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Manuscript Accession Form**

**Collection Title:** Mallie Cody Turner Collection

**Manuscript Series Number:** MS049-1993

**Date Received:** 1993

**Processed by:** Lakin Mullins; reprocessed Dieter C. Ullrich.

**Cataloged by:** Dieter C. Ullrich

**Date Listed:** December 1, 2017. Relisted on August 21, 2020.

**Date Span:** 1887-1972 (bulk, 1920s-1950s)

**Size of Collection:** 1 linear foot.

**Number of Boxes:** 2 letter size document cases

**Type of Material:** Newspaper clippings, correspondence, scrapbooks, journals, photographs, photographic negatives and ephemera.

**Condition of Material:** Good to fair. Materials vary in degree of foxing, but the overall scope is legible.

**Arrangement:** Organized by format type and title of file folder: Chronological arrangement.

**Biographical / Historical Information:**

Mallie Cody Turner, born in 1900 in Irishman's Creek of Knott County, Kentucky, was the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. John Kendrick Cody's ten children. She attended the St. Nicholas High School and later Science Hill Academy in Shelbyville, Kentucky. After completing school, she pursued higher education at Virginia Intermont College, the University of Virginia and the University of Kentucky where she graduated in 1932 with a Bachelor's of Science in Home Economics at the age of 32. In 1936, she married Lawrence Carr Turner while working for the Work's Progress Administration writer's project in London, Kentucky. Mr. Turner attended Transylvania College, Cleveland-Marshall Law School and the University of Kentucky Law School where he graduated in 1940. He later served on the Atomic Energy Commission and as attorney for the Kentucky State Department of Industrial Relations from 1955 until his death in 1959. Mallie Cody Turner was best known as a singer of ballads and as an educator. She passed away on March 14, 1983 in Amburgey, Kentucky.

**Scope and Content:** Collection consists of personal correspondences and photographs of Mallie Cody Turner and her family of Knott County, Kentucky from the 1930s to the 1960s. The

collection contains photographic negatives, scrapbooks, memorabilia, newspaper clippings, journals, family records and ephemera acquired by Ms. Turner. Items of interest include a scrapbook from Virginia Intermont College (1920-1922), correspondence from Cleveland, Ohio (1937-1939), letters from Second World War soldiers (1942-1945), and photographs of the 1927 flood in Hazard, Kentucky, Democratic State Convention (1956), Kentucky Emergency Relief Administration (1930s), Kentucky Industrial Safety Board (1957), Kentucky State Apprentice Council (1956), Venereal Disease Control Project (1930s), W.P.A. Packhorse Library Project (1930s) and various images of buildings, automobiles and airplanes (particularly the Pesko Special) from the from the 1920s and 1930s.

**Subject Headings / Descriptors:**

Turner, Mallie Cody, 1900-1983.

Turner, Lawrence Carr, 1903-1959.

Knott County (Ky.) – History.

Cleveland (Ohio) – History.

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law – History.

Kentucky. Emergency Relief Administration.

Kentucky Industrial Safety Board.

Kentucky State Apprentice Council.

Venereal Disease Control Project.

Pack Horse Library Project.

United States. Works Progress Administration of Kentucky.

**Notes:** Collection was reprocessed in August of 2020 when a box of photographs and negatives associated with the collection was located in archives storage and added to the collection. During reprocessing the financial records were weeded out and removed from the collection.