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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 30 CALVERT-Obenchain-Younglove Collection**

14 boxes. 116 folders. 1,715 items. 1775-1951. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

**Calvert Family**

Samuel Wilson Calvert was born in Georgia on 19 December 1796. The first eight or nine years of his youth were spent near Fayetteville, Tennessee. He was a student and instructor at Greenville College from September 1821 to March 1824. The next year, he received his license to preach from the Presbytery of West Tennessee which convened at Columbia on 7 May 1825. On June 9 of the same year, he married Eliza Caroline Hall (1804-1871), daughter of Thomas J. Hall of Bedford County, Tennessee. Calvert preached at Elk Ridge in Giles County (ten miles from Fayetteville, Tennessee) from 1826 to 1831. After a fund-raising trip in 1831 for the M. L. Academy (Manual Labor Institute, Maury County? See Walter B. Posey, *The Presbyterian Church in the Old Southwest*, p. 54), Calvert moved in December to Bowling Green, Kentucky, to serve as minister of the Presbyterian Church. He died on 19 June 1837.

Samuel and Eliza Calvert had six children: Thomas Chalmers Hall (1826-1898); John Griffin (1827-1829); Emmons Whitfield "Joseph Whit" (1828-1909); Emma Hall [Mrs. W. L. Tarbet] (b. 1829); Sarah Amanda (1832-1886), who married George W. Simons (1820?-1888); and Henry Baxter (1834-1855). Their oldest son, Thomas, a lawyer and banker, married Margaret Younglove (1829-1920), a sister of Joseph I. and John E. Younglove, on 23 January 1855. They had five children: Eliza C. (1856-1935), Mary (1858-1902), Margaret (1860-1947), Josephine (1864-1956), and Edward (1870-1957).

Eliza "Lida" received her education in Bowling Green's private schools and attended the Western Female Seminary at Oxford, Ohio for one year. She taught in Bowling Green until her marriage on 8 July 1885, to William Alexander Obenchain (1841-1916), mathematics professor and later president of Ogden College, located in Bowling Green. They had four children: Margery (Obenchain) Winston; Cecil (Obenchain) Reams; William Alexander Obenchain, Jr.; and Thomas Hall Obenchain. Eliza was interested in women's rights, and she wrote several articles on the subject. In 1907 her first novel, *Aunt Jane of Kentucky*, was published under the pen name Eliza

Calvert Hall. She had several more books published as well as poems and other articles, continuing her writing career until her death in Texas in 1935.

The other three daughters of Thomas and Margaret Calvert were educated in Bowling Green and continued to reside at the family home. Margaret also studied at the school of Mary Kendall Jones (formerly of Bowling Green) in St. Louis, and was an elementary teacher in the Bowling Green public schools for several years. Josephine was employed for a time by Carrie Burnam Taylor, a nationally known Bowling Green dressmaker. Edward, the only son, was a career army officer and married Lucinda Neely on 4 April 1907.

See family genealogical chart for additional relationships and information.

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### Younglove Family

Joseph I. Younglove was born on 17 August 1818 in Johnstown, New York, the third son of Isaiah and Susannah (Yanney) Younglove. At the age of thirteen, he began training as a druggist in his hometown, moving to Pittsburgh three years later. From there he went to Louisville, where he was a pharmacist with James George & Co. In 1842 he and Augustus Starr came to Bowling Green and opened their own business. Following Starr's death, a younger brother John Edwards Younglove (1826-1917) came to Bowling Green in 1844 to assist Joseph with the store.

