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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Henry Lewis Underwood was born on 22 February 1848 in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the seventh of ten children of Warner Lewis Underwood (1808-1872) and Lucy Craig (Henry) Underwood (1816-1893). The other children were Frances Rogers "Fanny" (1833-1901), who married Benjamin Covington Grider (1826-1876) in 1853; Juliette Blanche "Jupe" (1835-1909), who married William Wallace Western (1834-1870) in 1859 and following his death married Frederick H. Long in 1885; Lucy Winston "Lute" (1838-1915), who married Ferdinand McCann; Johanna Louisa "Josie" (1840-1923), who married Charles Augustus Nazro (1837-1898) in 1870; Joseph (1843-1845); Warner (1845-1874), who married Ida Owen (1848-1881) in 1869; Pearl (1851-1852); John Crittenden (1854-1930); and Mary Norton (1857-1930), who married Samuel M. Poyntz (1859-1886) in 1878, and her second marriage was to Malcolm Hart Crump (1849-1925) of Bowling Green in 1893.

Underwood grew up at Mount Air, the family property located near Bowling Green, while his father served in the state legislature and in the U.S. House of Representatives prior to the Civil War. Although engaged in political life, Warner L. Underwood maintained his law practice in Bowling Green until his appointment by President Lincoln as consul to Glasgow, Scotland, in 1862. Henry attended the Glasgow Collegiate School for two years and at age sixteen toured Europe with his mother.

On the family's return to the United States, Henry briefly supported himself by his artistic penmanship skills in California before returning to Bowling Green. He was associated with his brother-in-law, Charles A. Nazro, in the banking business in Bowling Green. Later, Henry went to New York where he married his first wife, Ellen "Nell" Johnson of Peekskill. They had one daughter, Mary Platt Underwood (1878-1937).

In addition to his New York business experience, Underwood was a businessman in Denver, Colorado. In 1889 he married his second wife May Aspinwall Stockwell in New York City. They moved to Birmingham, Alabama and had three children: Beatrice (Underwood) Talamon (1890-1967), Henry Warner Underwood (b. 1892), and Charles Latham Underwood (1898-1918). At the turn of the century, Underwood served as president and manager of the Middlesborough [Kentucky] Town and Lands Company for a few years, then the family lived in Knoxville, Tennessee, from

1903 to 1916, where he was engaged in real estate and investment ventures. After a short residency in Cleveland, Ohio, Underwood and his third wife, Belle Graves (whom he married in 1903 and by whom he had Esther [Underwood] Coke), returned to Bowling Green where he was active in business and in volunteer work with the Chamber of Commerce. Henry L. Underwood died on 15 August 1925 and was interred in Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES
The Collection
Kentucky Library, Vertical Files, Biography File
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COLLECTION NOTE

The collection consists of photocopies of letters, correspondence, a diary, legal papers, speeches, poems, photographs, newspaper clippings, and genealogical information about the Underwood family of Warren County, Kentucky, and particularly about Henry Lewis Underwood and his immediate family.

These materials complement the Underwood Collection (MSS 58), which contains documents chiefly about Henry's uncle (Joseph Rogers Underwood) and his family, and his father (Warner Lewis Underwood) and his family.

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