

**The Filson Historical Society**

**The Papers of  
Melville Wortham Otter Briney**

The papers of Melville Wortham Otter Briney, columnist for the *Louisville Times* and author.

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**Size of Collection**

**1.33 cubic feet**

**Locator Number Mss.\A\B858**

## Biographical Note

Melville Wortham Otter Briney (1899-1986), was a columnist for the *Louisville Times* and an author. She was married to Russell Briney.

## Scope and Content Note

Collection includes personal papers and diaries of the Otter and Briney family of Louisville, Ky. Included are letters, 1894-1896, between John Delaware Otter and Melvilla Carter during their courtship, and between Melville Otter and Russell Briney in 1926 during their courtship; diaries kept by her parents, John Delaware and Melvilla Carter Otter for various years from 1887-1940 regarding day to day activities and trips to Europe, Asia, and Mexico; Melville Briney's memory books, 1912-1916, recording her activities while a teenager growing up on St. James Court in Louisville; and six issues of *The Star*, 1885, a periodical edited by John Otter, Neill Roach, and Swager Sherley.

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Melville Wortham Otter Briney  
Papers. 1858-1948.

Box 1

- fl. 1 Correspondence, 1858-1894.
- fl. 2 Correspondence, 1900-1918.
- fl. 3 Correspondence, 1919-1923.
- fl. 4 Correspondence, 1926-1937.
- fl. 5 *The Star*, 1885 Mar.-Sept.
- fl. 6 Miscellaneous.

Box 2

- 7 Address book.
- 8 Diary of Mellie Carter Otter, 1896-1938.
- 9 Diary of John D. Otter, 1887.
- 10 Diary of John D. Otter, 1888 Jan. 1-June 19.
- 11 Diary of John D. Otter, 1888 June 19-Aug. 29.
- 12 Diary of John D. Otter, 1889.
- 13 Diary of John D. Otter, 1896.
- 14 Diary.
  
- pkg. 15 Diploma: John D. Otter, Louisville Male High School, 1889.  
Diploma: Melville Emmett Carter, Louisville Female Seminary, 1890.
- pkg. 16 Memory Book, 1912-1913.
- pkg. 17 Memory Book, 1914.
- pkg. 18 Memory Book, 1915-1916 May.