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PROVENANCE

Diana Connelly Justus of Kansas City, Missouri donated these papers on 25 November 1989, accession SHSMO-RA1601.

BIOGRAPHY

Born in 1891, Besse Belle Buckeridge was the daughter of Albert Buckeridge and Anna Belle (nee Heylmun) Buckeridge of Rich Hill, Bates County, Missouri. According to the 1900 federal census, Besse, then eight years old, was the eldest of three children. Her sister, Helen Buckeridge, was six years old, and her brother, James Buckeridge, was three. In 1900, the Buckeridges were residents of Webb City in Jasper County Missouri. The home place for many years was located at 521 W. Austin Street in Webb City.

Besse never married. In the 1930 census she is listed as living with her mother, Anna Belle, who was seventy years old. The 1940 census shows her as a Latin teacher at the Webb City High School. Besse died in 1983 and is buried in the Webb City cemetery.

The Buckeridge collection consists of letters to Besse from a friend and schoolteacher, Hazel Jarvis, in Hilo, Hawaii, 1921-22; Besse's letters and postcards sent home during her tour of Europe in 1925; and miscellaneous papers and postcards into the 1960s. There is also a folder of the papers of J. W. Heylmun, Besse's grandfather, that includes his reminiscence of pioneer days in the Lycoming Valley of Pennsylvania, written in 1911, and his last letter to his family, concerning the dispersal of his assets, written in 1916,.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of correspondence to Besse and her mother from friends, Besse's letters and postcards from travels in Europe in the 1920s, and miscellaneous papers and postcards. There is also a reminiscence of early days in the Lycoming Valley of Pennsylvania by her grandfather, J. W. Heylmun, ca. 1911.

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