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**Kathleen Leiper Faux Collection**

**Faux, Kathleen. Papers, 1888–1995. .50 foot.**

Collector. Correspondence (1889–1890) of the Reverend and Mrs. Joseph Leiper and Margaret McCarrell, regarding their experiences as Presbyterian missionaries at Park Hill, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory; notes (1935) written by Rev. Leiper regarding his life's work; a typewritten manuscript (1995) by Kathleen Faux regarding the letters of Rev. Leiper and Mrs. McCarrell; *Cherokee Pictorial Book with Catechism and Hymns*, compiled and translated by Rev. A. N. Chamberlin, 1888; and an article by Joseph McCarrell Leiper regarding the life and work of Rev. Joseph Leiper.

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**About the collection:**

The collection includes sixty-three letters dated from December 1889 - November 1890 from Reverend Joseph McCarrell Leiper, his wife Fanny, and his aunt Margaret McCarrell. These letters relate to their missionary experiences at Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Indian Territory. They were written to Margaret McCarrell's sisters, Sarah "Sadie" McCarrell Welling, Rebecca "Beckie" McCarrell, and Juliet "Julie" McCarrell, who resided at the Welling home in Warwick, New York. Margaret "Maggie" McCarrell raised Joseph "Joe" Leiper after the death of his parents when he was a child. Ms. McCarrell had opened private schools to support the family before Sarah inherited the estate of her husband, William Welling. Fanny Leiper probably sent her letters to her family in Massachusetts.

Folder 61 contains one letter dated December 6, 1897 from W. M. Hamilton to his brother, Reverend J. McCarrell Leiper, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Blauvelt, New York. The letter describes the re-starting of the Cherokee press and asks for support. (These notes were provided by the donor of the collection, Kathleen Faux.)

The inventory which follows includes the date, heading, and a brief synopsis of each letter. In general, these letters tell about various mission activities such as meetings and services, as well as daily happenings in the lives of the Leipers and McCarrell.

**Box F-29**

FF1    December 14, 1889?

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My Dear Sisters..." Letter written by Margaret McCarrell before the arrival on December 14, 1889? of Joseph and Fanny Leiper at Park Hill, Indian Territory. This letter relates how Mr. Ross met them with his wagon, house preparations for their arrival, and a prayer meeting.

FF2    December 23, 1889

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, I.T., Dec. 23d. 1889. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: a trip to Elm Spring to take a photo of the school there, and entertainment and decorations planned for the Christmas celebration at Park Hill.

FF3 December 25, 1889

"Christmas Evening, 1889. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell provides detailed account of gifts presented to students, Christmas service, a turkey dinner, and how Sallie stuffed the cracks in the library walls.

FF4 December 27, 1889

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., Friday 27th/89. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: visit to Woodall, Christmas day at the Ross home in Tahlequah, and how Mr. Ross came up to the "colored" celebration and gave a book to each child.

FF5 December 31, 1889

"Tuesday Dec. 31/89. My Dear Aunts..." Joseph Leiper's account of music at the Ross home on Christmas day with Ada and Fannie performing a piano duet, Leon on the guitar, Joseph whistling, and all singing. Also mentions Mr. Ross' hurt leg.

FF6 December, 1889?

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Margaret McCarrell's account of Christmas preparations and gifts for schools.

FF7 January, 1 1890

"Friday P.M. Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: holding B.C.S. at the church; illness in the Thompson family; Fannie rides well; trying "to secure some colored girls for domestics;" and the boys liked the brushes they received as Christmas presents.

"Park Hill Mission, Jan. 1. Our dear Aunts..." Letter from Fanny Leiper re.: an "unparliamentary" Sunday School election in which Fanny was put in as superintendent but Joe and Fanny think that Mrs. Ross should keep that position. Also describes Fanny's school class, and mentions that she has taken quinine three times but has felt no signs of malaria.

FF8 January, 6 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, I.T. Jany 6th 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: the arrival of an antique bedroom set and a piano from Ft. Gibson. This letter describes how they were trying to make the home as bright and pretty as they could, and to

have people enjoy it with them. "Outside of distinctive Bible teaching, nothing is more needed by these people than to teach them how to live...most of them [houses] are the most forlorn places you ever want to get into."

