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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 225 MORNINGSTAR, Jane (Hines), 1904-1989

2 boxes. 21 folders. 181 items. Originals and photocopies.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Margaret Jane Hines was born on 20 November 1904 to John Porter Hines and Margaret Hines in Calhoun, Kentucky. She was a graduate of Bowling Green Business University and worked briefly for the *Park City Daily News* (Bowling Green) prior to marrying Roy Ballinger Morningstar on 6 April 1926 in the Christ Church Cathedral in Louisville. The couple lived in Louisville, Florida and St. Louis, until Mr. Morningstar passed away in 1935. Jane returned to Bowling Green and began working part-time for the *Daily News* in 1936. She became a full-time employee in 1942 and eventually worked her way up to city editor. Besides writing news stories, Morningstar also wrote a popular column for the *Daily News* titled, "Home Folk." For brief periods she was an editor for the *Gimlet* (Edmonson County) and a regional stringer reporter for the *Courier-Journal* (Louisville). Her stories were often picked up by wire services.

Mrs. Morningstar was a respected civic and cultural leader. She was a founding member of the Landmark Association and the Hobson House Association. She was also a member of the XX Literary Club, National Society of Colonial Dames of America, Magna Charter, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1985 she received the Landmark Association's highest honor, the Heritage Award, for her contributions to sustaining the preservation ethic in Bowling Green and Warren County. She also served for decades on the Bowling Green Public Library's Board of Trustees. In addition, Morningstar was an active congregant at Bowling Green's Christ Episcopal Church.

Morningstar died on 22 December 1989 in Bowling Green, and she was interred in Fairview Cemetery. Upon her death, the local paper editorialized about her civic involvement: "She showed to the city a passion for its past and a vision for its future. She accomplished each with a vibrance that is seldom paralleled."

COLLECTION NOTES

This collection consists chiefly of correspondence of the Covington family's second generation in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Correspondents include the children of Elijah Moorman Covington (1773-1848): Dr. Albert G. Covington, Euclid Madison Covington, Harriet (Covington) Delafield, and Juliet (Covington) Janin. In addition, the correspondence of Josephine (Wells) Covington (Mrs. Albert Covington) and her daughters, Clara Delafield (Covington) Dulaney and Lena H. (Covington) Logan, is included. Much of the correspondence relates to Covington, Janin, and Delafield family matters. Albert sends a number of letters to Josephine from St. Louis, where he is settling her father's estate in the 1860s (folder 7). Josephine's letters include several correspondents, but the majority of the letters were written by Emilie Ringgold, the wife of former Christ Episcopal Church (Bowling Green) priest, Samuel Ringgold (folder 3). Many of these letters relay information about home life for women during the Civil War.

A folder of letters (1900-1902) from Kate Meador Covington to Elizabeth A. Buttersworth in Richmond, Virginia are beautifully written and relay information about widowhood, the next generation of Covington family members, and her interest in the McAden family. A number of these letters were written at Bowling Green.

The remainder of the collection consists of family or reference letters written to Morningstar by readers of the *Park City Daily News*. They pose questions or contain information about steamboats, the restoration of the Hobson House in Bowling Green, and other local history topics.

SHELF LIST

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Folder 6	Lena (Covington) Logan's letters, news clippings, etc.	1862-1954	25 items

Folder 7	Albert Covington's letters to his wife, Josephine; also incoming letters to Covington	1864-1868, 1881	13 items
Folder 8	Letters to Clara (Covington) Dulaney	1871-1928	12 items
Folder 9	Harriet Delafield's letters	1876-1890	9 items
Folder 10	Miscellaneous	1853, 1912-1986	16 items
Folder 11	Barren County Railroad Company receipt	1858	1 item
Folder 12	Letters written by Katherine (Meador) Covington	1900-1902	14 items
Folder 13	Letter from William S. Covington, Jr. regarding his grandfather's Civil War involvement; includes obituary	1985	2 items
Folder 14	Letters and list concerning the Hobson House restoration project	1970-1972	6 items
Folder 15	Incoming letters to Mary Martin, along With notes and newspaper clippings from Miss Martin's scrapbook,	1893-1905	9 items
Folder 16	Will of Robert Moore	1819	1 item
Folder 17	Letter to Morningstar from Frank L. Teuton in which related to his college days in Bowling Green and information about the <i>Evansville</i> (steamboat)	1954-1968	2 items
Folder 18	Incoming letter and photos from C. W. Stoll and Christmas card	1986	3 items
Folder 19	Letter written to Morningstar by Beulah Strong, San Francisco	1949	1 item

Folder 20	Letter from Mildred Lee relating the death of her brother-in-law Billy Beckwith and information about Quigley family	1980-1985	2 items
Folder 21	Miscellaneous	1884-1984	16 items

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Correspondence, chiefly of the Covington family of Bowling Green, Kentucky, particularly that of Dr. Albert G. and Josephine (Wells) Covington. Also includes reference letters written to Jane (Hines) Morningstar about local history topics, including steamboats and the Hobson House Association.

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