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Guide No. 39
W. W. Samuell Estate, 1886 - 1977
(Collection 95 - 031)

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Correspondence, legal documents, receipts, financial records and reports, abstracts, maps, and photographic prints.

Scope and Content Note:

Correspondence, legal documents, receipts, financial records and reports, abstracts, maps, and photographic prints documenting the real estate of Dr. W. W. Samuell, Dallas, Texas physician and philanthropist, the transfer of the estate to the City of Dallas, and the establishment of a philanthropic foundation.

William Worthington Samuell was born in Georgetown, Kentucky to Hazael O. and Sallie Worthington Samuell on June 13, 1878. His family moved to the New Hope, Texas area and he was educated in Dallas public schools. He attended the University of Texas and took his medical degree from Tulane University. A nationally respected surgeon, Samuell established the Samuell Clinic in Dallas and died December 11, 1937 at 59. He was married and had no children.

Upon his death a handwritten will on a prescription blank was discovered, reading simply, “Real estate to the City of Dallas Park Board for park purposes – not to be sold. Balance to Park Board as permanent foundation. First National Bank, administrator.” After the will’s probation, \$1,222,000 was awarded to the Dallas Park and Recreation Department, along with approximately 900 acres of developed and undeveloped property. Samuell’s gift is the largest single donation to the Park Department and was for many years one of the largest bequests ever made to the City of Dallas. The W.W. Samuell Permanent Foundation generates funds for park maintenance, upkeep, and beautification. In later years the Park Board, with court consent, sold or leased some of the smaller properties to add to the Foundation’s funds. Dallas parks bearing Samuell’s name include Samuell-Grand, Samuell-Beaumont, Samuell-Garland, Samuell-New Hope, and Samuell Farm.

Of particular interest are photographs of Samuell and photographs of several blocks of the Dallas Central Business District documenting real estate properties.

Researchers’ Note: For other records relating to the Samuell estate, please consult the Dallas Park and Recreation Department Plans and Drawings (Collection 02-011).

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