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

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:
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 1946-1870. 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. Clendennnen. 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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