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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 517 ANDERSON, Catherine (Simmons), d. 2008 – Collector

1 box. 13 folders. 178 items. 1838-1987.
 Originals, photocopies, and photos

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Catherine Margaret (Simmons) Anderson was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the daughter of James Bennet Simmons and Eunice (Cherry) Simmons. She was a homemaker and a clerk for many years at Hartig and Binzel Jewelry Store. While in Bowling Green, she was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist and the Samuel Davies Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She later moved to Frankfort, where she was active in the Frankfort Garden Club, serving as its president at one time. She was the wife of John Thurman Anderson, Sr., an engineer for the state of Kentucky. They had a three children: John Thurman, Jr., Mark Patrick and Barbara Kay.

These papers were preserved by Catherine's mother Eunice. Most of the collection consists of letters written by immediate family members to her brother, James Preston Cherry. Eunice married James Bennett Simmons, who was a salesman for Scott Tobacco in Bowling Green for nearly forty years; he retired in 1958. She later married a Jack Travis and moved to Texas and later Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she died in 1987. Her brother James Preston Cherry was born in Butler County in 1896. He studied law at the University of Kentucky. He practiced in Bowling Green for several years, but spent most of his career as counsel for Caldwell & Company of Nashville. He did serve briefly in the U.S. Army's 158 Depot Brigade during World War I. After his retirement he returned to Butler County and operated one of the family farms at Jetson, Kentucky. He loved horses and fox hunting. He never married.

Eunice and James had another brother Hugh Byron Cherry. They were the children of Dr. Elijah Allen Cherry and Laura (Phelps) Cherry. At various points in their married life the family lived in Bowling Green, Morgantown (Butler County) or on a farm at Martindale (Butler County); all three children were born in Butler County. Elijah Allen was born on 8 June 1862, the son of Adam and Catherine (Miller) Cherry in the Richardsville area of Warren County, Kentucky. He graduated from the University of Louisville with a medical degree in 1890. He later attended the University of New York for his post graduate work. Besides practicing medicine, Elijah had substantial land holdings in Butler and Warren counties. During the period that most of the correspondence in this collection was written, the Cherrys lived on their farm in Martindale. In 1890 Elijah married Laura Phelps who had been born in Butler County in 1869 to

James M. and Polly Ann (Reeves) Phelps. Dr. Cherry died in 1931 and Laura Cherry died in 1936; they were interred in Bowling Green's Fairview Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection relates to several Butler County and Warren County, Kentucky, families, including: Phelps, Cherry, and Simmons. Most of the collection consists of letters written by immediate family members to James Preston Cherry while he was in the hospital in Louisville (1913), in school at the University of Kentucky (1915-1917) and while he was in military service during World War I (1917-1918). Cherry did not have to serve overseas. Letters to J. Preston Cherry and other items related to him are included in Folders 4-10.

Items of a genealogical nature related to the Phelps and Cherry family can be found in Folders 2 and 3. These items include deeds, wills, Bible records, news clippings, and photographs. Similar information for the Simmons family is located in Folder 11 and the Anderson family in Folder 12.

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