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The chief correspondents in this collection consist of George Matthew Love and Nora (Sullivan) Love and their children: Ruel, Margaret (Sis), and George Marshall Love, Sr. George Marshall, Sr. owned the Marshall Love & Co. office supply store in Bowling Green, Kentucky. When a photographer left town, he purchased his equipment and went to a photography school in New York City to learn how to take portraits. Upon his return, Love operated both businesses. He eventually sold the office supply business to Tom Kelly and it became Kelly Office Supply. After an extended illness, George Marshall, Sr. and his wife Margaret (Patteson) Love (Pat) moved to Hollywood, Florida, where they operated a photography studio and hobby store from 1947 to 1948. They returned to Bowling Green in 1948. The couple married in 1926 in Louisville and is buried in Fairview Cemetery.

Ruel Love was employed in a number of different positions, including a court reporting job in the Panama Canal Zone with Bowling Green attorney, Richard Curd Pope Thomas. While in the Canal Zone, Ruel married in 1934. This marriage ended in divorce, and Ruel never married again. When he moved to Louisville in 1943 he established a court reporting business. Later he became a court reporter in New Orleans, where he remained until his retirement. Ruel died in 1987 and is buried in Bowling Green’s Fairview Cemetery. Margaret married Boman E. Davenport (1887-1935); this couple is also interred in Fairview Cemetery.

George Marshall Sr. had two children, Joan and George Marshall, Jr. The later married Irene Sparks of Gradyville, Kentucky (Adair County). He worked for the Ches Johnson photography studio for a number of years before opening his own photography business in 1958.

The collection consists of correspondence of the George Matthew and Nora (Sullivan) Love family of Bowling Green, Kentucky. A good portion of the earlier
correspondence is between Ruel Love and various family members while he is away from Bowling Green. Of particular interest are his letters from the Panama Canal Zone. Corollary to these letters are letters from Richard Curd Pope Thomas to George Matthew Love reporting on Ruel’s conduct and employment while in the Canal Zone. The other significant group of letters dates from the late-1940s when George Marshall, Sr. and wife Margaret are in Hollywood, Florida, trying to establish a photography studio and hobby shop. This studio and hobby shop was in operation from 1947 to 1948. These letters are chiefly written by Margaret (Pat) to her sister-in-law, Margaret (Love) Davenport (Sis).

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MSS LOVE Family Papers 1894-1959

Correspondence of George Matthew Love and Nora (Sullivan) Love of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and their children: Ruel, Margaret, and George Marshall Love, Sr. The bulk of the letters date from 1922 to 1949 and contain information about the family and local happenings in Bowling Green.

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