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One of the chief correspondents in this collection is Gilbert Marshall Mulligan (1821-1877). He was the son of James Crawford Mulligan (b. 1795) and Mary Fisher (Neale) Mulligan (b. 1799). As an attorney, he enjoyed an extensive practice in both Warren County and Allen County, Kentucky. In 1861 he was made captain of the Ninth Kentucky Infantry, Company C in the Union Army. He married Mary Winston Johns (1831-1856) on 18 October 1848 in Henderson, Kentucky and they had three children, Mary Frances Mulligan (1849-1871), Lucy Neale Mulligan (1851-1911) and Julia Mulligan (b. 1854). He married Lucy Douglas Tate (1829-1899) on 31 May 1857 in Todd County, Kentucky, and they had two children, Charles T. Mulligan (b.1858) and Rory O. Mulligan (1860-1926). Many of the Mulligan family members were interred in the Old Scottsville Cemetery.

Gilbert’s daughter, Lucy Neale Mulligan, married Eugene Scott Brown (1846-1898) on 29 October 1872. Mr. Brown was born on 3 December 1846 in Allen County, Kentucky, the son of William A. Brown (b. 1820) and Sarah H. (Alexander) Brown (b. 1820). After graduating from Professor Dunn’s high school in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Brown taught school for two years in Minnesota. He returned to Scottsville, Kentucky, where he was a postmaster and merchant from 1869 to 1875. He moved to Florida soon thereafter for health reasons and made fortunate land investments while there. He soon returned to Allen County where he studied law and was licensed to practice in 1878. Brown practiced for two years before he was elected Allen County Circuit Court Clerk. The Browns were active members of the Methodist Church in Scottsville. He took an active role in Republican politics and was a Mason. The Browns were the parents of two daughters, Fannie Elle Brown (1867-1944) and Winston J. Brown (1874-1942). Winston or “Winnie” operated a telephone exchange from the family home and served as Deputy Clerk in her father’s office. With her experience, she decided to run for Allen County Clerk in 1923 but was defeated by Warren Weaver. The Browns were buried in the Old Scottsville Cemetery.

Julia D. Johns, was a sister of Mary Winston (Johns) Mulligan. She married Matthew Henderson Moore and had two children: Thomas Watson Moore (1843-1892) and Fannie Moore. Julia was a frequent correspondent with her sister Mary.
COLLECTION NOTES


Of particular interest is the correspondence generated by Gilbert M. Mulligan, which includes most of the Civil War material found in this collection. Much of this correspondence is related to Mulligan’s law practice. The correspondence of the two sisters, Winston “Winnie” and Fannie Brown contain items related to courtship and document two women entering adulthood in late-nineteenth and early-twentieth century. Mary W. Johns’s early correspondence is with schoolmates at various female educational institutions in Kentucky; it discusses courtship and the educational opportunities for women in the mid-nineteenth century.

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This collection consists chiefly of correspondence of the Moore, Mulligan, Brown and Johns families, who are interrelated. The correspondence deals chiefly with family matters and events occurring in Trigg County, Kentucky and Allen County, Kentucky.
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