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Scope and Contents

This collection documents the Dotson family of Greenwood, West Virginia in Doddridge County. It contains Nancy Clark Dotson's diaries from 1904-1946 (including photocopies, indices, and supplementary information), other Dotson family diaries and books, the marriage certificate of Franklin and Nancy Clark Dotson, a Dotson family history, a cabinet card and carte de visite album, a tintype album, a collection of glass plate negatives, and other assorted photographs.

Series 1. Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries; 1904-1946; boxes 1-2.

Series 2. Unknown Diary; 1887; box 3.

Series 3. Nancy Clark Dotson Bible; ca. 1890-1891; box 3.

Series 4. Ledgers; 1845-1910; boxes 3-4.

Series 5. Marriage Certificate, Franklin and Nancy Clark Dotson; 1879-02-05; box 7.

Series 6. Photographs; 1880s-1970s; boxes 5-7.

Series 7. Glass Plate Negatives; 1880s-1890s; box 8.

Series 8. Dotson Family History; 1980-2018; box 9.

Series 9. Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries Photocopies; 1987; boxes 10-11.

Series 10. Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries Index; 1988-2018; box 11.

Series 11. Supplemental Information to the Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries; 1982-2010; box 11.

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Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1. Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90819

Unit Date 1904-1946

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This series includes diaries written by Nancy Clark Dotson (1857-1949) from 1904-1946. Diary entries are short, often one or two lines long, and cover subjects including the weather, who visited her and when, births, deaths, marriages, and other happenings around the Dotson family farm in Greenwood, WV (Doddridge County). National events, such as elections, the collapse of a theater in Washington, D.C., and other similar events, are also mentioned. A "Ma" and "Dad" are frequently mentioned; the identity of "Ma" is unknown, but "Dad" refers to Nancy Clark Dotson's husband, Franklin Dotson.

For those wishing to research the diaries, Series 9-11 can be useful for researchers. They include photocopies of each page of these diaries, an index to the persons, births, marriages, and deaths mentioned, and a set of supplementary information to these diaries, such as family trees and photographs.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90820

Unit Date 1904-1928

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90821

Unit Date 1929

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90822

Unit Date 1930

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90823

Unit Date 1931

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90824

Unit Date 1932-1933

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90825

Unit Date 1934-1935

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90826

Unit Date 1936

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90827

Unit Date 1937

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90828

Unit Date 1938

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90839

Unit Date 1940

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90840

Unit Date 1941

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90841

Unit Date 1942

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90842

Unit Date 1943

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90843

Unit Date 1944

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90844

Unit Date 1945

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Language English.

Diary

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90845

Unit Date 1946

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Language English.

Series 2. Diary, unknown author

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90846

Unit Date 1887

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This diary, originally intended to be used as a ledger book, was found at the farm of Franklin P. and Nancy Clark Dotson. Only four entries are written in this diary. The author is unknown.

Series 3. Book, Nancy Clark Dotson's Bible

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90847

Unit Date ca. 1890-1891

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This Bible (ca. 1890-1891) was given to Nancy Clark Dotson (1857-1949) by her brother Jim Clark and his wife Tina Clark. The translation is unknown. Also included are several bookmarks, including a small pamphlet of Prayer Meeting Topics from the Christian Endeavor Society, a handwritten list of scriptures, a Christmas card with a handwritten description of Mike Dotson's funeral, and another scripture card from the American Bible Society.

Series 4. Ledgers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90848

Unit Date ca. 1845-1891

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This series consists of four ledger books. The first (1845-1880), titled "Steward's Book for Pleasant Valley Mission," includes meeting minutes, ledgers of who brought what items to the Mission, purchasing ledgers, and recipes.

The second (ca. 1891) and third (ca. 1862-1910) are ledgers from the Dotson family farm in Greenwood, WV and include separate pages for each person or family who purchased livestock or produce from the farm and prices for each item. Dates of purchase are not clearly identified.

The fourth is a combined diary and ledger owned by W.H. Sherwood, a relative of Franklin Dotson; this book is mostly written in shorthand with three pages written in cursive.

Steward's Book for Pleasant Valley Mission

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90849

Unit Date 1845-1880

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English.

Farm ledger

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90850

Unit Date ca. 1891

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English.

Farm ledger

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90851

Unit Date ca. 1862-1910

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Language English.

Diary/ledger, W.H. Sherwood

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90852

Unit Date 1891-1900

Mixed Materials 4 (Box)

Language English.

Series 5. Marriage Certificate, Franklin and Nancy Clark Dotson

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90928

Unit Date 1879-02-05

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This unofficial marriage certificate, signed by Minister C. J. B. Brane and witness Beatrice G. Rose, celebrates and certifies the marriage of Franklin and Nancy Clark Dotson. The certificate was published by the Reformed Church Publication Board in Philadelphia, PA.

Series 6. Photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90929

Unit Date ca. 1870s-1970s

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This series includes a tintype album, a cabinet card and cartes de visite album, and three other files of

photographs.

The tintype album and cabinet card and cartes de visite album, owned and collated by Nancy Clark Dotson (1857-1949), both contain photographs of her family, friends, and neighbors in Greenwood, WV and beyond; a large majority of these photographs were labeled with the identities of each subject by Dotson.

The first file of photographs contains copies of photographs of Greenwood, WV and its people. The original photographs were donated by the family to the Doddridge County Historical Society in 2012.

