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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 89 TAYLOR, Carrie (Burnam), 1855-1917

2 folders. 139 items. n.d. Originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Bowling Green, Kentucky on 1 March 1855, Carrie Burnam studied at Cedar Bluff College in Woodburn. After graduating in 1877, she started a small dressmaking business in her family home. In 1879, she married Aaron Taylor, and the following year moved her business to a commercial location in Bowling Green. By 1902, the Mrs. A. H. Taylor Company occupied a large building on State Street and had grown to become one of the most successful businesses in Kentucky. Employing as many as 300 seamstresses, Taylor maintained an extensive mail-order clientele, kept offices in New York and London, and regularly traveled to Europe to purchase fabrics and trim for her designs. Carrie Burnam Taylor ran her dressmaking firm until her death on 24 November 1917.

COLLECTION NOTE

The collection consists of pattern pieces for articles of women's clothing made by the Mrs. A. H. Taylor Company, Bowling Green, Kentucky. The pieces, which date from the late nineteenth or early twentieth century, are made of paper and appear to be primarily for jackets, shirtwaists, or other clothing for the upper body. In some cases, pencilled notations on the pieces show names, presumably of the client(s) for whom the garment was being made.

SHELF LIST

Folder 1	Pattern pieces	n.d.	61 items
Folder 2	Pattern pieces	n.d.	78 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Bowling Green – Businesses – Dressmaking
 Dressmakers
 Mrs. A. H. Taylor Company – Relating to
 Patterns – Dresses

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