

Western Kentucky University

TopSCHOLAR®

---

Manuscript Collection Finding Aids

Manuscripts

---

6-30-2003

## Helm-Lucas Family Papers (MSS 146)

Manuscripts & Folklife Archives

Western Kentucky University, [mssfa@wku.edu](mailto:mssfa@wku.edu)

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_mss\\_fin\\_aid](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid)



Part of the [United States History Commons](#)

---

### Recommended Citation

Folklife Archives, Manuscripts &, "Helm-Lucas Family Papers (MSS 146)" (2003). *Manuscript Collection Finding Aids*. Paper 42.

[https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_mss\\_fin\\_aid/42](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_mss_fin_aid/42)

This Finding Aid is brought to you for free and open access by TopSCHOLAR®. It has been accepted for inclusion in Manuscript Collection Finding Aids by an authorized administrator of TopSCHOLAR®. For more information, please contact [topscholar@wku.edu](mailto:topscholar@wku.edu).

Manuscripts & Folklife Archives  
 Department of Library Special Collections  
 Western Kentucky University  
 Bowling Green, KY 42101-1092

*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 146 HELM-Lucas Family Papers**

½ box. 8 folders. 141 items. 1865-1882. Originals.

2002.12.19

***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

James “Jimmie” Wilson Helm, 1853-1914, the son of John Barnett, 1815-1869, and Nancy Porter (Carson) Helm, 1825-1861, was born in Sugar Grove, Butler County, Kentucky. He taught school in the small community of Woodburn in Warren County, Kentucky, and in Butler County in the 1870s while still single. Later Jimmie farmed, while rearing his family in Butler County. He married Virginia “Jennie” C. Lucas, 1859-1896, on November 12, 1879, in Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, in a double wedding with Anna D. Moore, 1858-1951, and Thomas Newton Moody, 1857-1921. Virginia was the daughter of Nathaniel Henry Lucas and Mary Barton (Maury) Lucas of Bristow, Warren County, Kentucky. Jimmie and Jennie were the parents of ten children. Jennie died on November 24, 1896, and was interred in Smiths Grove Cemetery, Smiths Grove, Kentucky.

Jimmie’s second wife was his sister-in-law Clara Ester Lucas, 1856-1950. They married on 16 September 1897 in Nashville, Tennessee.

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>HELM-Lucas Family Papers</b>	<b>1865-1882</b>	<b>141 items</b>
Folder 1	Descriptive Inventory and related data		7 items
Folder 2	Lucas, Virginia “Jennie” C. - Letters from James “Jimmie” Wilson Helm	1876-1880	44 items
Folder 3	Lucas, Virginia “Jennie” C. - Letters from family members and friends	1875-1881	7 items
Folder 4	Helm, James “Jimmie” Wilson - Letters from Virginia “Jennie” C. Lucas	Post May 6, 1876?; 1878-1879	29 items

Folder 5	Helm, James "Jimmie" Wilson - Letters from female friends	1875-1879	13 items
Folder 6	Speeches, articles, school papers, etc.	1870-1875; n.d.	13 items
Folder 7	Helm, Nancy Elizabeth "Bettie" - School papers, etc.	1865-1866; n.d.	17 items
Folder 8	Calling cards, mementos, etc.	1882; n.d.	10 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS HELM-Lucas Family Papers 1865-1882  
146

Chiefly family and courtship correspondence between James Helm, Butler County, Kentucky, and Virginia Lucas, Warren County, Kentucky. Their 1879 marriage rites were the first ones to be performed in Mammoth Cave. Includes associated items.

½ box. 8 folders. 141 items.  
2002.12.19

### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Clergy, 1870s B1,F2&4  
 Clubs – Religious, 1874-1875 B1,F6&7  
 Courtship, 1870s B1,F2-4&8  
 Cumberland University – Lebanon, Tennessee, 1874-1875 B1,F6  
 Essays, 1874-1875 B1,F6&7  
 Fans, Folding, 1882 B1,F8  
 Freemasonry, 1870s B1,F2,4&7  
 Freemasons – Knights Templars, ca. 1870s B1,F6  
 Games – Cards, 1870s B1,F2&5  
 Halsell family, 1870s B1,F4&5  
 Helm, James "Jimmie" Wilson, 1853-1914 B1,F1,2&6  
 Helm, James "Jimmie" Wilson, 1853-1914 – Letters to, 1878-1879 B1,F5&8  
 Helm, Nancy Elizabeth "Bettie," 1850-1882 B1,F7  
 Helm, Thomas Oliver, 1859-1937 B1,F3  
 Horsemanship, 1879 B1,F4  
 Lucas, Clara Ester, 1856-1950 B1,F6  
 Lucas, Virginia "Jennie" C., 1859-1896 B1,F1,6&8  
 Lucas, Virginia "Jennie" C., 1856-1896 – Letters to, 1875-1881 B1,F2  
 Mammoth Cave – Weddings, 1879 B1,F1&2  
 Moody, Anna Dean (Moore), 1858-1951 – Relating to, 1879, 1936 B1,F1

Moody, Thomas Newton, 1857-1921 – Relating to, 1879, 1936 B1,F1  
 Recreation, 1870s B1,F2&4  
 Religion, 1870s B1  
 Schools – Butler County, 1870s B1,F2&5  
 Schools – Woodburn, 1870s B1,F2&4  
 Social life and customs, 1860s-1870s – Butler County B1  
 Social life and customs, 1860s-1870s – Warren County B1  
 Speeches, 1865, 1874-1875 B1,F6&7  
 Surveys and surveying, 1879 B1,F2  
 Teachers and teaching – Butler County, 1870s B1,F2&5  
 Teachers and teaching – Woodburn, 1870s B1,F2&4  
 Temperance, 1874-1875 B1,F6&7  
 Tobacco habit, 1878 B1,F2  
 Weddings, 1879 B1,F1&2  
 Women - Status, 1860s-1870s B1,F7  
 Woodburn, 1870s B1,F2,4&5

***SEE and SEE ALSO***

Helm, Virginia “Jennie” C. (Lucas)

See:

Lucas, Virginia C.

Smoking

See:

Tobacco habit

Jeffrey 08/23/2013