

R Eversole, Mary E. Bugg, 1871-1962.
1268 Papers, 1822–1952 (bulk 1883-1899).
Sixty-seven folders.

NOTE: THIS COLLECTION IS IN OFF-SITE STORAGE. AT LEAST TWO DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE IS REQUIRED FOR RESEARCH USE.

This collection consists of correspondence, legal papers, journals, ledger books, and ephemera of Mary E. Bugg Eversole and the Bugg, Cole, and Eversole families of Potosi, Washington County, Missouri. The bulk of the collection consists of Mary E. Bugg's personal correspondence, 1883-1941, financial records 1912-1952, and miscellaneous ephemera, 1863-1938.

Two generations of three families are represented in this collection. The Bugg and Cole families were linked through the marriage of Richard M. Bugg and Anna Cole Bugg in June 1870.

Mary Bugg was born in Potosi, Missouri on May 3, 1871. She attended Elmwood Seminary in Farmington, in St. Francois County, Missouri. She graduated in 1890, after which she returned to her parents' home in Potosi. Most of her personal correspondence is from family, friends, and contacts she made while at Elmwood. A particularly large portion is from Will Harlan, who zealously courted Mary from 1887 to 1894 to no avail. Dotted throughout Mary's correspondence from 1892 to 1899, is the name "Ruth Goldsmith," an alias Mary adopted among friends and her future husband, Edward Eversole. Earl Heagler, a family friend, wrote a series of letters from Paragould, Marion, Earle and Tyronza, Arkansas in 1916 containing many details on canal-dredging in the delta of northeastern Arkansas (F. 22).

Mary was active in the Presbyterian Church and traveled with the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor to many places, including Philadelphia in 1889 (F. 27) and the western United States in 1897 (F. 31-32). Other items of note in her ephemera are: a ticket for admittance to the "[Theodore] Roosevelt Tent" at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition or World's Fair of 1904 (F. 47), a William Jennings Bryan Souvenir print on white tissue paper from the Farmington Fair, September 16, 1897 (F. 47), many booklets and announcements from Elmwood Seminary (F. 27-29), booklets from the 1893 World Columbian Exposition (F. 27), and elaborate invitations to the 1901 and 1903 Veiled Prophet festivals in St. Louis (F. 28).

Edward T. Eversole and Mary E. Bugg married in Potosi on November 15, 1898. Edward was born on March 3, 1866 in Washington County, and was educated in Caledonia and Washington University in St. Louis, receiving a law degree in 1889. An attorney with Anthony and Eversole in Potosi, Edward served as a prosecuting attorney from 1892-94, and probate judge from 1894-96. He was active in the Democratic Party, and was elected to the 41st and 42nd Missouri General Assemblies as a representative from Washington County in 1900 and 1902. Mary accompanied him to Jefferson City in January and February 1901 for events related to his election and recounted her experiences to her parents in a dozen letters (F. 35).

In addition to the papers of Mary E. Bugg, the collection also includes correspondence, financial papers, and business ledgers of her parents, Richard M. Bugg and Anna Cole Bugg, 1860-1927; her husband, Edward T. Eversole, 1823-1916; and her grandfather, George B. Cole, 1822-1937. Correspondence and financial papers of her aunts, Susan S. Cole, 1893-1914, and Ellen D. Cole (Mrs. George W.) Williams, 1891-1928, are also included.

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Mary's father, Richard M. Bugg, a native Georgian, served in the 2nd Georgia Battalion during the Civil War. Among his papers is an Oath of Allegiance to the United States dated June 1865, with a handwritten parole note on the reverse (F. 34). Bugg and his daughter, Mary, attended the Confederate Veterans reunion in New Orleans in 1903, and the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1913 as part of the Missouri delegation. There are several pins and medals from these events, along with pins of

Thomas Hardeman (45th Georgia Infantry), General Benning (signifying Camp Benning, Ga.), Theodore Roosevelt, and William Jennings Bryan (all in F. 46).

