

Conley-Miller Family Papers (C3693)

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Historical Note:

Kate Singleton Conley (1850-1931) was born at Savannah, Missouri, 15 February 1850, the daughter of Helen Steele and Milton Robards Singleton. A graduate of Christian College, she married Sanford F. Conley at Liberty, Missouri, in 1866. They were the parents of prominent Columbians: Dr. Dudley S. Conley, Sanford F. Conley, William T. Conley, Milton Robards Conley, and Helen Singleton Conley. Kate was a member of Colonial Dames, War Mothers, Daughters of 1812, and was one of the oldest members of the Presbyterian Church in Columbia. Thomas Lewis Singleton, Kate's brother, was a Confederate veteran and "Indian fighter."

Sanford F. Conley (1838-1890) and John C. Conley (1832-1896) were sons of Benjamin Conley, prosperous Boone County farmer. Sanford F. was a Columbia businessman and financier. He served as an officer in the Home Guard during the Civil War and was one of the founders of the Boone County Milling Company. He married Kate Singleton in 1866. John C. was a wealthy Columbia businessman, merchant, farmer, and trader. He never married.

Dudley Steele Conley, surgeon and dean of the University of Missouri School of Medicine, was born in Columbia, Missouri, 26 January 1878. He received a B.L., University of Missouri, 1899, and an M.D. from Columbia University, New York, 1905. He married Sidney A. Boales on 2 January 1915. While practicing surgery in New York, 1909-1918, he also served as an instructor in surgery at Columbia, 1912-1918, and attended postgraduate medical school, 1916-1918. He was a professor of surgery, University of Missouri School of Medicine, 1919-1933; and was appointed dean in 1933. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Reserve Medical Corps, 1917-1919. Memberships included the American College of Surgeons, American Medical Association, and Missouri State Medical Association, vice president, 1935, and president, 1937.

Sanford F. Conley (1871-1948) was a California businessman, investor, and teacher; and Columbia civic leader, school board member, and city councilman. He married Gertrude Broadhead. William Thompson Conley became a New York stockbroker and financier. He married Elsie McCloud.

Milton Robards Conley (1873-1918) was a news reporter; teacher in Arizona, 1896, and at the University Academy, Columbia; and a Columbia attorney with Gillespy and Conley.

Helen Singleton Conley Miller (1882-1976) was a graduate of Christian College, Washington College, and the University Academy. She married Charles Ballentine Miller, 9 June 1903. They had three children: Charles Dudley, George C., and Helen Katherine "Kitty".

Charles Ballentine Miller (1866-1924) was born in Springfield, Ohio. He moved to Joplin with his family when he was four. At the age of twelve, his family moved to Columbia. He attended Columbia schools and the University before going into business at eighteen as a shoe store clerk. He formed a partnership with R.L. Dorsey, which was dissolved in 1890 and became a retail shoe dealer in central Missouri. Millers' Shoes was situated on 8th and Broadway in Columbia.

He married Helen Singleton Conley in 1903. Miller was a member of the Retail Merchants' Association, Round Table Club, Elks, Country Club, Commercial Club, and Rotary. He served on the board of education, was a director of Boone County National Bank, and was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church.

Charles Dudley Miller (1906-1967), son of Charles Ballentine and Helen Singleton Conley Miller, was a graduate of the University of Missouri and Harvard Law School. He married Emaly Pemberton on 15 September 1932 in Black Mountain, North Caroline. He lived in Chapel Hill and was employed by Fraternity Supervision Service.

George C. Miller (1916-1987), son of Charles Ballentine and Helen Singleton Conley Miller, was a Columbia lawyer and businessman. He attended Le Rosey School, Switzerland; Columbia public schools; Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts; and Harvard.

Helen Katherine "Kitty" Miller (1910-2000) was the daughter of Charles Ballentine and Helen Singleton Conley Miller. She married Milo Fowler Hamilton in 1934.

Cynthia "Cindy" Miller Mustard (1943-) is the daughter of George Conley and Elizbeth Nye Conley.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following fourteen series:

Kate Singleton Conley (1850-1931) Dudley Steele Conley (1878-1955) Conley Family Helen Singleton Conley Miller (1882-1976) Charles Ballentine Miller (1866-1924) Charles Dudley Miller Daisy and George Miller Helen Katherine "Kitty" Miller DAR Worksheets and Genealogical Items Miscellaneous Photographs Cynthia "Cindy" Miller Mustard (1943-) Travel Volumes

Scope and Content Note:

More complete series descriptions are located in the container list.

