

The Filson Historical Society

Barton Family Papers

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Size of Collection

1.33 cubic feet

Locator Number: Mss./ A/ B293

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Folder List

Box 1

- folder 1: Personal Correspondence; 1914-1916
- folder 2: Personal Correspondence; January 1917
- folder 3: Personal Correspondence; February 1917
- folder 4: Personal Correspondence; March 1917
- folder 5: Personal Correspondence; April 1917
- folder 6: Personal Correspondence; May - November 1917
- folder 7: Personal Correspondence; December 1917

Box 2

- folder 8: Personal Correspondence; January 1918
- folder 9: Personal Correspondence; February 1918
- folder 10: Personal Correspondence; March 1918
- folder 11: Personal Correspondence; April - May 1918
- folder 12: Personal Correspondence; June - August 1918
- folder 13: Personal Correspondence; September - October 1918
- folder 14: Personal Correspondence; November - December 1918, ca. 1918

Box 3

- folder 15: Personal Correspondence; January - March 1919
- folder 16: Personal Correspondence; April 1919
- folder 17: Personal Correspondence; May - December 1919, no date
- folder 18: Poultry Business Correspondence; 1916-1918
- folder 19: Miscellaneous Business Correspondence; 1914-February 1918
- folder 20: Miscellaneous Business Correspondence; March 1918-1919

Box 4

- folder 21: Financial Documents; 1913-1918, no date
- folder 22: Business Receipts; 1918-1921
- folder 23: Miscellaneous; 1914-1919
- folder 24: Miscellaneous; no date

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Biographical Note

J. Lelon Barton - Summer Shade, Ky., in Metcalfe County. Small farmer, poultry breeder, rural letter carrier, and store owner. Married to Florence Bowman Barton.

Florence Barton - Summer Shade, Ky., in Metcalfe County. Housewife. Married to J. Lelon Barton.

Eva Barton - Alone, Ky., and Edmonton, Ky., both in Metcalfe County. Student at Western Kentucky State Normal School, and later, a teacher in Edmonton. Sister of J. Lelon Barton.

Claud C. Bowman - United States Navy Physician's Mate. Brother of Florence Bowman Barton.

Effie Cook - Tompkinsville, Ky., in Monroe County. Housewife. Sister of Florence Bowman Barton.

Estella Smith - Nobob, Ky., in Barren County. Sister of Florence Bowman Barton.

Blanche Bowman - Bowling Green, Ky., in Warren County. Sister of Florence Bowman Barton.

Maggie Isenberg - Edmonton, Ky., in Metcalfe County. Sister of Florence Bowman Barton.

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Scope and Content

Collection is made up of 24 folders and is contained in four boxes. Personal correspondence from 1914-1919 is of primary importance and gives a detailed look at life on a small, family farm in Metcalfe County, Ky. Topics discussed include poultry breeding, planting and harvesting crops, caring for livestock, family, friends, a severe influenza outbreak, attending Western Kentucky State Normal School in Bowling Green, Ky., and World War I. Additionally, business correspondence from 1914-1919 pertains to poultry breeding, the Rural Letter Carriers Association, the possibility of opening a movie theater in Summer Shade, J.L. Barton's general store, etc. Also includes J.L. Barton's personal financial documents, and his business receipts. Miscellaneous items are also present.