On 16 December 1847, Joseph I. Younglove married Sarah Morehead (1831-1883), and they had four children: John Morehead (1848-1896); Joseph Cosgrave (b. 1853); Emma (1857-1933), who married Robert Underwood (1844-1907) in 1877; and Susanna (1862-1935). Brothers Joseph and John continued with the drugstore, which also served as the stagecoach office for twenty years as well as the post office for a period of time. John J. Valentine (1840-1901), who later became president of Wells Fargo, worked for the brothers as a clerk during a portion of that era. In 1857 Jane Younglove (1831-1861) came to Bowling Green from Johnstown, New York, joining her sister Margaret, who had migrated a few years earlier. Margaret (1829-1920) married Thomas Chalmers Calvert (1826-1898), son of Samuel Wilson and Eliza (Hall) Calvert. (See Calvert biographical sketch.)

On 13 April 1859, John E. Younglove married Esther Virginia "Jennie" Ray (1836-1899), a daughter of former Indiana governor James Brown Ray and a teacher at Mary Kendall Jones' school in Bowling Green. The wedding was held at the home of photographer Andrew Poage, nephew-in-law of the Youngloves. John and Jennie had no children. In addition to the drugstore, Joseph I. Younglove had other business interests; he owned several rental houses; was a town trustee; and was treasurer of the Board of the Fairview Cemetery Commissioners. John E. Younglove kept Bowling Green weather reports for the U.S. Weather Bureau; was an amateur naturalist; and remained active in Presbyterian Church affairs most of his life.

In 1891 Joseph I. Younglove married his second wife, Harriet Stephens, a cousin's widow of Johnstown, New York. He died in 1894. John remained with the business until he sold it in 1905. He continued to live in the family quarters above the store until his death in 1917. (See Younglove genealogical charts for family relationships.)

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#### COLLECTION NOTE

Over one-third of the collection consists of correspondence of the Calvert, Obenchain, and Younglove families. It includes diaries, sermons, writings, business papers, scrapbooks, Bowling Green, Kentucky weather records, newspaper clippings relating to all three families, and genealogical data.

The collection is separated into four series. The first is comprised of the Calvert family papers, dating from 1800 to 1956, with the earliest being those of Samuel Wilson Calvert and his wife, Eliza (Hall) Calvert, and also includes papers of their son Thomas, his wife Margaret (Younglove) Calvert, and four of the children of this couple: Mary, Margaret, Josephine, and Edward. Eliza "Lida" (Calvert) Obenchain and her family are the subjects of Series II, which includes her correspondence, writings, and clippings covering the period from 1883 to 1943, and is comprised of correspondence, diaries, business papers, and genealogy of Joseph I., John E., John M., James I., and Jane Younglove. Pictures, chiefly of the Youngloves and Mary Kendall Jones, are contained in Series IV. (The majority of the individual pictures have been removed from the collection and are in the Kentucky Library's Photo Collection.)

Scattered throughout the Calvert-Obenchain-Younglove Collection are numerous references to Bowling Green, Kentucky; people; events; and institutions. Of special interest are Samuel Calvert's diaries, kept in the 1820s, which describe life in Tennessee -- especially concerning Greenville College and Maryville College; Indian villages; missions; and fund-raising activities.

#### SHELF LIST

<b>Series I</b>	<b>Calvert Family - Papers</b>	<b>1775-1951</b>	<b>882 items</b>
<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Samuel Wilson Calvert - Papers</b>	<b>1800-1851</b>	<b>50 items</b>
Folder 1	Hall, Thomas J. - License, commission and other papers found in a diary of S. W. Calvert	1800-1801	6 items