Container List:

Kate Singleton Conley (1850-1931)

This series contains letters to Kate Singleton Conley from her children Sanford F., William T., Milton Robards, Dudley S., and Helen Singleton Conley; her sister, Alice Kemper; her parents, Milton Robards Singleton and Helen Elizabeth Steele Singleton; grandchildren; relatives; and

friends. Accounts, receipts, and miscellaneous items.

Correspondence, n.d., 1868, 1887-1928.

f. 1	Letters and letter fragments from Kate's father and mother [1880s]; others. Jouett Shouse letter.
f. 2-3	Helen's letters to her mother in Los Angeles [1919-1920] and Columbia. Family affairs, trips, servants, social activities, diphtheria and flu epidemics, Missouri University football games described.
f. 4-6	n.d. Letters from Kate's son Dudley S. while a medical student at Columbia College, New York, and a practicing surgeon in New York and Columbia, Missouri. New York boarding houses, his medical career, World War I, and his marriage to Sidney Boales described. Letters from Sidney.
f. 7-9	 n.d. Letters and letter fragments to Kate from her sons M.R., Sanford F. and his wife Gertrude, and William T. and his wife Elsie. M.R. describes the state of his health. Sanford F. refers to confidential business matters, politics, his mother's will, the teaching profession in California as compared with the Midwest, and his views on education. Gertrude describes family affairs and her servant. William T. writes from New York regarding the coal shortage, stock market, politics, death of C.P. Huntington, and riots. His letter from Pennsylvania describes a Republican political gathering for gubernatorial candidate Pennypacker and contrasts it with Midwestern and Missouri Republican gatherings.
f. 10	n.d. Letters from Kate's grandchildren, Garland Conley and Kitty Miller, while students at the University of Missouri, describing humorous family situations and Columbia social life. Sanford Conley describes skunk hunting in McBaine.
f. 11	n.d. Letters from Kate's sister Alice Kemper in St. Joseph [1881-1885], St. Louis [1884-1886], and California [1887-]. Family, death of Uncle Lewis Singleton and brother Tom Singleton, diphtheria, and Black servants, including those from Centralia and the Boone County area, are described.
f. 12-17	n.d. Letters to Kate from her parents in Bolckow and St. Joseph; her sister Alice Kemper; her sons, M.R. and W.T.; grandchildren and others. Family matters including disputes, health, children's schools, child rearing, deaths, the Steele family, servants, clothing and fashion, and other topics.
f. 12	n.d., 1868. Letters from Kat's parents concerning recent marriages; events in Fulton, Macon, and St. Joseph; Kemper family and other relatives; Bolckow farm crop failure, trouble in the church.
f. 17	1887-1889. Letters describing attitude toward death of a Black child, California real estate investments of William Singleton, farming and Los Angeles area. M.R. and W.T. describe work in Conley's sawmill.
f. 18	 1890. Letters from Alice Kemper regarding killing of a man by her cousin D. Arnold and the death of Kate's husband Sanford F. Conley. Sanford F. Conley [Kate's son] letters from St. Louis on his eye condition, finances, work and banking job opportunities.
f. 19	 1891. Letters from Alice Kemper and Sanford F. Conley, Los Angeles, concerning the death of Helen Steele Singleton and settlement of the estate, financial advice regarding the Conley house in Columbia, Kate's boarders, farming and business affairs of Singleton Kemper and Sanford F. Conley. M.R. "Rob" Conley letters regarding his military physical and his mother's

