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Collection Title: Margret Lampton Letters

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Date Span: 1854-1902

Size of Collection: 0.25 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 1 legal half size document case and 1 oversized box.

Type of Material: Correspondence.

Condition of Material: Fair with fading, foxing and tears caused by improper storage and aging.

Arrangement: Chronological arrangement.

Biographical / Historical Information: Margaret Amelia (Ellison) Lampton was born on February 23, 1829. She was the wife of Robert W. Lampton, part owner of the Star Furnace near Ashland, Kentucky. He was also the postmaster of Ashland in the latter part of the 19th century. She died on December 8, 1902 and is buried at the Ashland Cemetery.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of correspondence written by Margaret Lampton of Star Furnace, and Ashland, Kentucky to family members from 1854 to 1902. Collection contains Civil War letters describing events in Boyd County, Kentucky from 1862 to 1864. One mentions the escape of Dave Cook from Ironton, Ohio and the robbery of Lampton's home. Included with the collection is a photograph of Harriet Eliza (Hildreth) Means and a certificate of appointment issued to Robert W. Lampton by President Ulyssis S. Grant to serve as Postmaster of Ashland in 1875.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Lampton, Margaret Amelia, 1829-1902 Lampton, Robert W., 1819-1891 Means, Harriet Eliza Boyd County (Ky.) – History. Star Furnace (Ky.) – History. Ashland (Ky.) – History. United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Personal narratives.

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