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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 478 STREET, James William, 1858-1944**

½ box. 6 folders. 30 items. 1869-1919. Originals.

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***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

James William Street was born in Henderson County, Kentucky on 21 February 1858. He married Rachel Griffin and lived in Cairo and Eddyville, Kentucky before departing later in life for Texas and Oklahoma. James W. Street died on 2 May 1944 and is buried in Comal Cemetery in New Braunfels, Texas.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection contains an account book, scrapbook and journals of James W. Street.

Folder 2 contains a merchant's account book belonging to Street and recording sales of foodstuffs and general merchandise. Of interest in this account book, starting at p. 181, are journal-style entries about local events in 1908-1909 (deaths, crimes, fires), mostly in Corydon and Eddyville, Kentucky. Included are details of activity by the Night Riders, principally in Eddyville (Lyon County) and Hickman (Fulton County). Street also notes attempts to prosecute the Night Riders in Lyon and Caldwell Counties. He records other sensational news from the region, such as the 1908 hanging of four African Americans in Russellville suspected of plotting to kill whites, a 1909 lynching in Cairo, Kentucky, and the 1908 shooting of U. S. Senator Edward W. Carmack in Nashville, Tennessee. Folder 3 contains loose items (clippings, letters, accounts) from the account book.

Folder 4 contains a scrapbook belonging to James W. Street, and loose items therein. Most of the contents consist of calling cards and clippings of poetry.

Folder 5 contains James W. Street's journal with brief entries of his activities, mostly farm work and general labor, from 1869-1883.

Folder 6 contains James W. Street's journal recording events of local interest in Eddyville such as crimes and deaths, as well as some national news items, primarily during 1917. He includes lists of men departing for service in World War I.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Street, James William</b>	<b>1869-1919</b>	<b>30 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Merchant's account book, with journal entries	1893-1910	1 item
Folder 3	Loose items from account book	1890?-1944	18 items
Folder 4	Scrapbook	n.d. [1880s]	8 items
Folder 5	Journal	1869-1883	1 item
Folder 6	Journal	1916-1919	1 item

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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Account books and journals of James William Street, recording his activities and local events, primarily in Henderson and Lyon counties in Kentucky. He also records the 1908-1909 activities of the Night Riders in the region.

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

African Americans – Henderson County, 1909 B1,F2  
African Americans – Logan County, 1908 B1,F2  
Banks and banking – Henderson County, 1890s – Relating to B1,F3  
Carmack, Edward Ward, 1858-1908 – Mentioned B1,F2  
Elections and election campaigns, 1909, 1914 – Lyon County – Relating to B1,F3  
Fires – Lyon County, 1908-1909 B1,F2  
Lynchings – Henderson County, 1909 B1,F2  
Lynchings – Logan County, 1908 B1,F2  
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Night riders – Caldwell County, 1909 B1,F2  
Night riders – Fulton County, 1909 B1,F2  
Night riders – Lyon County, 1908-1909 B1,F2  
Poems B1,F4

Prisons – Eddyville, 1908-1909 – Relating to Violence B1,F2

World War I, 1914-1918 – Lyon County – Soldiers from B1,F6

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