The second file of photographs contains mounted photographs, loose photographs, and cabinet cards of Franklin and Nancy Clark Dotson and of their son, Leonard and Vashti Johnson Dotson and their daughter, Loxie Dotson Borrer. The subjects of these images were identified and labeled by Dotson.

The final file of photographs contains a flash drive of photographs of the Dotson family farm in Greenwood, WV, the areas surrounding Route 50, and other areas of West Virginia. Identification information for each image is available in the title of each digital file.

Tintype album

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90930

Unit Date ca. 1860s-1870s

Mixed Materials 5 (Box)

Language English.

Cabinet card and cartes de visite album

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90931

Unit Date ca. 1860s-1880s

Mixed Materials 6 (Box)

Language English.

Greenwood, WV area

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90932

Unit Date ca. 1879-1910s

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English.

Dotson family photographs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90933

Unit Date ca. 1890-1950

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English.

Dotson farm, Route 50, and West Virginia (includes a few pictures of Senator Robert Byrd, including one of him at the Dotson farm; most pictures date from ca. 1960-1980)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90934

Unit Date ca. 1900-1970s

Mixed Materials 7 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English.

Series 7. Glass Plate Negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90935

Unit Date 1903-2018

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This series includes ten glass plate negatives taken by Leonard Otis Dotson ca. 1903-1905, photographs and digital scans made from those negatives, and supplementary information. Subjects of these glass plate negatives include the Dotson family farm, Greenwood, WV, the West Union Courthouse in West Union, WV, members of the Dotson family, and Horatio Greenough's statue of George Washington in Washington, DC (now in the National Museum of American History).

Digital scans and information

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90936

Unit Date 1973-2018

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

Language English.

Photographs from negatives

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90937

Unit Date ca. 1903-1905

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Language English.

Horse and buggy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90938

Unit Date ca. 1905

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Language English.

Group with puppy

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90939

Unit Date ca. 1905

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Language English.

Statue of George Washington, Washington, D.C.

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90940

Unit Date ca. 1905

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Language English.

Group at Dotson farm, Greenwood, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90941

Unit Date ca. 1905

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Language English.

Believed to be Greenwood School

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90942

Unit Date ca. 1905

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Language English.

The farm, Greenwood Hill

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90943

Unit Date ca. 1905

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Language English.

Greenwood, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90944

Unit Date ca. 1905

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Language English.

West Union Courthouse, West Union, WV

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90945

Unit Date ca. 1905

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 10 (Folder)

Language English.

Greenwood School, Vashti Johnson Dotson and students

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90946

Unit Date ca. 1905

Mixed Materials 8 (Box)

Container 11 (Folder)

Language English.

Group at Dougherty house**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/90947**Unit Date** ca. 1903-1904**Mixed Materials** 8 (Box)**Container** 12 (Folder)**Language** English.**Series 8. Dotson Family History****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/90948**Unit Date** 1980-2016**Mixed Materials** 9 (Box)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

This series consists of a Dotson Family History focusing on the ancestry of Leonard Otis Dotson, son of Franklin Dotson and Nancy Clark Dotson, and his wife, Vashti Johnson Dotson. This binder was compiled and collated by Linda Lee Warden, great-granddaughter of Leonard and Vashti Johnson Dotson. It includes a family tree, birth certificates, death certificates, obituaries, wills, photographs of graves, photographs of persons mentioned in this family history, and a written family history.

Series 9. Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries, Copies**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/90949**Unit Date** 1987**Mixed Materials** 10 (Box)**Mixed Materials** 11 (Box)**Language** English.**Scope and Contents**

This series consists of bound photocopies of Nancy Clark Dotson's diaries from 1904-1949 (see Series 1). Series 10-11 are supplementary to this series; they include an index to the persons, births, marriages, and deaths mentioned, and information supplementing the diaries, such as family trees and photographs.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 1 (1904-1928)**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/90950**Unit Date** 1987**Mixed Materials** 10 (Box)**Language** English.**Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 2 (1929) and Volume 3 (1930)****Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/90951**Unit Date** 1987**Mixed Materials** 10 (Box)**Language** English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 3 (1931)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90952

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Language English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 5 (1932-1933)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90953

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Language English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 6 (1934-1935)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90954

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Language English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 7 (1936)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90955

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Language English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 8 (1937)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90956

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Language English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 9 (1938)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90957

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 10 (Box)

Language English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 10 (1939)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90958

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Language English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 11 (1940) and Volume 12 (1941)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90959

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Language English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 13 (1942) and Volume 14 (1943)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90960

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Language English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 15 (1944-Jan. 1945)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90961

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Language English.

Diary of Nancy Lieuema Clark Dotson (1857-1949) of Greenwood, WV: Volume 16 (Feb.-Dec. 1945) and Volume 17 (1946)

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90962

Unit Date 1987

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Language English.

Series 10. Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries Index

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90963

Unit Date ca. 1988-2018

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This series consists of two identical indices to the Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries (Series 1) that include an introduction with notes, family trees, photographs, and copies of newspaper clippings describing the Dotson family, lists of births, marriages, and deaths by name and date, and an alphabetical list of all names listed. This series is supplemental to Series 1, the Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries, and to Series 9, the Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries Copies.

Series 11. Supplemental Information to the Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/90964

Unit Date 1982-2010

Mixed Materials 11 (Box)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This series consists of two identical folios of supplemental information on the Dotson family and

photographs of those mentioned, including family trees, sections of family history, newspaper articles and columns, addenda to Series 10, the Nancy Clark Dotson Diaries Index, and photographs of the extended Dotson family and the Dotson farm in Greenwood, WV.