Folder 2	Woods, Hervey - Memoirs (typescript, 32p.), marriage license to Cecelia Hall	1804-1860	2 items
Folder 3	Calvert, Samuel Wilson - Journals [(5) originals and typescripts]	1821-1839	11 items
Folder 4	Calvert, Samuel Wilson - Writings, school notes, orations, notes on manual labor, etc.	1822-1831	7 items
Folder 5	Calvert, S. W. - Memoranda	1825-1837	1 item
Folder 6	Calvert, S. W. - Letters to "Brother Eagleton"	1835	2 items
Folder 7	Calvert, S. W. - Sermons	n.d.	15 items
Folder 8	Calvert, S. W. - Articles	n.d.	2 items
Folder 9	Calvert, S. W. - Will	n.d.	1 item
Folder 10	Calvert, S. W. - Obituary	June 19, 1837	1 item
Folder 11	Calvert, Eliza (Hall) - Book recording tuition paid by scholars	1838-1848	1 item
Folder 12	Simons, George W. - Deed	July 5, 1851	1 item
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Thomas C. Calvert Family - Papers</b>	<b>1866-1920</b>	<b>118 items</b>
Folder 1	Calvert, T. C. - Letters to wife Margaret (Younglove) Calvert	1866-1888	29 items
Folder 2	Calvert T. C. - Letters to daughters Mary and Margaret	1871-1876	16 items
Folder 3	Calvert, T. C. - Letters to daughter Josie (Josephine)	1866-1894	23 items
Folder 4	Calvert, T. C. - Family financial papers	1869-1920	50 items

<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Thomas C. and Margaret (Younglove) Calvert - Papers</b>	<b>1838-1919</b>	<b>94 items</b>
Folder 1	Calvert, Thomas C. - Copy books (2), diaries [originals (2) and typescripts (2)]	1838; Feb. 1846-Apr 1846; Dec.1852-Mar.1852	6 items
Folder 2	Calvert, T. C. and Margaret Y. Calvert - Invitations; Margaret's Sunday School certificate	1848-1856	14 items
Folder 3	Calvert, T. C. - Incoming family letters	1854-1887	12 items
Folder 4	Calvert, Margaret (Younglove) - Incoming letters	1847-1919	34 items
Folder 5	Calvert, T. C. - Incoming letters	1858-1895	27 items
Folder 6 C1-D1, #11	Calvert, T. C. - Architect's drawing of his residence (later became home of Ogden College)	n.d.	1 item
<b>BOX 4</b>	<b>Thomas C. Calvert - Business Papers</b>	<b>1791-1899</b>	<b>201 items</b>
Folder 1	Kinniard and Calvert - Licenses for horse dealing	1863-1865	2 items
Folder 2	Calvert, T. C. - Land patents (copies)	1786-1855	38 items
Folder 3	Deeds and patents - Miscellaneous	1791-1891	16 items
Folder 4	Warren County - Abstracts	1890-1894	14 items
Folder 5	Quigley property - Surveying notes	n.d.	8 items
Folder 6	Land notes - Miscellaneous	n.d.	53 items
Folder 7	Notebooks, surveying	n.d.	12 items
Folder 8	Kelly, Miles - Civil War claim	1862-1899	10 items
Folder 9	Civil War pension papers: Sarah Jane Adams, Woodford Allender, Calvin Claypool, Thomas Hall, Albert Jenkins, Stephen Smith, and Isaac C. Townsend	1886-1893	48 items

<b>BOX 5</b>	<b>Margaret Calvert - Personal Papers</b>	<b>1879-1947</b>	<b>128 items</b>
Folder 1	Calvert, Margaret - Incoming miscellaneous letters	1879-1947	40 items
Folder 2	Calvert, Margaret - Letters from Henry C. Batts	1883-1885	31 items
Folder 3	Calvert, Margaret - Letters from Charles Kendall Jones and printed items (6)	1906	16 items
Folder 4	Calvert, Margaret - Letters from W. B. Wylie	1885-1894	20 items
Folder 5	Calvert, Margaret - Teacher report card, registers, notebooks of Bowling Green Public Schools	1889-1891	12 items
Folder 6	Calvert, Margaret - Diary (original and typescript)	1925	2 items
Folder 7	Calvert, Margaret - Diary (chiefly family records of births, marriages, and deaths)	1927; 1935	1 item
Folder 8	Calvert, Margaret - Cookbooks	1886; n.d.	2 items
Folder 9	Calvert, Margaret - Record of 1944 letters written, poem written by student, souvenirs, etc.	1944; n.d.	4 items
<b>BOX 6</b>	<b>Margaret, Josephine and Edward Calvert - Papers</b>	<b>1877-1949</b>	<b>110 items</b>
Folder 1	Calvert, Margaret and Josephine - Letters from Winston children	1937-1947	17 items
Folder 2	Calvert, Josephine - Incoming letters	1884-1949	56 items
Folder 3	Calvert, Josephine - Diary (original and typescript)	1878-1881	2 items
Folder 4	Calvert, Josephine and cousin Clara - Autograph albums	1877-1884	2 items