	boarders.
f. 20-21	 1892-1893. Letters from Sanford F. Conley, Los Angeles and Westminster, California, concerning Kate's parents' estate including the Bolckow farm, escort for Helen Kemper to fraternity dances in Columbia, financial advice, his California business affairs, teaching position, views on education and the teaching profession, his eye condition, and Rob Conley's education.
f. 20	1892. People's Party convention and female speaker described. Letter from Helen Conley.
f. 21	1893. Possibilities for starting a new newspaper in Columbia. John L. Robards letter and newsclippings on Robards genealogy.
f. 22-23	1894. Letters from Alice Kemper, Los Angeles, regarding family matters, Uncle Dud's financial failure, servants, equality of men and women, entrapment of men by women, and other topics; from M.R. Conley, St. Louis, mentioning his news stories and concerning his living expenses and his mother's finances. Ben Anderson, lobbyist, is mentioned. M.F. Singleton letter regarding her family.
f. 24	1895. Letters from Sanford F. Conley, Los Angeles and Westminster, and from Rob Conley, Los Angeles, while looking for employment as a student at Westminster. Earthquake and religious reactions of residents described.
f. 25-27	 1896. Letters from M.R. Conley, California and Show Low, Arizona, pertaining to family members, his health, and his school teaching position in Arizona. Descriptions of his travel in a brickboard; towns and people of Holbrook and Show Low, Arizona; the Apache; Mexican children; trade goods; dances and fiestas; intermarriage; comparisons of western and eastern girls; other topics. Letters from Sanford F. Conley, California, regarding the Bolckow farm, Rob and Will Conley's careers as teachers, views of teaching and education, financial and investment advice, and family matters.
f. 28-29	1897. Letters to Kate from her sons Sanford F., California; W.T., New York; M.R., Hot Springs; and Dudley S., Los Angeles, concerning family business matters, the Kemper family, S.F.'s views on education and his current girlfriend, cost of living in California, and the state of their health. Letter from Thomas A. Russell, St. Louis attorney, regarding purchase price for the store.
f. 30-34	 1898-1899. Helen Conley letters from Washington College Boarding School for Young Ladies. Descriptions of her friends, gentleman callers, balls, clothing, church services, theater performances, and other social activities. W.T. Conley letters from Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Los Angeles. Attitudes toward the war. Description of Sampson's fleet and W.T.'s travels in Los Angeles. S.F. Conley letters regarding his business affairs and girlfriend.
f. 33	Description of White House reception, Senator Charles Fremont Cockran, and tour of Congress.
f. 34	M.R. "Rob" Conley describes sightseeing in New York and Boston, his college and studies. Fleet Gignilliat letter regarding her family and Frank Conley's approaching marriage.
f. 35-38	1900. Letters to Kate from her sons M.R. and W.T. and her daughter Helen.
f. 35	Descriptions of M.R.'s college days and activities as a Harvard law student, the Presbyterian Church and predestination. W.T. describes Galveston, Texas, his work at a New York brokerage, New Yorkers' reactions to William Jennings Bryan's candidacy, mood on Wall Street, his lodgings and social life.
f. 36	W.T.'s letters from New York regarding his living quarters, his cook,

