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- BOX 1**
- 1-1 W.E. Graves correspondence 1877-1883
 - 1-2 W.E. Graves correspondence 1884-1885
 - 1-3 W.E. Graves correspondence 1886-1887
 - 1-4 W.E. Graves correspondence 1888-1889 (May)
 - 1-5 W.E. Graves correspondence 1889 (Jun)-1889 (Dec)
 - 1-6 W.E. Graves correspondence 1890-1895
 - 1-7 W.E. Graves correspondence 1897-1944 & undated
 - 1-8 To Mrs. Graves 1934-1944
 - 1-9 Mrs. Graves correspondence undated
 - 1-10 Graves Family Notes
- BOX 2**
- 2-1 Reed Graves – Personal correspondence 1909-1927
 - 2-2 Reed Graves – Personal correspondence 1928
 - 2-3 Reed Graves – correspondence Jan-Aug 1929
 - 2-4 Reed Graves – correspondence Sep 1929-
 - 2-5 Reed Graves – correspondence undated
 - 2-6 Reed Graves – Miscellaneous business correspondence 1926-1931
& undated
- BOX 3**
- 3-1 Laura Graves – correspondence & miscellany
 - 3-2 Laura Graves – class books & tests (graduated 1938)
 - 3-3 Miscellaneous correspondence 1882-1947
 - 3-4 “Dear Brother”
 - 3-5 “Dear Cousin” 1880-1894
 - 3-6 Miscellaneous photographs & post cards

- BOX 4**
- 4-1 Richard Monroe correspondence (Graves Farm) 1903-1911
 - 4-2 Richard Monroe correspondence (Graves Farm) 1912-1916
 - 4-3 Richard Monroe correspondence 1917-1922 & undated
 - 4-4 Graves Farm accounts
 - 4-5 Ivey, Graves, Snow Car-coupling patent 1892
- BOX 5**
- 5-1 Trademark "Tomahawk Mills" (1947)
 - 5-2 Advertising (1947)
 - 5-3 Bags & Sacks
 - 5-4 Boxes/folding cartons design (1947-1948)
 - 5-5 Grocer/wholesaler lists (1946)
 - 5-6 Veteran Training (1946-1947)
 - 5-7 Tomahawk Mill account book (1980-1982)

WILLIAM ERNEST GRAVES (1860-1939)

William Ernest Graves, the son of Gillespie Enfield Graves and Rebecca Willis Ivey, was born 29 February 1860 in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He was educated in Chesterfield County and in Richmond. He came to Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1879 and was first associated with Myers Brothers, tobacconists, and the Peoples National Bank. Later he was associated with Ivey, Owen and Company, tobacconists. The firm was sold in 1902 to the American Snuff Company.

Not wishing to relocate with the company, Graves joined with Henry Woodson in the firm of Woodson-Graves Lumber Company. In addition to the lumber business, he conducted a farm and milling business at *Rosedale*, the family summer home in Campbell County.

Rosedale, an historic home constructed between 1836 and 1838 by Odin G. Clay of Campbell County, Virginia, acquired by the Graves family in 1893.

Graves served as a member and president of the board of Marshall Lodge Hospital and Guggenheimer Hospital, as well as serving on the Board of directors for Lynchburg Trust and Savings Bank.

William E. Graves married Mary Wortley Blincoe, the daughter of James William Blinco and Laura Reed, in Ashland, Virginia, on 23 August 1899. He died 23 October 1939 in Lynchburg and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.