Folder 5	Calvert, Josephine, administratrix - Robert Mickle Cox papers	1917	20 items
Folder 6	Calvert, Edward - Letters and clippings	1897-1948	13 items
<b>BOX 7</b>	<b>Calvert Family and Bowling Green - Miscellaneous Items</b>	<b>1852-1951</b>	<b>181 items</b>
Folder 1	Calvert family - Birth, wedding and death announcements	1897-1928	11 items
Folder 2	Calvert family - Genealogy notes	n.d.	43 items
Folder 3	Simons, George W. and Sarah (Calvert) - Deed, death notices and family pictures	1886-1888	18 items
Folder 4	Simons, Thomas Rogers - Papers	1886-1909	15 items
Folder 5	Snyder, Walter - World War I letter (typescript, 12p.)	1916-1918?	1 item
Folder 6	Calvert family - Miscellaneous clippings including ones of George Owen Barnes	1893-1951	37 items
Folder 7	Jones, Mary (Kendall) - Biographical material and information on her early school in Bowling Green	n.d.	15 items
Folder 8	First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Ky.	1892-1948	28 items
Folder 9	Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Ky. - Subscription Books	1852-1865	3 items
Folder 10	State Street Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky. - Minutes	1890	2 items
Folder 11	Calvert family - Printed items, miscellaneous	n.d.	7 items
Folder 12	Calvert family - Genealogical chart	1775-	1 item

<b>Series II</b>	<b>Obenchain Family - Papers</b>	<b>1883-1943</b>	<b>292 items</b>
<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Obenchain Letters to Calvert Family</b>	<b>1889-1939</b>	<b>175 items</b>
Folder 1	Obenchain, Lida (Calvert) - Letters to Margaret (Younglove) Calvert, and Margaret and Josephine Calvert	1889-1920	55 items
Folder 2	Obenchain, Lida C. - Letters to Margaret and Josephine Calvert	1921-1934	82 items
Folder 3	Reams, Cecil (Obenchain) - Letters to Margaret and Josephine Calvert	1917-1937	17 items
Folder 4	Obenchain, Thomas - Letters to Josephine and Margaret Calvert	1920; 1933-1939	17 items
Folder 5	Woodward, Willie - Letters to Miss Calvert	1939	4 items
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Lida (Calvert) Obenchain - "Eliza Calvert Hall" - Writings</b>	<b>1888-1937</b>	<b>117 items</b>
Folder 1	Obenchain, Lida (Calvert) - Miscellaneous poems	n.d.	28 items
Folder 2	Obenchain, Lida C. - Newspaper clippings and printed tracts	1895-1924	11 items
Folder 3	Obenchain, Lida C. - Articles in <i>Womankind</i> (photocopies)	1896-1900	9 items
Folder 4	Obenchain, Lida C. - Articles in <i>Woman's Tribune</i> and <i>Woman's Journal</i> (photocopies)	1895-1900	10 items
Folder 5	Obenchain, Lida C. - Newspaper clippings	1928; n.d.	5 items
Folder 6	<i>Aunt Jane of Kentucky</i> - Galley proof, 56p.	1907	1 item
Folder 7	<i>Aunt Jane of Kentucky</i> - Page proof and author's copy	1907	4 items
Folder 8	<i>Land of Long Ago</i> - Page proof, 207p.	1909	1 item

