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John Muse Correspondence

1906-1951



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Language

Materials in this collection are in English.

Abstract

The John Muse Correspondence includes just over 126 letters, most of which are written by John Muse to his future wife, Bessie Brewer, as he travels and works. The materials range from 1906 to 1951, with the bulk of the materials coming from June of 1906 to October of 1907.

Creator

Muse, John Alfred

Extent

1.4 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

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Biographical Note

John Alfred Muse was born in Callands, Virginia, and graduated from Virginia Business College in 1898. He worked for the South and Western Railroad and lived in Bristol, Virginia and Tennessee. Muse married Bessie Brewer.

Scope and Content

The John Muse Correspondence includes just over 126 letters, most of which are written by Muse to his future wife, Bessie Brewer, as he travels and works. He worked for the South and Western Railroad and lived in Bristol, Virginia and Tennessee. His letters range from June of 1906 through October of 1907 and contain personal anecdotes, observations, and details about his and Bessie's developing relationship. The collection also includes letters to Bessie and John from other senders, such as relatives, a dried flower, wedding invitations, sympathy cards, and a leather post-card holder.

Keywords

Correspondence

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

Brewer, Bessie

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Arrangement

The John Muse Correspondence is arranged in chronological order by author.

Description of Subordinate Components

John Muse to Bessie Brewer

Unit Date 1906

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

John Muse to Bessie Brewer

Unit Date January 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

John Muse to Bessie Brewer

Unit Date February 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Content

This folder contains dehydrated plant material.

John Muse to Bessie Brewer

Unit Date March 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4, 16 (folder)

John Muse to Bessie Brewer

Unit Date April 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

John Muse to Bessie Brewer

Unit Date May 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

John Muse to Bessie Brewer

Unit Date June 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

John Muse to Bessie Brewer

Unit Date July 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 8, 17 (folder)

John Muse to Bessie Brewer

Unit Date August 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

John Muse to Bessie Brewer

Unit Date September 1907

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

John Muse to Bessie Brewer**Unit Date** October 1907**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Letters to John & Bessie (Brewer) Muse****Unit Date** 1908**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Wedding Invitations****Unit Date** 1906, 1907**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Letters from Other Senders****Unit Date** 1929, 1951**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Undated/Ephemera****Unit Date** undated**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)