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**BELFORD-RADER-EPPLE-ASHLEY-MOORE FAMILY
COLLECTION, CA. 1903**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Grover Cleveland Rader was born 18 September 1884 in Clay City, Indiana, to Casper J. Rader, Jr. and Clarinda Belford Rader. He worked in the coal business first in Jasonville in Greene County, and then in Indianapolis. It appears that he may have been working for the Letsinger Coal Company in Jasonville by 1903. He married Hazel Beatrice Persons on 16 December 1907. The 1910 census lists him as a bookkeeper for a coal company in Jasonville. By 1916 they were living in Indianapolis where Grover worked as manager of the Queen Coal and Mining Company. He and Hazel had two sons, Persons and William. Grover died of pneumonia in Indianapolis on 30 November 1918.

Clarinda Belford (1860–1948) married Casper J. Rader (1851–1888) on 12 June 1875 in Clay County, Indiana. In addition to Grover, she had another son, Charles Rader (1882–1963). After being widowed, she married Edward G. Epple in 1902. Some records indicate that he was born in Germany; the 1910 census lists him as being from France. That year's census record also lists him as a "mine boss" for a coal mine in Jasonville. Two teenage sons of his, Julius and Eddie, are listed in the household.

In 1910 Clarinda (also known as Clara or Clare) and Edward Epple were neighbors in Jasonville to A. L. and Pearl Moore. A. L., who was born in Texas, worked as an engineer in the coal mine. His wife Pearl (1879–1910) was Clarinda's niece, the daughter of her sister Mary "Ella" Belford and Charles Thomas Ashley.

A. L. Moore's name is unclear. He is listed as Abner Lott Moore on a marriage license when he wed Pearl Ashley in Joplin, Missouri, on 24 May 1903 (her family lived in Kansas, near Joplin, in 1900). On her death certificate, he is listed as Alma Moore. When he married again in 1920 in Marion County, Indiana, to Nora Agnew, and in the 1940 census, his name appeared as Almer Lott Moore. There was an Almer Lott Moore who was born 3 March 1868 in Waco, Texas.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of two loosely related black-and white photographs: one of workers by a coal tippie in Jasonville, Green County, and the other of a quarry crew, perhaps in Bedford, Lawrence County. The first is a real photo postcard that shows workers at the Letsinger Coal Company in Jasonville, which has a message sent in 1903 to Mrs. E. G. Epple [Clarinda Belford Rader Epple] believed to be written by her son, Grover Rader. The photo of the quarry crew is believed to include Almer Lott Moore, the husband of Clarinda Epple's niece, Pearl Ashley Moore.

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CONTAINER

Black-and-white real photo postcard shows dozens of men standing in front of the coal tippie at the Letsinger Coal Company in Jasonville, Indiana. The card was mailed from Jasonville and sent to Mrs. E.G. Epple [Clarinda Belford Rader Epple] who was visiting her sister Ella Belford Ashley in Leighton, Kentucky. The message on the card was written on 4 August 1903. The message is not signed, but the donor believed that the card was written by Clarinda's son, Grover Rader. He wrote about fishing.

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Mounted black-and-white photograph of sixteen men in work clothes, including several in overalls. The donor identified this as a quarry crew, perhaps in Bedford, Indiana, and believed the man in the front row, second from left in the light shirt, was "Elmer Moore, who married Pearl Ashley." [Elmer, aka Almer Lott Moore] [ca. 1903].

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