Abstracts: Darnall & Sons, Inc.

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Provenance

Abstracts to Lot No. 16 in Klotz Addition to the city of Lebanon and the Hazelrigg Property donated to Ralph W. Stark Heritage Center Lebanon Public Library by Thelma Roth on November 30, 2015. Abstract to part of the E1/2 W1/2 Section 36, T19N, R1W donated to Ralph W. Stark Heritage Center Lebanon Public Library by Karen Richards on May 16, 2016. Abstract to part of NW1/4 Section 6, T18N R1E prepared for Boone County Conservation League, Inc., unknown; abstract of NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 22 T20N R2E prepared July 26, 1890 by W. O. Darnall, unknown (found in a storage box in the Heritage Center in the same bag as Abstract of Lots 9 and 10, John B. Farwick’s First Addition to the Town of Terhune prepared by Boone Title and Guaranty Company).

Scope and Content

Collection consists of five abstracts of title prepared by Darnall & Sons, Inc., of Lebanon, Indiana:
- NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 22 T20N R2E, covering the years 1836-1890;
- Pt E1/2, W1/2,36-19N-1W in the city of Lebanon, covering the years 1832-1923; contains a blue-print map detailing the location and layout of the Lebanon-Thorntown Traction Co. station.
- Pt NW1/4 Section 6, T18N R1E, covering the years 1834-1953; includes map.
- Lot No. 16 in Klotz Addition to the city of Lebanon, covering the years 1832-1977.
- Pt NW1/4, NW1/4, 20-19-1W (in Jefferson Township; a note refers to it as the Hazelrigg Property), covering the years 1834-1984.

Abstracts of title summarize the ownership history of a piece of real estate, indicating who owned it, for how long, what it was worth at the time of sale, and if any liens or mortgages are attached to the property. They only occasionally specify capital improvements (such as the construction of a building). The information in an abstract is obtained from a variety of public records such as wills, deeds, probate proceedings, mortgages, court litigations, and tax records.

Source:
http://uwm.edu/libraries/archives/genealogy/property-abstracts/

Background
William O. Darnall was born in Boone County in 1851. He worked for several years at the Lebanon Patriot and was active in local government, serving as deputy sheriff, deputy recorder, and Lebanon city clerk. He founded Darnall & Sons in 1875. Following his death in 1905, William’s son, James C., took over management of the abstracting firm. James was succeeded by his sons, John H. and James O. The firm was sold in 1971 but continued operating under the Darnall name for several years. Its last listing in Lebanon city directories was in 1986.

Sources:

Lebanon Patriot. March 2, 1905.

Access Restrictions: None

Related Holdings: Boone County Plat Maps; Conservation League vertical file

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