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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 237 GREEN, Jennie Scott, 1879-1965

1 box. 7 folders. 15 items. 1818-1986. Photocopies.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Jennie Scott Green was a member of the prosperous and influential Green family of Falls of Rough, Grayson County, Kentucky. Willis Green (1794?-1862) married Ann Allen (1795-1877) and began the gristmill and sawmill operations that were to become the foundations of the family's prosperity. Willis and Ann, childless, agreed to raise the children of Willis's brother Morgan after his wife died. The youngest of these children, Lafayette (1835-1907) would become heir to the Green family estate. He married Rebecca Eleanor Scott (1841-1896) and, in addition to Jennie, born 3 October 1879, fathered three sons and another daughter who died in infancy. Lafayette and his sons expanded the businesses at Falls of Rough to include a post office, a bank, and a general store.

Jennie was educated at home by tutors and later at a boarding school in Princeton, Kentucky. When her mother died in 1896, she left school to manage the household and care for her father and brothers. When their father died in 1907, his estate was divided equally among the four surviving siblings. In 1911 Jennie requested her one-fourth share so that she could travel abroad. Within a year, however, she had spent all her money and desired to return home. She once again became mistress of the household, but without an interest in the farm. When her youngest brother died in 1943 his share was divided among the remaining siblings. Her other brothers died in 1944 and 1945, leaving her one half of the net income from the farm and mill. Jennie continued to oversee the family business until her health declined, but its finances never recovered from the effects of the Great Depression.

It is also reported that late in life the eccentric Miss Jennie dyed her hair jet black, always dressed in the color green, wore green stockings, and owned a green DeSoto automobile.

Jennie and her brothers never married; therefore she chose a distant cousin, Mary McGee of Texas as her heir. Jennie Scott Green died 3 September 1965.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists chiefly of a large account book (357 p.) kept by the Green family of Falls of Rough, Grayson County, Kentucky, 1832-1839. Later, Jennie Scott Green used portions of the ledger as a scrapbook; thus it contains a number of clippings including recipes,

poetry, fashion, and articles about famous individuals. It also includes a few clippings related to the Green family. The collection also includes some legal papers, Jennie Green's will, a modern clipping (1986) about the *Titanic* disaster of 1912, and an article about the Frankfort City Cemetery. Finally, the collection contains a small amount of genealogical information related to the Green family from Shelby County, Kentucky.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Jennie Scott Green	1818-1986	15 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Jennie Green's will	1959	1 item
Folder 3	Legal papers	1871; 1898-1899	3 items
Folder 4	Ledger kept by the Green family for a dry goods store	1832-1839; 1896-1951	1 item (p.1-211)
Folder 5	Account book	1832-1839; 1896	1 item (p.212-357)
Folder 6	News clippings about the <i>Titanic</i> and memories of Green, & the Frankfort Cemetery	1980; 1986	2 items
Folder 7	Green family genealogical materials	1818-1822	6 items

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Account books, 1832-1839
Falls of Rough, Grayson County – Relating to
Green family – Genealogy
Scrapbooks – Green, Jennie Scott, 1896-1951
Titanic Disaster, 1912 – Relating to, 1986
Wills – Grayson County, 1959

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