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Inventory

MSS 413 HASSMAN, Drusilla (Hand), 1875-1971

2 boxes. 21 folders. 323 items. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Drusilla "Drusie" (Hand) Hassman was born in Vanderburgh County, Indiana on 23 May 1875 to Henry Wells Hand and Harriet Mary (Carson) Hand. The Hand family lived in Evansville, Indiana, the majority of Drusilla's early life. She had one sister, Laura Jane Hand, and 3 brothers. After a numerous courtships, Drusilla married Frederick Hassman in 1906. The couple settled in Paducah, Kentucky, and had 6 children. Drusilla died on 23 November 1971 in Paducah.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists chiefly of courtship letters to Drusilla (Hand) Hassman from 1895 to 1904. These letters are from various male admirers, seeking Drusilla's love and companionship. Topics in the letters include mutual friends, literature, business, the opera, dances, and the conveyance of love. Drusilla's male admirers are from southern Indiana, southern Illinois and western Kentucky. Also included in this collection is a folder of letters from Drusilla to her husband, Fred Hassman. The last few folders of the collection consist of letters from family and friends addressed to either Fred or Drusilla Hassman.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Hand, Drusilla – Letters to	1888?-1906	174 items
Folder 1	Inventory and biographical data	n.d.	6 items
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Folder 3	Little, Charles S. – Letters from	Mar. 9, 1894- Aug. 10, 1896	21 items
Folder 4	Goodman, George H. – Letters from	July 19, 1897- Feb. 12, 1899	18 items
Folder 5	Goodman, George H. – Letters from	Feb. 13-Mar. 25, 1899	18 items
Folder 6	Goodman, George H. – Letters from	Apr. 14, 1899- Sept. 24, 1904, n.d.	29 items
Folder 7	Veatch, Henry B. – Letters from	Aug. 1-24, 1897	4 items
Folder 8	Thixton, Harry Ellynn – Letters from	Mar. 16-July 22, 1898	12 items
Folder 9	Swann, Francis William – Letters from	Feb. 5, 1900- Jan. 14, 1901; n.d.	8 items
Folder 10	T., Olley R. – Chiefly letters from	June 11, 1901- Apr. 13, 1902; n.d.	25 items
Folder 11	Hassman, Fred – Letters from	Mar. 31, 1904- July 15, 1906	22 items
BOX 2	Hand, Drusilla – Correspondence, account book, photo, etc.	1891-1927	149 items
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Folder 2	Hassman, Fred – Chiefly letters from	Aug. 2, 1906- Sept. 6, 1908; n.d.	12 items
Folder 3	Hassman, Fred – Letters from Drusilla	Apr. 3, 1904- July 28, 1906; n.d.	27 items
Folder 4	Hassman, Fred – Chiefly letters to (miscellaneous)	1895; 1906-1907	18 items
Folder 5	Hand, Drusilla – Chiefly letters from family members	1900-1908?; n.d.	10 items
Folder 6	Kenny, Mary S. – Letters to Drusilla	1898-1899	7 items

Folder 7	Hand, Drusilla – Chiefly letters from various individuals	June 24, 1894- Dec. 23, 1927; n.d.	41 items
Folder 8	Correspondence – Partial	1892-1908; n.d.	14 items
Folder 9	Hassman (Hand), Drusilla - Photo of Drusilla and son Fred	ca.1910	1 item
Folder 10	Hand, Drusilla – Store account book, 1891-1892 (39 p.), which also has some journal entries by Drusilla, 1896 (8 p.)	1891-1892;1896	5 items

CATALOG CARD

MSS HASSMAN, Drusilla (Hand), 1888-1927
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Chiefly courtship letters addressed to Drusilla (Hand) Hassman, Evansville, Indiana from various male admirers. Also correspondence with her husband, Fred Hassman, and letters sent to them as a married couple from friends and family.

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