Helm-Lucas Family Papers (MSS 146)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

James “Jimmie” Wilson Helm, 1853-1914, the son of John Barnett, 1815-1869, and Nancy Porter (Carson) Helm, 1825-1861, was born in Sugar Grove, Butler County, Kentucky. He taught school in the small community of Woodburn in Warren County, Kentucky, and in Butler County in the 1870s while still single. Later Jimmie farmed, while rearing his family in Butler County. He married Virginia “Jennie” C. Lucas, 1859-1896, on November 12, 1879, in Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, in a double wedding with Anna D. Moore, 1858-1951, and Thomas Newton Moody, 1857-1921. Virginia was the daughter Nathaniel Henry Lucas and Mary Barton (Maury) Lucas of Bristow, Warren County, Kentucky. Jimmie and Jennie were the parents of ten children. Jennie died on November 24, 1896, and was interred in Smiths Grove Cemetery, Smiths Grove, Kentucky.

Jimmie’s second wife was his sister-in-law Clara Ester Lucas, 1856-1950. They married on September 16, 1897, in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Chiefly family and courtship correspondence between James Helm, Butler County, Kentucky, and Virginia Lucas, Warren County, Kentucky. Their 1879 marriage rites were the first ones to be performed in Mammoth Cave. Includes associated items. ½ box. 8 folders. 141 items.
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