of Tippecanoe County, Indiana. The Diltzes had six children: Ella O., Parnham B., Bruce K., Lloyd E., William H., and Earl D.

Amos Diltz served in the 134th Ohio Regiment, Company E, from May 1864 until the end of the Civil War. In 1874, the family moved to Grant Township in Benton County, Indiana, where Diltz engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1882, the family relocated to Boswell in Benton County, and Diltz was appointed Ditch Commissioner. He was also a charter member of the Parish Grove Guards, a group formed to apprehend horse-thieves and other criminals.

Sources:

Counties of Warren, Benton, Jasper, and Newton, Indiana: Historical and Biographical (1883), p. 295, 373.

History of Champaign County, Ohio (Indiana State Library, Genealogical Section).

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of correspondence and papers (ca. 1874–1913) relating to Amos K. Diltz of Boswell, Indiana, and his family. The majority of the collection is in the form of letters from Diltz and his brother, I. Nute Diltz in Cable, Ohio. Topics include family news, farming, money loans, and the sale of family land.

Also present are letters from other relatives on cotton picking in Texas and living conditions in the Dakota Territory, and two receipts to I. Nute Diltz from businesses in Cable and Mechanicsburg, Ohio.

The material in the collection is arranged in chronological order.

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