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| <b>Finding Aid For:</b>         | Birnie Real Estate Company  |
| <b>Dates:</b>                   | 1860 to 1931, bulk dates 1900 to 1931   |
| <b>Size:</b>                    | 1 folder  |
| <b>Creator/Collector:</b>       | Birnie Real Estate Company  |
| <b>Call Number:</b>             | Special Collection (SC)   |
| <b>Language(s):</b>             | English   |
| <b>Abstract:</b>                | Birnie Real Estate Company has little information on the beginning and end of the company, but it appears to have been around from 1900 to 1931. The collection contains cashier's checks, quit claim deeds, warranty deed, and a financial record. |
| <b>Subject Terms:</b>           | Birnie Real Estate Company<br>Real Estate<br>Quit Claim Deed  |
| <b>Access Restrictions:</b>     | Collection is open for research.  |
| <b>Copyright:</b>               | Copyright restrictions may apply. For further information contact the repository.   |
| <b>Preferred Citation:</b>      | [Item], [Series], [Record Group], [Container #], [Collection Name], Fort Smith Public Library, Fort Smith, Arkansas.  |
| <b>Acquisition Information:</b> | Unknown   |
| <b>Repository:</b>              | Fort Smith Public Library, Barbara Walker Genealogy and Arkansas History Collection, Fort Smith, Arkansas   |
| <b>Finding Aid Created By:</b>  | Rachel Sanford, 2023.   |
| <b>Processing Information:</b>  | The records were found folded up in a small accordion folder. During processing the deeds were unfolded, and the rusted metal pins were removed and replaced with plasticlips. The collection was processed by Rachel Sanford in July 2023.         |

# Collection Details

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| <b>Historical Note:</b>       | Birnie Real Estate Company was founded around 1900 and ended around 1931. There is little information found in the newspapers or in the city directories. The president was Martine Theurer and the secretary was W. S. Birnie in the beginning years. Later it appears that Martine Theurer was secretary/treasurer and M. C. Pryor was president.  |
| <b>Scope and Content:</b>     | <p>The records of the Birnie Real Estate Company include cashier's checks, quit claim deeds, warranty deeds, and a financial record. The collection ranges from 1860 to 1931.</p> <p>The "Cashier's Checks" series ranges from 1925 to 1927 and contains 12 cashier's checks. Also in the series is the envelope the contents were originally in.</p> <p>The "Quit Claims Deeds" series ranges from 1860 to 1931. There is only one quit claim deed before 1900 and that is the 1860, the rest are spread out evenly from 1900 to 1919. There is a financial record for 1926 to 1927. Then, there is a warranty deed for 1931.</p> |
| <b>System of Arrangement:</b> | The collection is small, in only one folder, so it is placed in a larger container with other collections. This collection is in folder 1 labeled: 1. Birnie Real Estate Company. Within the folder the contents are in order of series: Cashier's Checks then Quit Claim Deeds.   |

# Collection Inventory

## Container 123: Fort Smith Businesses, 1860 to 1931

### Series 1: Cashier's Checks, 1925 to 1928

and

### Series 2: Quit Claim Deeds, 1860 to 1931

1 Birnie Real Estate Company, 1860 to 1931

1. Pay to the order of Martine Theurer, 1925 December 8
2. Pay to the order of M. C. Pryor, 1925 December 11
3. Pay to the order of M. C. Pryor, 1925 December 8
4. Pay to the order of Bertha Birnie, 1925 December 8
5. Pay to the order of H. C. Birnie Estate, 1925 December 8
6. Pay to the order of Annie B. Whitlow, 1925 December 8
7. Pay to the order of C. B. Whitlow, 1925 December 8
8. Pay to the order of Pink Shaw, 1927 May 26
9. Pay to the order of Fort Smith and Van Buren Bridge District, 1927 June 10
10. Pay to the order of First National Bank (Little Rock Exchange), 1927 July 8
11. Pay to the order of Cohen (illegible), 1927 July 16
12. Pay to the order of Martine Theurer, 1927 November 12
13. Envelope everything was inside
14. Quit Claim Deed, William Henry, Hanna Henry, James Traynor, Bridget Traynor, Arthur McCrestal, Mary McCrestal, and John Carnall. 1860 February 7
15. Quit Claim Deed, W. W. Wheeler, John Rogers, Mary A. Quesenbury, Henry A. Quesenbury, Argyle Quesenbury, Harriet B. Quesenbury, Mary Quesenbury (now Mary Kelleam), Ida Quesenbury (now Ida Beasley), Sarah Quesenbury (now Sadie Frye), Theodore Quesenbury, and Lucy Quesenbury. 1900 January 8
16. Quit Claim Deed, G. W. Johnson, Mattie Johnson, 1908 September 21
17. Quit Claim Deed, B. H. Harper, Mary E. Harper, 1910 November 9
18. Quit Claim Deed, T. W. Altman, Era E. Altman, J. R. Gregson, and Mary A. Gregson. 1911 June 1
19. Quit Claim Deed, S. P. Duncan (formerly S. P. Tally), 1911 August 1
20. Quit Claim Deed, P. C. Stephens and Lula A. Stephens, 1911 October 30
21. Quit Claim Deed, F. C. Fry and Letitia Fry, 1913 June 23
22. Quit Claim Deed, Wharton Carnall, Quesenbury heirs, 1919 September 8
23. Financial Record for Matine Theurer, Paris Semi-Anthracite Coal Company, 1926 November 19 to 1927 November 17
24. Warranty Deed, Rufus Skelton and Ruth Skelton, 1931 October 3