	roommates, cast of living, Helen and Minnie's visit, success in the business world.
f. 36-38 f. 38	Helen's letters from aboard ship and aboard with her cousin Minnie Wheeler. Lithographs of English and European hotels. Letters from Helen in St. Joseph, Missouri.
f. 39	1901. Letters from William T. Conley, New York, concerning his stock market profits, Wall Street, the Prewitt family, New York girls' attitudes toward marriage, actress Jeanne Caskie, family matters. Letters from Helen Singleton Conley and Molly Prewitt related to Lucile Prewitt's upcoming wedding, St. Joseph social activities, and Helen's clothes.
f. 40-41	1902. Letters from William T. Conley, New York, concerning his health, views on participation in society affairs, Presbyterian Church, Exchange Bank in Columbia, cancellation of fraternity balls at the University of Missouri, scarlet fever in Columbia, Briscoe family of Virginia, stock market, and labor unions. Letters from Helen, Charlotte, North Carolina; Augusta, Georgia; and Cape Girardeau regarding clothes, parties, wedding gifts, and her gentleman friends.
f. 41	Alice Kemper letter mentions General Guitar. Letters from Dudley S. Conley at Columbia University, describing New York boarding houses and Missouri students at Columbia.
f. 42	1903. Letters from Dudley S. and William T. Conley, Alice Kemper, Thomas Lewis Singleton, Helen and Minnie Wheeler and others regarding Helen's approaching marriage to C.B. Miller. Helen's letter describes her life as a newly-wed in Colorado.
f. 43	1903. Alice Kemper and Thomas Lewis Singleton letters concerning settlement of the Steele estate in St. Joseph. Description of Alice's Black servant. Letters from Dudley S. Conley, Columbia Medical School, New York. Theater and performers described.
f. 44-46	1904-1905. Letters from Alice Kemper, Los Angeles; Dudley S. Conley, New York; Helen and C.B. Miller, Quincy, Illinois, and Hot Springs, Arkansas; John L. Robards, Hannibal.
f. 44	Alice describes D.A.R. gatherings, Steele estate, the Rollins family. Helen's letters from Quincy include instructions for her servants in Columbia.
f. 45	Descriptions of Hot Springs hotels, social activities, and fire; Frank Conley's mayoral candidacy; Los Angeles D.A.R.
f. 46	Robards genealogy.
f. 47-48	1906. Letters from Alice Kemper, Los Angeles; Helen Miller, St. Joseph; Dudley S. Conley, New York, Copenhagen, Germany, London; William T. Conley, Colorado Springs; John Lewis Robards, Hannibal.
f. 47	Descriptions of San Francisco earthquake, Helen's servants in Columbia, Dudley's graduation from Columbia University Medical School, his appointment to Belleview Hospital, and his trip abroad. Comparisons of American and European medical facilities.
f. 48	Lithograph of Hotel Roter Hahn Munchen. Robards genealogy.
f. 49	1907. Letters from Alice Kemper, Los Angeles; Dudley S. Conley, New York; William T. Conley, Philadelphia. Description of Dudley's work as a doctor at Belleview Hospital.
f. 50	1908. William T. Conley letter from York, Nebraska, concerning his wedding.M.R. Conley letters describing his court cases in Columbia, new streets for Sanford Avenue, and Sanford F. Conley's candidacy for public administrator.
f. 51	1909. Letters from Helen Miller, Macatawa Bay, Michigan. Alice Kemper letters

	mention the Japanese and her husband's attitude toward President Theodore Roosevelt. Letters from William T. and Elsie Conley, York, Nebraska, and Dudley S. Conley, New York.
f. 52	1910. Letters from Alice Kemper, Dudley S. Conley, the Colonial Dames, and Tom Singleton.
f. 53	1911. Letters from nieces and nephews and her brother Tom Singleton. M.R. Singleton letter from Nashville concerning his financial affairs and family.
f. 54	 1912. Letters from Captain Dudley S. Conley, U.S. Army, and his wife Sidney. Cousin Helen Wheeler letter from Johannesburg describes the diamond mines and her travels. Alice Kemper letters describe Champ Clark's popularity with California women voters, presidential election results, family political affiliations.
f. 55	1913. Letters from Alice Kemper regarding Los Angeles news, family affairs, divorce, war with Mexico, suffragette kind of women, Tom Singleton's family. Colonial Dames letters.
f. 56	1914-1915. D. Singleton letter concerning death of his father, Thomas Lewis Singleton. Post card from Rome. Letters from nieces and Alice Kemper.
f. 57	 1916. Helen Conley Miller Letters from California describing the Pamona floods, Will Kemper's wedding, and her son Dudley's interracial school. Lithograph of the San Diego Hotel. Letters from Dudley S. Conley, New York; Lillian (Mrs. J.A.) Hudson, Hallsville, concerning quilts she is making for Kate; Alice O. McFarland related to genealogy and Columbia social and D.A.R. events.
f. 58	1917. Letters and postcards from Helen and C.B. Miller in California. The war, rash of enlistments, family, and social activities described. Illness of Jesse Hill in Columbia mentioned.
f. 59	1918. Postcard of First National Bank Building, York, Nebraska. Letter from Shannon Mountjoy, <i>Arkansas Democrat</i> , concerning Bob Conley's death and their youthful days together.
f. 60-62	 1919. Postcards and letters from Helen Conley Miller and her children on vacation in Minnesota and Colorado. Letters to Kate on vacation in California from her family regarding Columbia news, Stephens College and Christian College fund drives, servants, coal and sugar shortage, her finances, Margaret Rollins' wedding. D. Singleton letter concerning Willie Kemper's business failure in Los Angeles. Letters from Mrs. B.A. Watson; Daisy, the Miller's servant; T.J.J. see and others.
f. 63-64	 1920. Letters to Kate in California from her family and friends. Servants, Willis Knight touring car, bridge parties and other Columbia social affairs described. Kate L. Guitar letter. Financial statement. Lydia Row letter describes her work in the House Communications part of the Red Cross at Bourges, France, in 1918. Katherine Conley describes her suitors and fraternity dances.
f. 64	Alice Kemper describes her family's reactions to the women's suffrage election and Los Angeles suffragettes.
f. 65	1921. Alice Kemper letter from Los Angeles.
f. 66	1926. Letter from Kate's niece Beth in California.
f. 67	1927. Letter from Kate's nephew Milton Singleton describes the old Singleton home in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. Letters from Kitty Miller, Kate's granddaughter, from Smith College; other family members and friends.
f. 68	1928. Mary Lydia Rowe letter concerning her family and work as an occupational therapist in Oak Terrace, Minnesota. Alice Kemper mentions the <i>Columbia</i>