Folder 9	Lee, Sophia - Abstract of her Peabody College M.A. thesis, "Eliza Calvert Hall" 59p.	1929	1 item
Folder 10	Obenchain, Lida C. - Letters and notes about her	1899-1939	9 items
Folder 11	Obenchain, Lida C. - Newspaper clippings about her	192?-1937	5 items
Folder 12	Obenchain, Lida C. - Newspaper clippings and advertisements about her writings	n.d.	25 items
Folder 13	Women's Rights - Printed material	1888-1893	6 items
Folder 14	Obenchain, W. A. - Lecture notes on "Waterloo"	Mar. 15, 1883	1 item
<b>Series III</b>	<b>Younglove Family - Correspondence and Papers</b>	<b>1846-1943</b>	<b>475 items</b>
<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Younglove Correspondence</b>	<b>1853-1916</b>	<b>273 items</b>
Folder 1	Younglove, Joseph I. - Incoming letters	1853-1890	9 items
Folder 2	Younglove, John E. - Incoming letters	1853-1904	62 items
Folder 3	Younglove, John E. - Incoming letters	1905-1916	55 items
Folder 4	Younglove, John E. - Letter from John J. Valentine and his Wells Fargo office employees	1894-1902	17 items
Folder 5	Younglove, John E. - Letters (carbon copies) from John J. Valentine while on world tour	1900	29 items
Folder 6	Younglove, John E. - Correspondence with James I. Younglove about Younglove genealogy	1893-1901	21 items
Folder 7	A - Younglove, John E., Executor - Estate of Lemuel C. Porter	1887-1891	9 items

	B - Younglove, John E. - Letters from David Hughes	1887	4 items
	C - Younglove, John E. - Letters from Lilly (Hughes) Lucas	1887-1914	24 items
	D - Younglove, John E. - Letters from Barringer, Blanche (Hughes)	1887-1890	9 items
Folder 8	Younglove, John E. - Incoming Christmas cards	1916	34 items
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Younglove Family - Miscellaneous Papers</b>	<b>1846-1918</b>	<b>115 items</b>
Folder 1	Younglove, Joseph I. - Business papers	1846-1891	34 items
Folder 2	Younglove, Joseph I. - Papers about his estate	1894-1896	9 items
Folder 3	Younglove, John M. - Land transactions	1873-1879	8 items
Folder 4	Younglove, Jane - Diary, 1857; Younglove, John E. - Genealogical record book, 1878	1857; 1878	2 items
Folder 5	Younglove, John E. - Personal, genealogical and business notebooks (pocket size)	1859-1905	13 items
Folder 6	Younglove, John E. - "History of Cholera Visitation in Bowling Green[,] Ky.[,] in the Year Eighteen Hundred & Fifty[-]Four"	1873	1 item
Folder 7	Younglove, John E. - Miscellaneous business papers	1863-1915	11 items
Folder 8	Younglove, John E. - Drugstore records	1846-1905	4 items
	8a. Drugstore records (photocopies of originals)		2 items
Folder 9	Younglove, John E. - Guardian receipts	1866-1870	6 items
Folder 10	Younglove, John E. - Relief of Cyclone Victims of Cave City, Ky., Chairman	1870	11 items

