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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John Howard Cox, Sr., a native of Kentucky, was born in 1891. He spent most of his life as a farmer and carpenter in Hart County, Kentucky. He married Quintira Butler (1890-1944), and the couple had five children: Lucille (Cox) Sidebottom (1910-1999), Charles David Cox (1913-1974), Walter Owen Cox (1916-1975), Laura Ester (Cox) Harper (1918-1994), and John Howard Cox, Jr. (1923-1984). Mr. Cox died in 1970 and is buried in the Horse Cave Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

This small collection contains letters written to John H. Cox, Sr. of Hart County, Kentucky, as well as deeds and tobacco warehouse receipts. Most of the letters were written to Cox by his children or in-laws during 1945 while he was living with his brother, Wesley Cox, in Zionsville, Indiana. The letters exhibit the effects of World War II on a rural family. The chief correspondents include his children: John H. Cox, Jr., Ester (Cox) Harper, Lucy (Cox) Sidebottom, and his daughter-in-law, Hazle Cox. All of the correspondence dates from 1942 to 1945, with the bulk of it from February to November 1945. During that period, John, Jr. was serving in the U.S. Army in Japan, Ester was in Creedmoor, N.C. with her husband W.M. (who was stationed at Fort Buckner), Lucy was in Louisville, Kentucky with her husband J. Otis Sidebottom, and Hazle (the wife of Walter Owen Cox) was in Munfordville, Kentucky. The tobacco receipts date from 1923 to 1942 and indicate the amount of tobacco that Cox, Sr. raised on his 99-acre Hart County, Kentucky farm.

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Correspondence, legal papers, and farm records of the Cox family of Hart County, Kentucky. Consists chiefly of letters sent to John Howard Cox, Sr. from his children and in-laws. Includes World War II letters from John Howard Cox, Jr. to immediate family members.

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