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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 81 TAYLOR Collection

½ box. 11 folders. 105 items. 1873-1913. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Moses Taylor III was born on May 19, 1801. Growing up in Warren County, Kentucky, he married Sarah Ann McGinnis (1807-1870) of Harrodsburg in 1828 and lived in Boyle County until 1850, when they relocated to Warren County. A well-educated man, Moses Taylor was interested in horticulture. After his wife's death in 1870, he lived with his daughter Margaret Elizabeth Taylor (1829-1921), wife of Edwin Jefferson Taylor (1833-1897). Moses Taylor III died on May 26, 1894 in Warren County.

Edwin Jefferson Taylor, son of Fornifer Taylor and Mary Polly McGinnis, was born in Warren County in 1833. A farmer, old time Democrat and active Mason, he originally owned the Moses Taylor, Sr. land and home near Hadley, Kentucky. On July 14, 1858, he married Margaret Elizabeth Taylor, his double cousin, from Boyle County. They had two children: William Lee "Bud" Taylor (1867-1933) and Charles Edwin Taylor (1858-1902). They relocated twice within Warren County: in 1884, they moved to a farm near Petros and again in 1895 to a farm north of Rockfield. Edwin Jefferson and Margaret Elizabeth Taylor are buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, near Rockfield, Kentucky.

John W. Taylor (1825-1863), first cousin of Edwin J. and Matilda Kuykendall of Butler County had eight children: Kelly; Elvis, a Butler County official; Pearl; Columbee E. "Lumie" (1859-1928), wife of prominent Morgantown merchant George W. Leach, Sr. (1860-1922); Mary Dee; Johnnie, wife of Curd Clark; Enlie H., wife of Dick Butler; and Guyhulla (a son).

Charles Edwin Taylor married his cousin Mary Dee Taylor (1858-1890) in 1889. They moved to Cullman, Alabama where Charles was engaged in a teaching school. Their daughter, Dixie Dee Taylor, was born on June 7, 1890 and her mother Dee died nineteen days later. Charles sent Dixie Dee to Warren County where she was reared by her grandmother, Margaret Elizabeth Taylor (who signs her letters to Dixie as "Mamma"), and her uncle, William Lee Taylor.

Charles then married Nancy E. "Missie" Wilhite (1868-1914) of Cullman, Alabama on June 1, 1891 and had three children: Major Maud (b. 1892); Maurice Edwin (b. 1895); and Octia Madge (b. 1901). Charles' second family corresponded with Dixie. Meanwhile, Dixie graduated from Western Kentucky State Teachers College, taught school and was residing in Cullman, Alabama when she married Kirby Kington (1886-1957), of Alvaton, Kentucky on December 21, 1912.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Collection.

Kentucky Library, Vertical Files, Biography and Obituary Files.

L. Rhea Taylor, *Pioneers: Moses Taylor and Elizabeth Prevatt Taylor, Sr.*

1870 and 1880 Butler and Warren County Census.

Warren County Kentucky Cemetery Records.

Butler County Cemeteries.

1900 Cullman Co., Alabama Census.

Cullman County, Alabama Marriage Records, Book 10.

COLLECTION NOTE

The majority of the collection consists of letters received by Dee Taylor, 1880-1888, and by Dixie Dee Taylor, 1903-1913. The courtship of Charles and Dee Taylor is documented in the 29 letters that he wrote to her from February 1880 to November 1888. The collection includes two 1887 social invitations from D. Y. Foster of Morgantown. Incoming letters to Dixie were primarily written by her Cullman, Alabama family, her grandmother and John S. Carr from Morganfield, Kentucky.

SHELF LIST**Box 1**

Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Genealogical information		11 items
Folder 3	Letters to Moses Taylor from William Garretson & Co. re: religious books; receipt from Adams Express Company	Oct. 16, 1873 June 18, 1877 July 4, 1889	3 items
Folder 4	Letters to Dee Taylor from Charles E. Taylor	Feb. 3, 1880- Nov. 18, 1888	29 items
Folder 5	Letters to Dee Taylor from her sisters, Enlie H. Butler and Lumie Leach; one from "Guess Who"	Feb. 5, 1883- Aug. 6, 1888	7 items
Folder 6	Invitations from D. Y. Foster to Dee Taylor	June 10, 1887; June 26, 1887	2 items

Folder 7	Letters to Charles E. Taylor	Dec. 31, 1889 July 27, 1891	2 items
Folder 8	Rent bond signed by H. S. McGinnis and William C. Price	[Jan. 1, 1883?]	1 item
Folder 9	Incoming letters to Dixie Dee Taylor	Mar. 11, 1903- Oct. 20, 1910	34 items
Folder 10	Correspondence of Dixie and her grandmother, Mrs. M.E. Taylor	Aug. 24, 1903- Oct. 21, 1911	5 items
Folder 11	Letters to Dixie Taylor from John S. Carr; last one addresses Dixie as Mrs. Kirby Kington	Aug. 8, 1910- March 18, 1913; n.d.	10 items

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Incoming family and courtship letters of Dee Taylor of Butler and Warren counties in Kentucky, 1880-1888 (38 items), and her daughter, Dixie Dee Taylor of Warren County, 1903-1913 (48 items). Also letters and receipt received by other family members and a Warren County rent bond, [1883?].

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