FF9 January 12, 1890

"January 12th, 1890, Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, I.T. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: Miss Thompson, the new teacher at Woodall; taking pictures with camera from town; presenting gifts to children from box from Worcester (Mass.); and a report from Hannah who helps in the house that their children named their dolls, Miss McCarrell, Mrs. Mathis, and Mrs. Leiper. Letter also states, "The Board wrote me saying they could not undertake the school, but since they have found I was going to carry on the school anyway they write me the action will be reconsidered..."

FF10 January 13, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell includes additional description about Christmas celebrations, and general household chores.

F11 January 15, 1890

"Wed. Jan. 15./90 Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: how the piano is a great attraction and Fanny is very popular; Fanny gave a drawing lesson at (Park Hill) school; a 25 year old attends school and they only speak English; a family of white children was removed from school because a girl who had some negro blood was admitted; children come to school thinly clad; and the peach trees have bloomed.

F12 January 18, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, I.T. Jany 18th/90. My dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: twenty-two people attended a night class in a small room; service was held in parsonage instead of heating the church; the piano is a great help; and on the next sabbath Joe plans to go to a large neighborhood called Shirley's about six miles beyond Elm Springs.

F13 January, 1890?

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell and Joseph Leiper telling that Sallie and Fannie are sick; the pump froze and the handle broke so there was no water; Ada Ross acts as substitute teacher; Billy's horse has a sore foot from the mud and cold; and people pay their dues by providing stove wood. Joe also writes, "this zero weather, with four stoves going just makes a pile melt right down like snow in May sunshine."

F14 January 22, 1890

"1890, Park Hill, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Jan. 22nd. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: high water and how a boy helped transport smaller children of other families on his mule across the brook (Barren Fork and Illinois River); "La Grippe" (flu) has prevailed somewhat in Tahlequah; and Margaret is using the German yarn sent by Julie to knit gloves for Joe since they will shed rain when he is on horseback.

F15 January 29, 1890

"Park Hill-Jan. 29'90, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: trouble at Elm Springs School. "Miss Guernsey (teacher) is very peculiar and has some strange ideas, all right in school but not judicious out of it."

F16 February 3, 1890

"Park Hill, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 3rd. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: visit of the Guernseys and Miss Caleb. Miss Guernsey is worn out with the close attention she gives to her school. Maggie tried to go to town but Lollo (pony) would not move. Lollo has a sore mouth and Joe is planning to cut her gums.

F17 February 5, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah Ind. Ter. Feb. 5th, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: the Justus family difficulties and Joe's firm stand (see Margaret's explanation in her January 15 letter).

F18 ca. February 10, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: change of seasons; thanking Alice Berry for quilts which were given away and need for more; and treating "La Grippe" with two capsules of Dover's powders at bedtime followed by quinine in the morning.

F19 February 10, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: Mrs. Crow (half-blood) who was baptized at a communion. The Crow family put their farm in the hands of a renter so that they could move into this neighborhood and their three children could attend school. Mrs. Woodall tells of emigrating from Tennessee by steamboat. Seven hundred Cherokees came in that way.

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Feb. 10, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: taxes and other bills; communion service; five presented themselves for admission to the church, "among them Mr. and Mrs. Gist who walked two miles carrying the baby and leaving the other five children at home...;" also admitted were Mrs. Crow

(Walkabout), and Sarah and George Stokes; Ada and Mary Ross were much impressed and helped by the regular services; over fifty people attended the church meeting last night; and Mr. Ross and Mr. Lewis also are awakened and want to be more earnest in the work. "We all feel that after the dark days and troubles that have been about us that the Lord is sending us a blessing that we may be strengthened and encouraged."

F20 ca. mid-February

"My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: the opening of the Woodall school; Mr. Ross is putting up a house for the "Walkabouts;" Joe had treated four patients with quinine and Dover's powders; and description of a tiny house about eight feet square where a family of seven or eight lives (mother has typhoid fever and a daughter has "La Grippe").

F21 February 13, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 13th, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: Fannie giving a drawing lesson and doing a portrait of Manus. Joe writes, "we all feel that God has been pleased to hear and answer our prayers for the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit." Also, Margaret's older students have been taken out of school to work in the fields.

F22 February 24, 1890

"Monday Feb. 24/90, Park Hill, Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell describing little girls riding double on a mule with a huge umbrella over them; twenty-eight day pupils at Woodall; old pulpit from a Tahlequah church makes Joe's preaching easier at Woodall; Miss Sallie is sick again; and descriptions of flocks of birds, and blooming flowers.

