Cherry, Thomas Crittenden, 1862-1947 (MSS 512)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Thomas Crittenden Cherry, the sixth of nine sons of George Washington Cherry and Martha Frances Stahl, was born in Warren County, Kentucky on 24 April 1862. He attended the Glasgow Normal School, then taught school in Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas. In 1892, he joined his brother Henry Hardin Cherry in the operation of the Southern Normal School in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Cherry married Bessie Swartz, another teacher at the school, in 1898. In 1905, he left the Southern Normal School to become superintendent of Bowling Green City Schools, a position he held until his retirement in 1937. Thomas C. Cherry died on 22 July 1947.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists mainly of book manuscripts and other writings of Thomas Crittenden Cherry. Material in Boxes 1 and 2 relates principally to Cherry’s book, *Kentucky, the Pioneer State of the West*. Cherry wrote the book in response to the call among teachers for a “worthwhile history of Kentucky”; it was published in 1923 and was adopted by Kentucky’s State Textbook Commission. Boxes 1 and 2 include chapter drafts, as well as Cherry’s correspondence (Box 1, Folder 4) with publishers D.C. Heath & Company regarding contractual terms, chapter submissions, edits and corrections, maps and illustrations, royalties, sales figures, adoption of the book by the state textbook commission, inclusion of an introduction by the author Irvin S. Cobb, and the possibility of a trade edition of the book. Also included in Box 1 is Cherry’s published supplement to Tarr and McMurry’s *New Geographies* (Folder 1), and a 1912 souvenir program for a reunion of Kentucky’s Orphan Brigade (Folder 2).

Boxes 3 and 4 contain material, primarily chapter drafts, relating to Cherry’s subsequent work *The Story of Kentucky*, published in 1940. Also included in Box 4 are monographs, some written by Cherry, on various historical topics mainly relating to early American history.
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*Kentucky, the Pioneer State of the West*  
1923  
15 items

**Folder 1**  
Manuscript of *Kentucky, the Pioneer State of the West* before first printing; maps  
1923  
3 items

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1923  
12 items

**BOX 3**  
*The Story of Kentucky*  
1940  
134 items

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11 items

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manuscript drafts of his books Kentucky, the Pioneer
State of the West and The Story of Kentucky, as
well as other historical monographs. Also includes
correspondence relating to the publication and sales
of Kentucky, the Pioneer State of the West.
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