The materials in the collection are arranged chronologically and fall into three general categories: personal correspondence, business and financial records, and ephemera. A complete register of the collection is available. Registers for individual folders are placed in the front of the respective folders.

Among the records are several bound volumes including the personal journals of Annie Cole Bugg (F. 65) and Mary E. Bugg Eversole (FF. 65-67), as well as one scrapbook done by Mary (F. 67). Seven volumes (FF. 53-57) derive from the business affairs of Edward T. Eversole including county tax receipts, a checkbook, a daybook, stallion records, a horse scrapbook, and two books of depositions and accounts for collection from his law firm, Anthony and Eversole. Six volumes from Richard M. Bugg and Annie Cole Bugg (FF. 58-63) include the account ledgers and daybooks of the mercantile operations of Robert M. Bugg at Potosi, including his partnerships with James Long and J. P. Bugg. An account book also exists for George B. Cole, Mary's grandfather (F. 63). Many of the business records contain references to barite (tiff) mining, reflecting Washington County's prominence in the extraction of that mineral.

One apparently unrelated account book (F. 64) is attributed to George S. Wallace of Old Mines in Washington County, an ancestor of the donor of the collection.

Edward T. Eversole died on December 29, 1916. Mary E. Bugg Eversole died on April 28, 1962. Both are buried in the Potosi Presbyterian Cemetery in Washington County, Mo.

<i>r341</i>	<i>1 February 1988</i>	<i>Beulah Wallace</i>	<i>gift</i>
<i>r349</i>	<i>30 July 1986</i>	<i>Beulah Wallace</i>	<i>gift</i>
<i>r415</i>	<i>19 July 1988</i>	<i>Ann M. Eversole</i>	<i>gift</i>

Inventory

BOX 1

Eversole, Mary E. Bugg

- F. 01 26 September 1883- 02 May 1889
- F. 02 10 May 1889-30 December 1889
- F. 03 10 February 1890-20 August 1890
- F. 04 10 September 1890-31 December 1890
- F. 05 05 January 1891-26 May 1891
- F. 06 19 June 1891-29 December 1891
- F. 07 02 January 1892-28 June 1892
- F. 08 11 July 1892-30 December 1892
- F. 09 04 January 1893-31 March 1893
- F. 10 03 April 1893-09 July 1893

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- F. 11 12 July 1893-27 September 1893
- F. 12 01 October 1893-29 December 1893
- F. 13 02 January 1894-April 1894
- F. 14 02 May 1894-26 December 1894

BOX 2

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- F. 15 23 January 1895-26 December 1895
- F. 16 05 February 1896-27 December 1896
- F. 17 23 January 1897-26 December 1897
- F. 18 04 January 1898-21 December 1898
- F. 19 02 January 1899-13 November 1899
- F. 20 17 February 1900-27 December 1910
- F. 21 02 January 1911-24 November 1915
- F. 22 17 May 1916-11 July 1941
- F. 23 undated personal correspondence
- F. 24 12 June 1912-25 May 1921
- F. 25 09 August 1921-29 June 1929
- F. 26 15 April 1930-29 April 1952
- F. 27 16 Apr 1887-22 December 1893
- F. 28 26 January 189-25 November 1913
- F. 29 22 May 1914-26 January 1938 and n.d.
- F. 30 School notebooks: *Ovid* no. 2, 6 April 1888; Virgil's *Aeneid* tablet no. 2, 8 February 1889; Prof. Wittman's School of Music, June - August 1910 (three volumes)

BOX 3

Eversole, Edward T.

- F. 31 10 October 1823-18 July 1897
- F. 32 19 July 1897-17 December 1899
- F. 33 09 March 1900-28 December 1916 and undated

Bugg, Richard M. and Anna Cole

- F. 34 31 July 1860-25 September 1900
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Cole, Susan S.