Daily Tribune and describes dissent in her Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles.

Miscellaneous

f. 69	Funeral notices, obituaries, and newspaper biographies for John C. Conley, 1896;Milton Robards and Helen Steele Singleton of Andrew County, 1891; SanfordF. Conley (1838-1890); and John Conley (1811-). Wedding invitations. S.F.
	Conley's grade cards from Columbia public schools, 1883-1884; commission as fourth ward city councilman, 1904; editorial regarding his mayoral
	candidacy. Photographs of children. News clippings. Letters.
f. 70-73	Grocery account books, n.d. Accounts and receipts from Columbia merchants, grocers, and individuals, n.d., 1900-1928.
f. 74	Newspaper obituary of Kate Singleton Conley, 1931. Miscellaneous items.

Dudley Steele Conley (1878-1955)

Personal letters from family members, Phi Delta Theta fraternity brothers, and friends, 1895-1902. Business letters, account books and related material concerning Charles Mathews Mercantile Company and Bihr, Watson, and Conley Shoe Company, Columbia, 1900-1901. Bills and receipts, 1897-1901. Newspaper clippings. Miscellaneous items.

Correspondence, n.d., 1896-1903, 1931-1936

f. 75-76	n.d., 1896-1897. Letters to Dudley while a student at the University Missouri concerning fraternity parties; pinnings; girl friends; jobs; Columbia news;
	social life in Columbia, St. Joseph, and Mexico; family matters, and other
	topics. Correspondents include Robert Brown, Carrollton, Gail Allee, Olean;
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	J.P. McBaine, Centralia; S.L. "Laws" Watson, St. Louis; Jouette Shouse;
	Harry B. Broadhead; his mother; his sister Helen and others.
f. 77-85	1897-1898. Letters to Dudley residing in Los Angeles with his Kemper relatives
	and brother S.F. Conley. Correspondents include his sister Helen, a Christian
	College student; his mother Kate; J.P. McBaine; Harry Broadhead; Laws
	Watson; Elmer Peper; Mary Lee Reed; and others. Descriptions of Phi Delta
	Theta fraternity activities; girls; Columbia social, University, and college life;
	family news; shoe business.
f. 77	1897. Camp meeting described.
f. 78	1897. Descriptions of Episcopal Church cake walk and whites impersonating
	African Americans; Christian College girls.
f. 79	1897. Letters of Harry Broadhead, Laws Watson and others, relating to
	fraternity pledges and girls. Costs of sending Helen to Berlin for music
	lessons and her popularity described by her mother. Helen describes the
	Tiger football team and Christian College girls.
f. 80	1897. J. Patterson McBaine letter describing Shattuck School, Faribault,
1.00	Minnesota. Laws Watson letters. Helen's letters describing parties, dances,
	concerts, and other social activities in Columbia.
f. 81	1897. Laws Watson letter about Dudley's future in the shoe business.
1. 01	Fraternity dances. Columbia news.
f. 82	1897. Descriptions of parties, including a progressive love party; Christmas
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presents. Harry Broadhead letter concerning the shoe business in	

