

**GOSS, MYRTLE CROWLEY
PAPERS
1862-1963**

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INTRODUCTION

The Myrtle Crowley Goss Papers are centered around Myrtle Crowley Goss of Jamestown, Tennessee and Waverly, Massachusetts. Included are materials related to the Crowley, Goss, and Taylor families, as well as Fentress County and Upper Cumberland area history. The donor is Claude Crowley of Fort Worth, Texas. The collection occupies 1.5 cubic feet of shelf space and numbers approximately 200 items.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Myrtle Crowley Goss Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Myrtle Crowley Goss Papers, 1862-1963, center around Myrtle Crowley Goss (b. 1887) of Jamestown, Tennessee and Waverly, Massachusetts. The collection includes genealogical materials related to the Goss, Crowley, and Taylor families, as well as information on Fentress County, Tennessee and the Upper Cumberland region in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Types of materials in the collection include advertisements, certificates, clippings, correspondence, a hotel register, invitations, land records, lists, maps, marriage records, obituaries, a patent, a pension record, photographs, picture postcards, poetry, printed materials, programs, recipes, a scrapbook, and writings.

Myrtle Crowley was one of five children born to James Yetman Crowley and Martha Taylor Crowley in Fentress County, Tennessee in the latter part of the nineteenth century. After marriage to George Fletcher Goss in 1920, the couple lived for many years in Waverly, Massachusetts. Materials concerning both Tennessee and Massachusetts are featured in the collection.

The papers are arranged by type of document. Correspondence (Box 1, f. 7) is arranged by sender's name, then chronologically. Most of the correspondence consists of family letters, including three Civil War letters from James F. Goss to his wife, Lizzie A. Goss, written from New Bern, North Carolina, 1862-1863. The collection also features numerous photographs of family members and friends from the turn of the century. Box 1, f. 8 includes miscellaneous documents such as a receipt and a partial promissory note of James Y. Crowley, and some notes related to the World War I service of Mrs. Goss' brother, Orestes Crowley and to Jamestown city records. The small prayer book (Box 3) belonged to William Crowley (d. 1847), grandfather of Myrtle Crowley Goss. Also of interest is a hotel register for the Crowley House Hotel in Jamestown, Tennessee for the years 1907 to 1912. This hotel was run by the Crowley family and was later known as the Mark Twain Hotel.

The Myrtle Crowley Goss Papers will be useful for researchers interested in genealogy, Upper Cumberland history, and life in the Upper South at the turn of the century.

CONTAINER LIST

BOX NUMBER 1

1. Advertisements--Boston (Mass.) theaters, 1930?
2. Certificates--Goss, Myrtle Crowley
3. Clippings--Family history
4. Clippings--Fentress County/Upper Cumberland history
5. Clippings--Rugby Colony (Tenn.)
6. Clippings--York, Alvin C.
7. Correspondence
8. Documents, notes, receipts, etc.
9. Invitations
10. Land records--Deeds--Crowley, James Y., 1891 & 1893
11. List--Taylor family birthdates
12. Marriage bond--Reagan, A.J. and Elisabeth Ivans, 1878
13. Obituaries
14. Patent--Undergarment--Goss, Myrtle Crowley, 1936
15. Pension record--Goss, James F., 1915
16. Photographs, drawings, etc.
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18. Picture postcards--Chicago Exposition, 1933
19. Picture postcards--Knoxville & Maryville (Tenn.) buildings
20. Picture postcards--miscellaneous

BOX NUMBER 2

1. Poetry--Owen, James
2. Printed materials--Pamphlet--"Jamestown: The Town with a Forward Look", 1959
3. Printed materials--Speech--"How to Reform Mankind" by Robert G. Ingersoll, 1896
4. Printed materials--U.S. Army songbook, 1918
5. Programs--Boston (Mass.) theaters, 1927-1931
6. Programs--150th anniversary, Battle of Concord, 1925
7. Recipes
8. Scrapbook--Goss, George Fletcher, 1883
9. Writings--Goss, George Fletcher--"Loving Kindness"
10. Writings--Goss, Myrtle Crowley--Notes on family history and Fentress County
11. Writings--Goss, Myrtle Crowley--Notes on Rugby (Tenn.)
12. Writings--Mixson, Dr. W.D. and Dr. W.D. Morton--"Description of Typography and Structures on Lands owned by Dr. W.D. Mixson, Waycross, GA"

CONTAINER LIST, continued:

BOX NUMBER 3

1. Tintype--Goss, James
2. Ambrotype--Hamlett, Aunt Betty
3. Daguerreotype--Goss, Elizabeth West
4. Ambrotype--Unidentified female
5. Hymnbook, 1873
6. Prayer book, no date

BOX NUMBER 4

Hotel register--Crowley House Hotel, 1907-1912

OVERSIZE MATERIALS (8TH STACK-MAP DRAWER TOP)

1. Blueprint--Ball Park Subdivision, 1929
2. Marriage certificate--Goss, James F. & Lizzie A. West, 1870
3. Map--Fentress and Morgan counties, n.d.
4. Map--Second Byrd Antarctic Expedition (color), 1934
5. Photograph--Company H, 1st Regiment Replacement and Training Camp, U.S. Army (World War I)