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BIOGRAPHY

The Melton family moved to Henderson County, Kentucky, from Rutherford County, North Carolina in 1826. Charles W. Melton (1836-1895) married Rosanna Lee Melton (1840-1920), the daughter of Spencer and Isabella C. Melton, on October 1, 1861. Their children were: Sarah E. (1862-1939), Elijah S. (1864-1952), Cynthia I. (Sibbie) (1866-1923), Archibald E. (1868-1955) and Fernando (1871-1872). Charles W. was a prominent entrepreneur in the area, and in the latter part of the nineteenth century served as postmaster in Cairo, Kentucky. Many of the family members are buried in the Salem Cemetery in Henderson County.

COLLECTION

This small collection contains the letters, financial and legal papers, of several members of the Melton, Poole, Strum, and Lively families of Henderson County and Webster County, Kentucky. Most of the correspondence relates to family matters. Of particular interest is a letter from E. Y. Berry of Chilicothe, Missouri, to Charles W. Melton, in which he makes comments about the religious ramifications of the Civil War and his prediction of another war being necessary. Also of interest is a humorous “mock” diploma given to J. V. Stephens in 1860, signed by the principal “J. Dunecap”.
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