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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 454 ADAMS, Lura Alice (Hopper), 1903-1996

1 box. 8 folders. 164 items. 1924-2000. Originals, typescripts.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Lura Alice Hopper, one of six children of David Carson Hopper (1869-1951) and Victoria Frances Wade (1876-1959) was born on 30 September 1903 in Russell Springs, Kentucky. She attended Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Kentucky, graduated from Campbellsville Junior College, then earned a bachelor of arts (1928) from Western Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College (now Western Kentucky University). On 13 October 1928, Lura married Dency Adams (1897-1986) and they had two children, Marion Lee Adams and John Paul Adams. Lura taught school in Franklin, Kentucky and in the Warren County and Bowling Green schools, and returned to WKU to earn a master's degree in 1965. She was a member of Bowling Green's First Baptist Church, the Warren County Retired Teachers Association, and the Pierian Literary Club. She was also president of the Parent-Teacher Association of WKU's Training School and College High, where her children attended school. Lura Adams died on 29 December 1996 and is buried in Bowling Green's Fairview Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists mostly of letters to Lura (Hopper) Adams from her parents in Russell Springs, Kentucky. Many of the letters include a typescript, either clipped to the letter or included in a compilation created by Lura's daughter Marion Lee Adams (Folder 8). Some of the typescripts include Marion's notes explaining the circumstances of the letter and providing anecdotes and additional biographical information.

The collection inventory (Folder 1) includes biographical information on Lura and correspondence from her daughter Marion regarding her grandparents.

Correspondence between Lura and her parents from 1924-1939 (Folder 2) includes letters written to Lura at Cumberland College in Williamsburg and at Franklin and Bowling Green, Kentucky. Her father writes of his activities at church and in the farming and lumber business, and shares his pro-Herbert Hoover views on the 1928 presidential contest between Hoover and Al Smith. He also reports on the accidental shooting of a young man, and an auto accident that killed a Russell Springs girl. Both parents provide news of Lura's siblings, and

react gracefully to a letter from Lura explaining her decision to marry Dency Adams in a private ceremony.

In letters to Lura from 1940-1945 (Folder 3), her parents write of their health, her siblings, and of their long hours working on the farm and in the garden. They offer a few comments about World War II and the home front, including the prevalence of tire theft in the area, their dislike of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "dictatorship," their dismay at his re-election in 1940 and 1944, and the "commotion in the streets" after the Japanese surrender.

In letters to Lura from 1946-1949 (Folder 4), her parents write further on their health, farm work, and Lura's siblings and their children. Her father writes of his work as a police judge and his close re-election, expresses his unhappiness with President Harry S. Truman and the Democratic victory of 1948, and speculates about Lura's son being drafted for military service.

In letters to Lura from 1950-1952 (Folder 5), her father comments again on the military options for Lura's son, and both parents comment pessimistically on the Korean War. After Lura's father's death in 1952, her mother continues to write of her health and of Lura's siblings.

In letters to Lura from 1953-1958 (Folder 6), her mother writes mainly of her health and provides news of Lura's siblings as she visits with them and they assist her in maintaining her household.

In undated letters to Lura (Folder 7), her mother writes mainly of health and family matters.

"Dear Lura" (Folder 8) consists of typescripts of the letters in the folders above, created by Lura's daughter Marion Lee Adams in 2000. Included is some genealogical information on the Hopper family. Marion also provides a foreword and the occasional explanatory note about the letters.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Adams, Lura Alice (Hopper)	1924-2000	164 items
Folder 1	Inventory and biographical data		6 items
Folder 2	Correspondence	1924-1939	22 items
Folder 3	Incoming letters	1940-1945	28 items
Folder 4	Incoming letters	1946-1949	31 items
Folder 5	Incoming letters	1950-1952	33 items
Folder 6	Incoming letters	1953-1958	29 items
Folder 7	Incoming letters	n.d.	14 items
Folder 8	"Dear Lura" – Typescripted compilation of letters	1924-1958, 2000	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Letters to Lura Alice (Hopper) Adams, Franklin and Bowling Green, Kentucky, written by her parents, David Carson Hopper and Victoria Frances (Wade) Hopper from Russell Springs, Kentucky. Includes a typescripted compilation and background information from Lura's daughter, Marion Lee Adams.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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Hammond, Laura Frances Lloyd (Hopper), 1900-2001 – Relating to F2,3,6
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