Folder 11	Younglove, John E. - Miscellaneous printed items about estate	1895-1918	16 items
<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>John E. Younglove - Scrapbooks and Weather Records</b>	<b>1808-1914</b>	<b>7 items</b>
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Folder 2	Younglove, John E. - Scrapbook #1		1 item, 221p.
Folder 3	Younglove, John E. - Scrapbook #2		1 item, 56p.
Folder 4	Younglove, John E. - Scrapbook #3		1 item, 145p.
Folder 5	Younglove, John E. - Weather records for Bowling Green (44p.) and rain gauge book (25p.)	1907-1914; 1883-1905	2 items
Folder 6	Younglove, John E. - Meteorological record book for Bowling Green, includes intermittent weather happenings from 1808 to 1906 with daily temperature readings for June and July 1849 and for 1886 to 1901, coupled with yearly weather summaries for 1870 to 1909 <b>(Oversized - 14 1/4 x 15 1/2 - wrapped and follows Box 3)</b>	1808-1909	1 item
<b>BOX 4</b>	<b>Younglove Family - Papers and Genealogical Records</b>	<b>1783-1943</b>	<b>80 items</b>
Folder 1	Younglove, John E. and Esther Virginia Ray) Younglove - Photographs	n.d.	2 items
Folder 2	Younglove family - Clippings (N.Y.)	1885-1943	20 items
Folder 3	Younglove family - Genealogy	n.d.	32 items
Folder 4	Younglove graduation, wedding and death invitations and announcements	1886-1916	10 items
Folder 5	Younglove family - Genealogical chart	1783-	1 item

Folder 6 Younglove, John E. - First Presbyterian Church subscription papers, vouchers, and bank books concerning church and parsonage repairs 1889-1890 7 items

**Series IV Calvert-Obenchain-Younglove Families - Photographs 1862-1921 66 items**

**BOX 1**

Folder 1 #1-6 Calvert home, Park Street, just NE of Fairview, Bowling Green, Ky.  
 #7-8 Hospital Hill (later Reservoir Hill), Bowling Green, Ky.  
 #9-10 Mammoth Cave  
 #11-13 Jonesville, Center Street, Bowling Green, Ky. (Jonesville was razed so Diddle Arena and L. T. Smith Stadium could be constructed.)  
 #14 Robert and Emma Underwood's house on State Street near Thirteenth Street, Bowling Green, Ky. (Data found in 1905-1906 Bowling Green City Directory.) Later known as the Diddle House on the campus of WKU. Diddle house razed in 1994, and area known as Diddle Park.  
 #15 Miss Mary Kendall Jones  
 #16 Eliza Calvert Obenchain (Mrs. W. A.)  
 #17, #18 Mary Kendall Jones, Louisville, Ky.  
 #19 Mrs. Mary Kendall Jones, Louisville, Ky. [Mgt. 1877?]  
 #20 Miss Mary Kendall Jones, daughter of Franklin and Mary Kendall Jones  
 #21 E. D. Jones, St. Louis, Mo.  
 #22 Joseph I. Younglove, October 24, 1864  
 #23 Joseph I. Younglove (?)  
 #24 Sarah (Morehead) Younglove (Mrs. Joseph I.), October 27, 1864  
 #25 Miss Heavilin, June 1921

#26, #27 From Miss Heavilin, August 1921

#28 Note to Miss Jones from Katie P. Fisher, Fannie H. Fuller, Blanche Morgan, and Lucy G. Ripley, of St. Louis, March 28, 1885

- Folder 1a Unidentified photos (24)
- Folder 2 Photo album (5 1/2" x 6 3/4"), containing some photos, presented to Mrs. John E. Younglove by Capt. N. M. Scott, 1862
- Folder 3 Mary Calvert (photo in case)
- Folder 4 Thomas C. Calvert (photo in case)
- Folder 5 Unidentified photo in case
- Folder 6 Henry Baxter Calvert (photo in case)
- Folder 7 Henry Baxter Calvert (photo in case)
- Folder 8 John E. Younglove (photo in case)
- Folder 9 John E. Younglove (photo in case)
- Folder 10 John E. and Virginia (Ray) Younglove (photo in case)
- Folder 11 John E. and Virginia (Ray) Younglove (photo in case)
- Folder 12 Margaret, Josie (?), and Mary Calvert (photo on glass)
- Folder 13 Margaret Calvert, Calvert house, and unidentified picture [photos on glass]

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS CALVERT-Obenchain-Younglove 1775-1956  
30 Collection

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