F23 February 24, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Feb. 24th/90. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: how some people are sent with the grippe for treatment to an old lady doctor at the mission; Miss Thompson is just the one for Woodall; and how Joe is encouraged at the continued attendance of the boys and men, some of which have not gone to church for years.

F24 March 3, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Mch. 3d, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: how he was sick with sore throat and hoarse voice; since the pump is still broken, Hannah carries water from the Branch; Leon Ross will be Assistant Postmaster; Fanny made ice cream which Hannah froze and served with strawberry jam; Nelson was busy cutting wood and oiling harness; and Joe made a garden which Mr. Gist "ploughed and put in potatoes."

F25 March 7, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Friday Evening, March 7th, 1890, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My Dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: Miss Sallie is still sick and Ada Ross is teaching in her place; two families nearby are sick with "La Grippe;" five children go to school and two boarders; and the blacksmith made a pump handle of wrought iron and the pipes did not freeze at night after they were covered with saddle blankets and newspapers.

F26 March 8, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Mch 8th, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: the arrival of mackerel which is "cheaper than canvass ham at 15 cents per pound and we must have something in the house to fly to in a hurry when no fresh meat can be had." Also, Joe regrets not spending enough time with the people across the river and vows to meet with them once a week instead of once in two weeks.

F27 March 12, 1890

"Tues., Mar 12th, Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: water so high in the brooks that she dismissed school early "to let the children cross them while they could." Also, two new boys at McCarrell's school are almost men, live four or five miles away, and know little about books.

F28 March 12, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Mch 12th 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: a tremendous rain that poured all day and night and caused the Branch to rise fast and almost made (Park Hill) an island with two branches on either side; Maggie and Fanny want to go and see the high water; Joe and Maggie and others plan to go to Presbytery in hopes of seeing Dwight Mission School and Walnut Grove; plans to have boarding students at Park Hill have not worked out; Annie Van has stayed with the Lewis family as well as other Cherokee overnight guests; and although "whites" have applied to Mr. Lewis to become boarding students, Joe has said "no".

F29 March 14, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Mch 14th, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: plans to visit Elm Spring but the river bottom is flooded; horseback ride to visit Robert Meigs and then to the Natural Chimney rock formation not far from Meigs' house; vents frustration that students only attend school irregularly; and describes how a mail stage was overturned in the river.

F30 March?

"Park Hill, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: Joe has begun a series of lectures on the catechism but does not announce that he takes it,

and mentions that the remedy of Dover's powders and quinine seems to be working.

F31 March 17, 1890

"Park Hill, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Mar. 17th/90. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: Maggie dined at the mission in Tahlequah and met a teacher who had been at Wealaka, a contract school for the Creeks. "The house had been burned the week before, consequently, the school broken up and the teachers dispersed in various directions." Also describes Fanny trying to learn the words of a song in Cherokee with no dictionary, and Miss Thompson's school which "has only one pure white child, the others are mixed."

F32 March 20, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Mch. 20th. 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: Mr. Lewis and Nelson set out some fruit trees for Joe; Sarah has returned; Fanny gets along first-rate when she has a girl to clean up but she likes to cook herself and has been very successful in everything she's tried; Joe's peas are up; Mr. Meigs sent a mess of new potatoes which he grew in a pit all winter; and Fanny wants her "aunties" to make her some long aprons.

F33 March?

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Friday evening, eleven o'clock. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: the Spring River is high; Mr. Chamberlain gave Fannie a Cherokee name; and describes Chamberlain in detail.

F34 May 1, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, May. 1st, 1890. My dear Sadie..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: plans to go to a May party at the Cherokee Female Seminary which "will be a wide gathering of the countryside and one can see one phase of life here;" a visit to Ada Ross; need new lamp wicks; and our school will probably close this month. "The prairie is plentifully adorned with flowers, among others a very pretty daisy delicate mauve and a fine flower does not grow high at all." "A very small school to-day so many of the children are dropping corn..." Also includes description of fashions Fanny expects to see at the Seminary picnic.