- Columbia. f. 83 1898. Descriptions of student and fraternity antics, confrontation with local police, and disciplinary dismissals and suspensions; races and jubilees in Mexico, Missouri; Episcopal Church fire in Columbia; serenades. J.P. McBaine letters from Shattuck School, Minnesota.
- f. 84 1898. Minnie Wheeler describes St. Joseph social life. Minor York letters from Texas. Mary Lee Reed letters.
- f. 85 1898. Letters from Helen, Washington College, and Minnie Wheeler, Dobbs Ferry School, New York. Stage plays, friends, school and social activities, Episcopal Church, and sightseeing described.
- f. 86 1899. Helen Conley and Minnie Wheeler letters concerning their schools and activities. Mary Lee Reed letter from Fort Smith, Arkansas, describing social activities.
- f. 87 1899. W.F. Wilson letter regarding his dry goods in St. Louis, fraternity brothers, success, and Dudley's future. Elmer C. "Dutch" Peper letters. Jouett Shouse letter. Mary Lee Reed letters from Pauls Valley, Indian Territory, where she taught. Minor York letter concerning his marriage, Phi Delta Theta friendship, and fraternity pin. Louise Bryant, Marshall, Missouri, mentions typhoid fever. Letter from York & Holmes Land Company, 1899. Letter from Jouett H. Shouse, 1899.
- f. 88 1899. Jouette H. Shouse letter concerning possible partnership in purchase of the Republican daily The Journal in Peoria, Illinois.
- 1900. Business letters to Dudley while manager of the shoe department, Charles f. 89-93 Matthews Mercantile Company, Columbia. Letters from lady friends in Warrenton, Orrick, and Marshall. S.L. "Laws" Watson letters, St. Joseph and Columbia, concerning business partnership, the shoe business, girls, and personal matters. Letters from family members and friends.
 - f. 89 George L. Belcher letter concerning shoe store potential in Carrollton. Blind Boone performance in Logan, Iowa, described by Mary Lee Reed. Harry Jacks, Montgomery City, describes the charms of young ladies and his published stories. Jouett Shouse letter, Lexington, Kentucky.
- f. 94-97 1901-1903. Letters from former Phi Delta Theta fraternity brothers concerning their jobs, the future, investment opportunities, and other topics. Correspondents include Jouett Shouse, Morning Herald, Lexington, Kentucky; Laws Watson; Harry J. Jacks, publisher, Montgomery Standard; E.C. Peper, St. Louis; and others. Letters related to sale of Dudley's shoe business. Letters from White and Belcher cousins; his brother, William T., New York; his mother and sister; and lady friends.
- f. 98 1931-1936. Garland Conley letter from Heidelberg, Germany, 1931, to his aunt Sidney Conley. 1936 letter concerning legal proceedings against the Gates family in Mississippi and Arkansas. Letters from Dudley Miller about his forthcoming marriage to Emaly Pemberton.

Shoe Business, 1890s-1901

f. 99 Itemized shoe accounts. Accounts of Dudley's sales and commissions, 2900, Charles Matthews Mercantile Company. f. 100 Bihr, Watson and Conley Shoe Company merchant's license, accounts, receipts, and correspondence, 1901.

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f. 101 Miscellaneous shoe business items including lists of Missouri towns, shoe dealers and buyers; account books, n.d., 1901; and descriptive shoe sample lists.

Miscellaneous

Bills and receipts, 1897-1901, from Columbia bakeries, stables, laundries, and
other businesses.
Report cards from the University of Missouri, 1896, 1897, 1902; from Christian
College, 1890. Promissory notes, 1897-1900. Bank account books, 1899. List
of class of '99. 1900 personal tax receipt.
Fraternity and Sorority invitations and dance programs. Chapter rolls, chaperones,
and types of dances listed. Private dance invitations from various Columbia
ladies and families, 1896-1902.
1907 surgery notes from College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.
News clippings of Dudley's marriage and surgical honors.