- F. 37 15 March 1893-24 March 1902
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- F. 39 17 November 1902-25 December 1914 and undated

Cole, George B. [includes some J. W. Cole and George J. Cole]

- F. 40 30 October 1822-20 October 1877
- F. 41 23 October 1877-14 January 1897
- F. 42 20 January 1897-23 February 1937

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- F. 43 20 March 1891-18 December 1902
- F. 44 30 December 1902 -23 April 1928 and undated

Miscellaneous ephemera

- F. 45 unidentified photographs (7), n.d.
- F. 46 Pins and medals (8) [w/color slides of each]
- F. 47 William Jennings Bryan souvenir print (1897), and ticket to "[Theodore] Roosevelt Tent" (1904)

BOX 4

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Newspaper clippings and scrapbook pages [not chronological, many undated]

- F. 48 General world and local news, births, obituaries, marriages, ca. 1888-1918
- F. 49 General world and local news, births, obituaries, marriages, ca. 1888-1918
- F. 50 General world and local news, births, obituaries, marriages, ca. 1888-1918

Sheet music

- F. 51 Original handwritten music, "Southern Belle Grand Galop" by J. E. Deggendorf, Potosi, Mo., n.d.; reprint of "Life's Story" by Charles Noel Douglas and Frederic W. Mills, ca. 1900; and "Old Black Joe" by Charles Gimbel, Jr., 1877
[all moved to oversized flat-file storage]

Religious publications

- F. 52 Newspapers, pamphlets, booklets, lesson cards, 1890-1913

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1885- 1886 depositions and 1 January 1891-1898, Anthony and Eversole, accounts for collection
(one volume)
- F. 54 Anthony and Eversole, accounts for collection, 1885-1902
- F. 55 Stallion service book, 27 April 1905-27 March 1907 (one volume);
Checkstubs, 25 May 1911-13 August 1912 (one volume)
- F. 56 Horse scrapbook, ca. 1900
- F. 57 Daybook, April 1918-August 1919

Bugg, Richard M. and Anna Cole, ledger and account books

- F. 58 Long and Bugg, ledger w/index, 1870-1881
[Bugg & Bugg formed, Jan. 1, 1878]

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Bugg and Cole ledger and account books

- F. 59 James Long and R. M. Bugg, daybook, 26 January 1870-21 April 1881
[Bugg & Bugg formed, January 1, 1878]
- F. 60 J. P. Bugg and R. M. Bugg, ledger, 01 January 1878-16 September 1881
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- F. 62 R. M. Bugg Mercantile Company, ledger w/index 1910-1917; bills receivable and
tiff receipts 1916-1917
- F. 63 R. M. Bugg Mercantile Company, financial statement and inventory; 09 January 1918
(one volume)
Cole, George B., account book, 1873-1886 (one volume)

Unidentified account book [George S. Wallace?]

- F. 64 Account book and inventory, 1919-1948
[moved to oversized flat-file storage]

Bugg, Anna Cole and Eversole, Mary E. Bugg journals

- F. 65 December 1880-January 1905 (one volume)
December 1880-April 1885 (one volume)

Eversole, Mary E. Bugg journal

- F. 66 January 1886-February 1889

Eversole, Mary E. Bugg journal and scrapbook

- F. 67 March 1889-October 1889 (one volume)
Scrapbook of news clippings, 1901-1903 (one volume)

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1877	Sheet music, "Old Black Joe" by Charles Gimbel, Jr., 13 pp. w/cover sheet (F. 51)
1897 Jan 01	Calendar, J.C.C. Waldeck's Provision Co., St. Louis, Mo., w/ handwritten notes (F. 28)
ca. 1900	Music, "Life's Story" by lyricist Charles Noel Douglas and organist Frederic W. Mills (F. 51)
1910 Aug 04	Keynote speech of Hon. Jas. A. Reed at Moberly, Mo., with his Senatorial platform – full-page supplement of <i>The Weekly Independent</i> , Potosi, Mo. (F. 28)
1919-1948	Account Book and Inventory, Unidentified (George S. Wallace?) (V. 15, Box 15)
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