F35 May 8, 1890

"Prk Hill Mission, Tahlequah, I.T. May 8th, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: closing the school since nearly everyone is going to the May party; preparing a sermon on Moses; praises Mrs. Crow but adds "if there were only a few more of this kind here. But most of them are such an unappreciative lot that it is hard work often. Such strong prejudices and such awful talkers. You can have no adequate conception of what it is like from anything East." Also mentions that they developed some new photos, and that Dr. Hill had a lot of magic lantern slides at Muscogee and also a lot of negatives of Indian

scenes. Joe writes that he would like to make these into lantern slides for a trip back East.

F36 Early May

"Park Hill Mission, Sat. A.M. May. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: boys dropping corn and will set out sweet potatoes; since no one has fenced pastures for either stock or horses, the ponies run off to find fresh grass, and generally gather in herds on the prairie; we have thirty little chicks; a meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society; and more information about the May party including speeches and a May queen.

F37 May 17, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. May 17th 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: large attendance at Elm Spring but couldn't start until 8:30 p.m.; Joe and Fannie plan to show the Magic Lantern slides at Woodall, Muscogee, and Fort Gibson (they want to see the fort before the soldiers leave and the fort is abandoned); and mentions various photographic scenes.

F38 May 17, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Sat. May 17th/90. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: a Mothers' Group started by Fannie because "the women were so confused at home with their children and housework." One mother came on horseback with a baby, she also has six children, makes all their clothes, and spins yarn for their stockings which she knits. They wear woolen socks all summer long because they are cooler than cotton. "You see girls and women who in public look neat and clean, then go to their houses, oh dear, one room for living room, bedroom and all for eight or ten people." Also had tea at Mr. John Ross', "they live like Eastern people there..." Ada and Mary Ross came and played croquet.

F39 May 19, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, May 19th, 1890. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: a black teacher at McCarrell Institute named Cynthia. She has a certificate for primary teacher from the Cherokee School Board. "She has not attended a mission school but they had a good teacher in colored public school for several years near Ft. Gibson and she learned there. Her father is a Baptist preacher." Mr. Henry visited the school and "Miss Sallie's children could recite verses for him but mine are too old and self conscious to do themselves any credit so I do not attempt to show them off. Besides they are so irregular in attendance they cannot be classed." Also, story of how all the country side went to a Methodist funeral of a man who was shot and killed by the sheriff while bringing in whisky.

F40 May 20, 1890

"P.S. May 20th 1890..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: have already had peas, lettuce, radishes, and spinach on the table, corn is waist high, melons and squash were up, and potatoes were nearly ready to dig; and went with Mr. Thomson and Mr. Henry, a student

from Union, to Elm Spring to see the work with full bloods. Twenty attended with our own family and Brother Thomson gave a sermon on reconciliation through Christ. Also, includes detailed description of their house.

F41 May 26, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, May 26th/90. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: Mrs. Crow sews very neatly and is making a blue striped gingham dress for Maggie; Cynthia went to the church in town with a family of freedpeople including Moses Ross, a former slave of the old chief; and, next week, we close with an exercise in the afternoon but decided not to have lunch since "the wrong people would eat it just - come and grab..."

F42 May 29, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. May 29th 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: preparations for closing exercises; Don Ross led in prayer which is a great gain and very encouraging considering what he was and is; and Fanny has been helping with music for the closing exercises. Also, Joe writes about Miss Thomson, "she does so well with the religious and Sabbath work a part which I desired to make prominent, as is not done in some of the Mission Schools as it should be. The teachers make too much of School work and forget the main idea in their appointment."

F43 June 7, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. June 7th 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: detailed description of the closing exercises at Park Hill and Elm Spring including decorations, prayers, songs, speeches, etc. "David Smallwood made a speech in English and paid a high tribute to Pres. Mission Schools. He said what some of us would like to have said but, coming from a outsider would have done harm but from a full blood was very strong and to the point. 'Public schools (Cherokee National) no good. Children no study, laugh talk look around, teachers don't know anything. Mission School, Dwight, Tahlequah, Park Hill, Elm Spring learn fast.'"

F44 June 18, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah. Ind. Ter. Wed. 18th Jun/90. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: her colt Ouchalada who suffered a torn shoulder which she had to sew up; her salary and how "the Board is in debt and may not pay for some time;" and Mr. Mathis presided over three services in one day at Elm Spring and Park Hill.

F45 June 20, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. June 20, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: their horses; Joe's studies; the daughter of Dr. Butler, one of the early missionaries to the Cherokees and "the founder I believe of Park Hill Mission;" and details about their garden.

