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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 653 BOWLES Family Collection

½ box. 6 folders. 79 items. 1928-1945, n.d. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Eleanor Y. Bowles was born on 25 October 1915 in Dry Fork (Barren County) Kentucky. She was the daughter of Herbert Bowles, Sr. (1875-1950), a farmer in Barren and Warren counties, and Lillian (Young) Bowles (1886-1984). Her brother was Herbert Bowles, Jr. (1920-2009), also a farmer. Eleanor attended Western Kentucky State Teachers College (now WKU) and received her diploma as a registered nurse from Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore, Maryland. She worked as a nurse in Baltimore and in Cincinnati, Ohio. Eleanor married Clyde H. Baty (1923-2002). She died in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, the home of her daughter Anna Katherine Baty, on 2 February 2008.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists chiefly of correspondence between members of the Bowles family. The bulk of the correspondence consists of letters to Eleanor Bowles during her youth, as a student at Western Kentucky State Teachers College, and as a nursing student in Baltimore, Maryland. Also included are unidentified photographs. An inventory is in Folder 1.

Folder 2 contains letters written to Eleanor Bowles in Lucas, Kentucky from 1928-1935 by young friends and by her mother. Eleanor's friends discuss their interests and activities, travel, graduation from high school and future plans. A friend writes after her family's move to central California, and a high school friend in Glasgow, Kentucky asks Eleanor to accompany her to nursing school at Louisville's City Hospital and outlines the requirements for admission. Eleanor's mother writes of the illness of Eleanor's grandmother and of bus travel arrangements for a trip to relatives in Indiana.

Folder 3 contains letters to Eleanor Bowles from 1926-1945. Most were written while she attended Western Kentucky State Teachers College (now WKU) and nursing school at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Eleanor's mother writes with news of home and family, including her brother Herbert, Jr.'s World War II military service, and her girlfriends tell of their work and activities. Included is an invitation to a dance in honor of the Sinai Hospital's 1945 graduating class.

Folder 4 contains a letter and postcard to his parents from Eleanor's brother, Herbert Bowles, Jr., written during his military service. Stationed in California, he briefly describes his work and training.

Folder 5 contains postcards and one Christmas card. Most of the postcards are exchanged between members of the Bowles family during travel in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Virginia, Texas, and Mexico.

Folder 6 contains photographs. None are identified, but they appear to be family photographs dating from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; one child's school photograph is dated 1940-1941.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Bowles Family Collection	1928-1945	79 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Letters to Eleanor Bowles	1928-1935	24 items
Folder 3	Letters to Eleanor Bowles	1936-1945	22 items
Folder 4	Herbert Bowles, Jr. – Letter and postcard	1941-1943	2 items
Folder 5	Postcards of Bowles family; greeting card	1935-1943	20 items
Folder 6	Photographs	1941, n.d.	10 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Correspondence of the Bowles family of Barren and Warren counties in Kentucky, chiefly letters to Eleanor Bowles during her youth and as a nursing student in Baltimore, Maryland. Includes unidentified photographs, perhaps of ancestors.

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Bowles, Eleanor Y., 1915-2008 – Letters to B1,F2,3,5
Bowles, Herbert, Jr., 1920-2009 – Correspondence B1,F4,5

Bowles, Herbert, Jr., 1920-2009 – Relating to B1,F3
Bowles, Herbert, Sr., 1875-1950 – Letters to B1,F4,5
Bowles, Lillian (Young), 1886-1984 – Correspondence B1,F2-5
Christmas cards B1,F5
Louisville City Hospital School of Nursing – Louisville – Relating to B1,F2
Osborne, Rebecca B1,F2,3
Postcards B1,F5
Rogers, Alice B., 1917-1983 B1,F2
Sinai Hospital School of Nursing – Baltimore, Maryland – Relating to B1,F3
Valentines B1,F2,3
White, Bertie (Bowles), 1874-1950 B1,F2,3
White, Clayton G., 1869-1944 B1,F5
World War II, 1939-1945 – Military life, 1943 B1,F4

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