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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 697 MELTON, Cynthia I. "Sibbie," 1866-1923

2 boxes. 914 items. 1903-1947. Postcards.

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See also: MSS 123 MELTON Family Papers

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Cynthia I. "Sibbie" Melton was born to Charles Washington and Rosanna Lee (Melton) Melton in Henderson County, Kentucky, on 28 September 1866. Her father was a prominent entrepreneur in the Henderson County, and served as the postmaster in Cairo, Kentucky for many years. Cynthia suffered from an unnamed malady that eventually forced her to use a wheelchair. She raised some of her support by selling subscriptions to the Henderson *Gleaner*. She wrote a column for the *Gleaner* about the happenings in Cairo, Kentucky, the small community in which she spent her entire life. The Kentucky Library Research Collections owns a scrapbook of these columns (SBK 172). She and her family attended the Methodist church at Poole and were active in many worthy cause in the Cairo and Poole communities. Cynthia, and many of her family members are interred in Henderson County's Old Salem Cemetery. She died on 15 March 1923.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of 941 postcards that were chiefly addressed to Sibbie Melton, Cairo, Henderson County, Kentucky. The cards were sent from family, friends and acquaintances. Knowing that Sibbie was pretty much confined to her community, her acquaintances helped her see the world from her mailbox. Approximately 1/8 of the cards are not dated but were chiefly addressed to Sibbie, thus pre-dating her death in 1923. The approximately 20 postcards that post-date 1923 were sent to Melton or Poole family members.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Postcards	1903-1911	538 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Postcards 1 – 537	1903-1911	537 items
BOX 1	Postcards	1912-1947	404 items
Folder 1	Postcards 538-941	1912-1947	404 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Postcards, chiefly addressed and inscribed to Cynthia I. Melton, Cairo, Kentucky. Physical limitations kept Melton confined to her community. Friends, family, and acquaintances helped her explore the world from her mailbox

2 boxes. 3 folders. 942 items. Postcards.
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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Postcards

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