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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 519 NORTHCOTT, Henry Clay, 1822-1918**

1 box. 12 folders. 56 items. 1858-1962. Originals, photographs.

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See also: MSS 40; MSS 513

***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Henry Clay Northcott, the son of Martha Odell (1781-1861) and Benjamin Northcott (1770-1854), was born in Fleming County, Kentucky on 25 May 1822. On 20 March 1845 he married Hannah Amanda Lewis (1826-1917). Henry joined the Methodist Church and received his license to preach in 1847. Northcott opposed slavery and was known as a strong temperance preacher. In September 1865, he withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He served the Danville-Harrodsburg Circuit from October 1865 to February 1866 and ministered to the Shelbyville congregation from 1866 to 1869. In 1870, Northcott and his family moved to Maysville, Kentucky and remained there until 1887 while Northcott served the following circuits: Germantown, 1869-1872; Maysville, 1872-1876; Tollesboro and Sardis, 1877; Murphysville, 1878; Foster, 1879; Germantown, 1880-1881; Vanceburg, 1882-1883; and Augusta, 1884-1885. When Northcott was assigned to the Grant Circuit from 1886 to 1889, the family moved to Fairmount in Cincinnati and then to a farm near Newport, Kentucky, where Northcott retired.

Henry and Amanda Northcott's children included Martha Catherine "Kate" Northcott (1850-1889), who married Vanceburg lawyer Bruce F. Thomas (1851-1882) in 1875, and Annie Lou "Loulie" Northcott (1861-1933), who married Arvil A. Carson in 1902.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists mainly of letters and papers of Henry Clay Northcott, with some material relating to his daughters, Martha Catherine "Kate" (Northcott) Thomas and Annie Lou "Loulie" (Northcott) Carson. Henry Clay Northcott's correspondence (Folder 2) dates from late in his life and includes several letters from a Methodist brother, John M. Bailey, who writes of his family in Missouri, his longing for his home state of Kentucky, and of his work as superintendent of the Custer City, Oklahoma public schools. Other papers consist of Northcott's certificate of membership in a Methodist temperance league (Folder 3); notes on Biblical topics and on sales of his sermon, "Sixty Years in the Methodist Ministry" (Folder 4); and miscellaneous notes on

religious themes (Folder 5). Also included are a few postcards to Northcott's wife, Hannah Amanda (Lewis) Northcott (Folder 6).

Correspondence of "Loulie" (Northcott) Carson (Folder 7) includes a fragment of a letter attributed to her, as well as letters from John M. Bailey, written after her father's death and his move from Oklahoma to teach school in Missouri. Kate Northcott's papers consist of an autograph book (Folder 8), which includes an obituary for an infant brother, and a sketch (Folder 9) drawn from a photograph of her son, George Thomas. A few photographs (Folder 11) may be of friends of the Northcott sisters.

### ***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Henry Clay Northcott</b>	<b>1858-1962</b>	<b>56 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Henry Clay Northcott – Correspondence	1889-1918	12 items
Folder 3	Henry Clay Northcott Certificate of Membership – Methodist Episcopal Temperance Alliance	1880	1 item
Folder 4	Henry Clay Northcott – Account book relating to sales of sermon; notebook indexing topics in Bible	1877-1879, n.d.	2 items
Folder 5	Henry Clay Northcott – Miscellaneous notes	1891, n.d.	5 items
Folder 6	Postcards to Hannah (Lewis) Northcott	1908-1911, n.d.	3 items
Folder 7	Loulie (Northcott) Carson – Correspondence	1906-1923	11 items
Folder 8	Kate Northcott's autograph book	1858	1 item
Folder 9	Sketch of George Thomas by his mother, Kate (Northcott) Thomas	n.d.	1 item
Folder 10	Theodore Northcott – Luray Caverns postcards and "Ripley's Believe It or Not" clipping	1962, n.d.	10 items
Folder 11	Miscellaneous photos	n.d.	6 items
Folder 12	Miscellaneous (sketch, calling card)	n.d.	3 items

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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