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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ruth Lawrence, the daughter of Jefferson D. Lawrence and Sarah Ellen Moulder, was born on 29 June 1892 in Warren County, Kentucky. She taught for 25 years in the commercial department of North Carolina schools, and also worked for 20 years at the Kentucky Department of Economic Security in Louisville. She died on 15 June 1969 in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where she lived with her two sisters, Mary L. Lawrence and Mattie F. Lawrence (also retired schoolteachers), and is buried in Fairview Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection contains mostly letters to Ruth Lawrence, and genealogical information about her ancestors in the Goodnight, Lawrence and Moulder families in Kentucky, Texas and Tennessee. A few letters to other family members are also included.

Folder 2 contains an 1855 ancestral letter written from Texas: a grandson, daughter, and probably a son-in-law of Isaac and Rhoda Goodnight of Warren County, Kentucky write of their arrival and settlement in Ellis County, Texas, and give news of other family members.

Folder 3 contains letters, written mostly to Ruth Lawrence when she lived in North Carolina and in Louisville, Kentucky. Several are from extended family members, particularly descendants of Isaac Goodnight (1782-1869) living in Texas, who provide both current and historical family information. Ruth’s brother J. H. “Jake” Lawrence writes their mother during his World War II military service, and another correspondent describes his 1944 wounding in connection with service in the medical corps. A cousin of Ruth’s mother joyfully hails the end of World War II, and yet another correspondent describes conditions in Pusan, South Korea, at the end of the Korean War.

Folder 4 contains genealogical notes and clippings on the Goodnight, Lawrence, Moulder, Wheatley/Whitley and related families.

Folder 5 contains a domestic science notebook kept by Ruth Lawrence.
SHELF LIST

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Folder 2 Family letter to Isaac and Rhoda Goodnight 1855 1 item
Folder 3 Letters, primarily to Ruth Lawrence 1929-1960 28 items
Folder 4 Genealogical notes and clippings 1886-1964 42 items
Folder 5 Ruth Lawrence – Domestic science notebook n.d. 1 item

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Letters, written mostly to Ruth Lawrence in North Carolina and Louisville, Kentucky, genealogical notes, and Ruth’s domestic science notebook. Many of the letters are from or concern her relatives in the Goodnight, Moulder and Lawrence families of Kentucky, Texas and Tennessee.

½ box. 5 folders. 73 items. Originals, photocopies, typescripts.

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