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**Mary E. McKinney Papers, 1881-1914**

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**DONOR INFORMATION**

Papers were donated by Dale Hoss in 2007.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Mary E. McKinney was born circa 1858, and lived in various locations in Missouri. She married Houston Hoss, and died May 28, 1920, in St. Louis. Various members of the McKinney family resided in Missouri, Oregon, and Texas. Mary E. McKinney's sister Florence moved from Missouri to Oregon in 1883.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Collection consists primarily of correspondence of various McKinney family members, mostly residing in Missouri and Oregon, to Mary E. McKinney. Also includes some correspondence with family friends.

- 1881 Feb 13 Postcard signed Florence McKinney to her sister Miss Mary McKinney, Jakes Prarie, Crafford Co. Mo. [Jake's Prairie, Crawford County, Missouri]. Postcard is postmarked Walnut Grove, Mo., Feb. 16, 1881. Asks her sister if she is married.
- 1882 Sept 20 Unsigned letter, Walnut Grove, Greene County, Missouri, to "dear sister." Discusses family news. Mentions the Burney boys and John Edwards.
- 1883 Apr 18 Letter signed Florence McKinney, Dadeville, Dade County, Missouri, to her sister Mary McKinney. States in part, "I tell you if you was to see my fellow it would make your hart ache I just wish you could see him he is as prety as read shoes tied with blue strings and is as good as he is prety."
- 1883 Apr 21 Letter signed Chas. Hatton, Peculiar, Cass County, Missouri, to Mary [McKinney]. Mentions that he came to Cass County with W.R. Vohn. Mentions the money he's making.
- 1883 Nov 20 Unsigned letter, Walnut Grove, Greene County, Mo., to "dear daughter." Mentions that her brothers and sisters are in Oregon, and mentions that Aunt Patty Edwards is dead.
- 1883 Dec 18-19 Letter signed W.C. McKinney to his sister Mary. Mentions the salary that he, Florence, and John have earned. Also includes letter signed Florence [McKinney], Albina, Multnomah [County], Oregon, to her sister Mary McKinney. Briefly describes her journey to Oregon by sea. Mentions the wages she has received.
- 1884 Feb 10 Letter signed Florence McKinney, Eagle Creek, Clackimas Co, Oare [Clackamas County, Oregon], to her sister Mary McKinney. Also includes letter signed W.C. McKinney to sister Mary McKinney. He mentions that Florence had a chance to get married, but turned down the offer. Advises his sister not to move to St. Louis.
- 1884 Mar Letter signed J.F. McKinney to M.E. McKinney.
- 1884 Apr 24 Letter signed S.F. McDowell, Albina, Multnomah Co., Oregon, to her sister Mary McKinney. Asks her sister why she stays single.
- 1884 Dec 19 Letter signed Susan A. Richardson, Slagle, Polk County, Missouri, to "dear old friends." Part of the letter is addressed to Miss Mary McKinney. Discusses family news, and mentions Martin Richardson, Mrs. Fritt, and Bet Spaulding.
- 1888 Apr 25 Letter signed Mrs. C.S. Martin, Pacific, Mo., to friend. (Letter is written on stationery of The Missouri Pacific Railway Co., Bridge and Building Department.)

- 1892 Nov 30 Letter signed J.K. McKinney, Aldrich, Mo., to daughter Mrs. Mary Hoss, Midland, Mo. Discusses family news, and mentions recent deaths in the community. (Letter damaged; portion of text is missing.)
- 1914 Aug 18 Letter signed "Joe," Anchor, Texas, to his mother, Mrs. Mary Hoss, 5324 Old Manchester Road, St. Louis. He describes the Brazos River flood that washed away all his possessions. Describes his children: Champ, Fred, and Joe. Mentions Jim Stack and Dr. James Martin of Dallas, Texas. (Letter is written on stationery of the Scoby Lake Milling Company, Anchor, Texas.)
- No date Postcard signed Janie[?] McCafferty[?] to Miss Mary McKiney, Rolla, Phelps Co., Mo. Asks Mary to find her a place to work.