

**Collection #
M 1140**

**MARGARET JOHNSON WILKINS
LETTERS AND PAPERS, CA. 1846–1999**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The letters in this collection are, for the most part, from four families, the Glovers, Atchisons, Porters, and Wrights and their descendants. The families all lived in various towns in the southern Indiana counties of Orange, Lawrence, Harrison, and Crawford during the 1800's. Through marriages the three families became connected.

No family histories were found, so it was difficult, given the number of family members there often were in the 1800's, to establish exact connections. Finding an assortment of census, birth, death, and marriage records allowed the family connections to be roughly established.

The woman who collected these letters, Margaret Johnson Wilkins, was related through the Porter family. Her mother was Emma (Porter) Johnson.

Sources:

Materials in collection

Information provided on Accession form

<http://www.ancestrylibrary.com/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This letter collection was divided based on family member and then chronologically.

Series One - Letters ca. 1862 to 1869, to Mary Wright (aka Mollie) from various family members. There are also a few letters with no year dates. Mary lived from 1846-1870. Relationships have been identified, when possible, on the series listing.

Series Two - Letters to Eliza (Glover) Wright, Mary's mother who lived from 1817-1911, from various family members. The letters are dated 1883 to 1907.

Series Three - These are letters dated from 1846 to 1893, with a couple undated. These letters are cited as miscellaneous because either the sender or recipient is not clear. What is clear is that either the sender or recipient was a member of one of the four families - Glover, Wright, Porter, and Atchison.

Series Four - This series consists of letters to L. O. Clendennen. A connection was not able to be established other than that these letters were in the possession of Margaret Johnson Wilkins. They are dated from 1931 to 1953.

Series Five - This series consists of a 1900 Paoli High School graduation program, an 1912 Orleans High school graduation announcement, a wedding announcement, two letters, two newspaper clippings, and two school practice sheets.

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Letter from Jennie L. Porter (cousin), 20 October 1862	Box 1, Folder 1
Letter from Uriah M. Glover (cousin), 13 November 1862	Box 1, Folder 1
Letter from Sallie (aka Sarah, sister), 17 January 1864	Box 1, Folder 1
Letter from W. G. Porter (cousin), 6 March 1864	Box 1, Folder 1
Letter from Sallie (aka Sarah, sister), 10 April 1864	Box 1, Folder 1
Letter from Sarah Atchison (sister), 24 August 1864	Box 1, Folder 1
Letter from Jess (Atchison, Sarah's husband), 23 April 1865	Box 1, Folder 1
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Letter from Jennie L. Porter (cousin), 6 January 1867	Box 1, Folder 1
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Letter from Rilda E. Wright (cousin), 27 February 1868	Box 1, Folder 1

Letter from Rilda E. Wright (cousin), 26 March 1868	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Jess (Atchison, Sarah's husband), 27 March 1868 (can be read with black light)	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Jess (Atchison, Sarah's husband), 12 May 1868	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Jess and Sallie (Atchison, Sarah's husband), 26 July 1868	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Jennie L. Porter (cousin), 11 September 1868	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Jess (Atchison, Sarah's husband), 10 February 1869	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from cousin "H", 22 January 1869	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Jennie L. Porter (cousin), 3 July 1869	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Margaret A. Porter (cousin), 2 May, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Maggie Porter (cousin), 29 Aug, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Jess (Atchison, Sarah's husband), ca. Sept 21, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Maggie Porter (cousin), 29 Sept, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 2
Letter from Margaret Porter (cousin), 27 Oct, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 2

Series 2: Letters to Eliza Wright

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Invitation to Wedding from Mr. and Mrs. John B. Glover, 1 September 1886	Box 1, Folder 3
Letter from John B. Glover (nephew), 14 December 1883 (12 pages)	Box 1, Folder 3
Letter from John B. Glover (nephew), ca. 1898	Box 1, Folder 3
Letter from John A. Atchison (grandson), 9 Aug 1899 (4 pages)	Box 1, Folder 3

Letter from John A. Atchison (grandson), 30 Nov 1899 (3 pages)	Box 1, Folder 3
Letter from John A. Atchison (grandson), Oct 1903	Box 1, Folder 3
Letter from John A. Atchison (grandson), 22 Apr 1904 (3 pages)	Box 1, Folder 3
Letter from John A. Atchison (grandson), 21 Apr 1907 (6 pages)	Box 1, Folder 3
Letter from Lois K. Marshall, 2 May n.d.	Box 1, Folder 3

Series 3: Misc. Family Letters

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Letter to Uriah Glover from one of his children (name torn off), 16 February 1846	Box1 , Folder 4
Letter from Lyman and Jesse Atchison to an unnamed uncle and mother, 1 October 1871	Box 1, Folder 4
Bankruptcy hearing notice from Thomas G. Mahan, Attorney at Law, Orleans, Ind, to Louisa Wright re: Thomas Ehod, 28 July 1875	Box 1, Folder 4
Letter from John Wright to Lydia (Wright?), 4 January 1878	Box 1, Folder 4
Letter from Uriah Glover to cousin Jennie Porter with return letter from Jennie to Uriah, 25 May 1862	Box 1, Folder 4
Letter to unnamed aunt and cousin from Jennie Porter, 21 January 1866	Box 1, Folder 4
Letter to unnamed aunt from unknown (last page(s) missing), 2 August 1893	Box 1, Folder 4
Letter from Tom Glover to his parents, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 4
Letter to unnamed aunt from Emma Wright, 1 July n.d.	Box 1, Folder 4
Letter to unnamed aunt and cousin from W.G. Porter and Margaret A. Porter, 27 October, n.d.	Box1 , Folder 4

Series 4: Clendennen Letters

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Letter to Mrs. L. O. Clendennen from Grace, 1 October 1931	Box 1 , Folder 5
Letter from Mrs. Orville (Augusta) Brittell (missionary), 11 October 1952	Box 1, Folder 5
Letter from O. D. Brittell (missionary), 1 November 1952	Box 1, Folder 5
Letter from the Brittells (missionaries), 17 December 1952	Box 1 , Folder 5
Letter from Mrs. Orville Brittell (missionary), 18 December 1952	Box 1, Folder 5
Letter from Mrs. Orville Brittell (missionary), 16 January 1953	Box 1, Folder 5

Series 5: Misc. Correspondence and Clippings

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Paoli High School, Class of 1900 graduation program	Box 1 , Folder 6
Orleans High School 1909 Graduation Announcement for Roy E. Glover	Box 1 , Folder 6
Marriage Announcement of Miss Zola Maude Baker and Mr. Orel Artist Kelso, 18 April 1912	Box 1 , Folder 6
Letter to Jean from Mattie, Bud and Marlene Gooch and return letter from Jean, 28 June 1999 and 5 July 1999	Box 1, Folder 6
News clippings about Grandma (Amelia) Turley upon her death, January 1911 and Wedding Announcement for Mr. Clarence Atchison and Miss Ethel Cox, n.d.	Box 1, Folder 6
School practice drill sheets	Box 1, Folder 6

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 1140).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.