Conley Family

Letters to various members of the Conley family, and miscellaneous items.

f. 108	Garland Conley, son of Sanford F. and Gertrude Broadhead Conley. Letter from his Ant Helen, 1900; his father, 1908. News clippings.
f. 109-109a	John C. Conley (1832-1896). Financial records, 1870-1876, and account book of money loaned, 1870-1890.
f. 110-111	Milton Robards Conley. Letters, n.d., 1891-1900, from his brothers Sanford F., Los Angeles; W.T., New York; his sister Helen, London and Amsterdam; his niece Kitty Miller, and others. Sanford F. mentions student fights and suspensions at the University, and offers opinions on the 1896 election, the teaching profession, and financial and business opportunities. John W. Wilkinson letter regarding sale of his position at the University Academy, Columbia; salary and expenses. Bills and receipts, 1910. News clippings. Memorials.
f. 112	Sallie Conley (1841-1918). Letter from her niece Helen in Germany, 1900, and her nephew Dudley S. in New York, 1903. Newspaper obituary.
f. 113	Sanford Francis Conley (1838-1890), leading Columbia businessman and financier. Newspaper obituaries and estate administration notice.
f. 114-118	Sanford F. Conley. Letters to Sanford in Los Angeles, 1897-1898, and Columbia, 1918-1941, from family members and friends. Election certificates, news clippings and miscellaneous items.
f. 114	n.d., 1897. Kate's letters to her sons Dudley and Frank concerning Columbia and family news, her finances and business dealings, ownership dispute with the city over Conley Street property her boarders.
f. 115	1898-1924. Letters from Kate, William T., and Helen. Dudley S. Conley letter concerning going overseas with his medical unit, 1918. Deaths of M.R. Conley, 1918, and C.B. Miller, 1924.
f. 116	1928-1941. Death of Kate Singleton Conley. Letter from Garland in Germany, 1931. Letters to S. F. Conley from B. M. Anderson, Jr., 1928.
f. 117-118	Miscellaneous.
f. 119	William Thompson Conley. Letter from his brother Sanford F., Los Angeles,
	1891. Letter of introduction from Amanda Caskie, 1901. Newspaper

clippings. School merit rewards, [1890s].

Helen Singleton Conley (1882-1976)

Letters to Helen Singleton Conley while a student at Christian College, Washington College, and the University Academy; on trip abroad with Helen and Minnie Wheeler; in St. Joseph, Columbia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Lexington, Kentucky; up to her marriage to C.B. Miller in 1903. Correspondents include her mother, Kate Singleton Conley; her brothers Sanford F., William T., Milton Robards, and Dudley S. Conley; her cousin, Minnie Wheeler; gentleman friends; Kemper relatives; and others. Scrapbooks, 1870-1903. Miscellaneous items related to Helen's school and college days.

Correspondence, undated, 1890s-1903

f. 120	Undated
f. 121	1890s-1894. Social activities in St. Joseph described by John Barrow Motter.
f. 122	1895. Minnie Wheeler, St. Joseph, describes her school courses, a baptism in the Catholic convent, her family's new home, and travel in South Dakota. M.R. Conley, Westminster, California, describes earthquake.
f. 123-124	 1896. Lucy Knapp describes Christmas in St. Louis and mission work. M.R. Conley letters from Show Low, Arizona, offer helpful hints on writing essays, describe calf and bull roping, his teaching and exhibition, and western girls. University Academy mentioned in Conley brothers' letters. Minnie Wheeler describes bicycle parade in St. Joseph. Letters from girlfriends. Marion Burruss letter regarding outings in Carrollton.
f. 125	1897. S.F. Conley letter, Los Angeles. Letters from Minnie Wheeler and girlfriends relating to St. Joseph coaching parties, social life, boys, and the new country club.
f. 126	1898. Description of curriculum, school and social life at Dobbs Ferry School, New York.
f. 127-130	 1899. Letters to Helen at Washington College and in St. Joseph and Columbia from her brothers W.T. and M.R.; gentleman friends including T.J.J. See, U.S. Naval Observatory; Sewell T. Watts, Boston; college friends. Descriptions of college life at Washington College, Harvard, Vassar, and Dobbs Ferry; football; Boston celebrations in honor of Dewey and the Olympia; travel in Canada.
f. 131-140	1900. Letters to Helen in Columbia; New York; abroad with Minnie and Helen Wheeler, May-September, St. Joseph in December. Correspondents include M.R. Conley, Harvard, with humorous descriptions of college life; Fred Dearing (in French); Virginia Dyas, Vassar; Minnie Wheeler, St. Joseph and Dobbs Ferry; St. Joseph friends; gentleman friends; and others.
f. 131	Virginia Dyas describes New York plays and entertainments.
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