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**Myrtle Evans Bowen Collection**

**Bowen, Myrtle Evans (1898–1975). Papers, 1898–1975. .10 foot.**

Pioneer. Biographical and genealogical material (1898–1975) written by Bowen describing frontier and pioneer life in Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory.

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**Items:**

Letter from Clark Hillard, cousin of Mrs. Bowen (sometimes spelled Boen), regarding the enclosed photocopies of the Civil War records of Josiah S. Clark that Hillard obtained from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Josiah S. Clark, grandfather of Myrtle Evans Bowen, enlisted in the 19<sup>th</sup> Mississippi Infantry of the Confederate States of America on March 2, 1862, at the age of 26.

Short Works by Myrtle Evans Bowen:

- Jingles for Kelley's Amusement while Hospitalized, January 1972: Hospitals, I Will Not Cry.
- Beginnings of a life history of Myrtle Evans Bowen. Explains her reasons for writing and begins with a brief history and her early childhood up until her father's death in early 1901 as a result of a wagon accident. Her mother gave her the middle name of "Georgia" at this time (Her father's first name was George).
- Browsings of the Past. Memories of her early childhood. Last half of this work contains detailed descriptions of butchering hogs and curing the meat.
- A Sort of Family Record for Those Who Come after Me. Describes the Clark and Evans families.
- An Episode of Dogs. Describes problems encountered by Mrs. Bowen when moving from Oklahoma City to Davis.
- Small pie pumpkins like Pike's Peak do best in Oklahoma. Describes raising a vegetable garden.
- "A try at fiction...based on real experiences." Describes small town life in early days of Oklahoma.
- I Believe. A profession of faith.
- Quotes from the Bible and additional comments.

- Fruits of the flesh vs. fruits of the Spirit.
- Wishes for her funeral service.

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Obituary and Eulogy for Myrtle Evans Bowen, 1898-1975.