Jefferson, Belinda Coombs (McGinley) - Collector (MSS 244)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Collector Belinda Coombs (McGinley) Jefferson is descended from several prominent Bowling Green families which are represented in this collection. Her mother was Pearl Coombs Moore (1908-1997) who attended Western Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College and graduated from Stetson University, DeLand, Florida. Her stepfather was Wallace Crawford McGinley. Her grandmother was Elizabeth Belle Coombs, who was born in 1890, married retailer Frank Patterson Moore in 1907, and died in 1935. Belle’s parents were Pearl Potter (1864-1955) and Dr. Samuel W. Coombs, Jr. (1861-1944). Pearl (Potter) Coombs was one of thirteen children of Pleasant J. Potter (1820-1915) and Julia F. (Hill) Potter (1820-1906). Pleasant J. Potter was a well-known banker and the benefactor of the Pleasant J. Potter College for Young Ladies. Dr. Coombs, Jr., was the son of Dr. Samuel W. Coombs, Sr. (1830-1882) and Martha Caroline Hampton. Family members are buried in Bowling Green’s Fairview Cemetery.

COLLECTION

Belinda Coombs (McGinley) Jefferson has collected items from several generations of her family. This collection includes the 1926-1927 diary of her mother Pearl Coombs Moore while she was a student at Western Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College. Pearl writes about her many friends, courting, and social activities. Also included is the diary of Pearl’s mother, Elizabeth Belle Coombs, written in 1904 when she was 14. Not only does Belle record her daily activities, but she writes a romantic, allegorical story of a marriage based upon a familial situation familiar to the teenager. Typescripts of the diaries have been provided. Included in this family collection are the medical school notes and the medical school thesis written by Belinda Jefferson’s great-great-grandfather Samuel W. Coombs while he was a student at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1852-1853. A miscellaneous folder of correspondence, documents, and receipts provides glimpses into the activities of Bowling Green’s prominent Potter, Coombs, and Moore families during the period.
1852 to 1997. This folder contains many messages of condolence to Belinda Jefferson on the death of her mother.

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Diary of Elizabeth Belle Coombs, 1904; diary of Pearl Coombs Moore, 1926-1927, while a student at Western Kentucky State Normal School; 1852-1853 Jefferson Medical College notes and thesis of Samuel W. Coombs; miscellaneous correspondence, receipts, and documents related to the Moore, Coombs, and Potter families of Bowling Green.

1 box. 8 folders. 64 items. Originals and typescripts.

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