F46 June 21, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. June 21st. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: house cleaning; syringe to clean Ouchie's (colt) wound; possible trip to see Doctor in Chicago by Sallie and Fanny; and made puddings and pie to be ready for Sabbath.

F47 June?

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Friday. My Dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: spring cleaning; explanations of why the two teachers, Miss Caleb and Miss Guernsey, at Elm Spring are to be changed; Maggie may go to Muscogee next week to put Fannie and Miss Sallie on train for Chicago; Fannie's trouble "'falling of the womb' recently came on, has been taking too long rides on horse-back lately. Miss Sallie is perhaps troubled in the same way..."

F48 July 5, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. July 5th, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: preparing deeds for Park Hill and Elm Spring properties; hot, dry spell is killing the crops; description of July 4 celebration, "there was some excitement in town, some shooting all the guards were called in town and the force doubled, things are not as bad as they used to be but shooting is plenty yet." Also, includes detailed description of Mr. Crow's house and mentions "Mr. Ross built or helped Crow build (a house), but he is a typical Indian full blood. He is a strong able bodied fellow but 'happy go lucky' and will not do any more work than he can help."

"Park Hill Mission, Sat. July 5th/90. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: Maggie is busy dressmaking for Fannie and Miss Sallie, using a sewing machine on loan from Johnnie Stapler; making plans for trip to Muscogee where Fanny and Miss Sallie will board a train to Chicago, then go to the Presbyterian Hospital there; plan to leave at one a.m., driving by moonlight to avoid the heat and dust, reach the Grand River about six or seven a.m. in time for the ferry; states "Joe and I rode on horseback to Tahlequah on Thursday intending to get our tea at Mr. Thompson's." Also, Maggie writes, "I have some curiosity to see something of the wild tribes now that I am here there is not much Indian about these people here, they have been civilized too long."

F49 July 10, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. July 10th, 1890. My Dear Wife..." Letter from Joseph Leiper to Fanny Leiper re.: Joe and Maggie reached the ferry and the boat was waiting for them, passed through Ft. Gibson, had planned to stop at Woodall, dark by the time they reached Mannards on their way home which they finally reached at 11:30 p.m.. Letter indicates that they had dropped off Fanny and Miss Sally for their railroad trip from Muscogee to Chicago. Also, there was a Moravian picnic which got rained on, and Maggie

and Joe rode up to McCarrell Institute for the closing exercises and were impressed with the progress the students have made in only three months.

F50 July 11, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah. Ind. Ter. July 11, 1890. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: thirty miles to Muscogee (six hour drive each way in cool weather, seven hours in this season); made the trip in one day; comments on the housekeeping in the mission at Muscogee; details of the closing exercises at colored school (McCarrell Institute); nine regular pupils learned to read in three months; "The children read, spelled, recited some very short pieces, answered a good many questions in Geography, many of them I am sure were learned by rote and they did not know what they meant but they named the New England states (& middle) giving the capital of each ...the names of the Presidents..."

F51 July 19, 1890

"1890, Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Sat. A.M. July 19. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: trip to Vinita to attend the International Sunday School Convention; detailed description of Vinita and its inhabitants, "Muscogee and Vinita are very much like any western town and the people refined and pleasant at least it seems so to me after my year in the Territory"; first rain in two months; at the convention, Mrs. Shepherd reported about a Bible Society that she started at her home in Illinois; train ride from Muscogee to Vinita; mentions a conversation with a Miss Wright from Atoka, her father was a full blood Choctaw who attended Union College and Union Seminary in New York; discusses Fanny's and Miss Sallie's medical condition; and includes a detailed diagram of the Vinita Presbyterian Church.

F52 August 1, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Aug. 1st, 1890. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: that Hannah is sick, "Mrs. Crow could not take Hannah's place quite though I might train her but these Indian women are not accustomed to hard work and it tires them to be kept busy all day long." Also, Maggie took tea at Mrs. Stapler's as "they have late tea there;" saw a family camping by the roadside at night; visit to Miss Jane Ross and Mr. John Ross; Mrs. Ross is acting as Superintendent of the Sabbath School in Fanny's absence; and Joe and Maggie are getting ready to take a vacation in Chicago.

F53 August 5, 1890

"P.M. M.K&T. R.R. on the way to Chicago, Aug. 5/90. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: trip to Chicago; spent the night in the mission at Muscogee before boarding train for Chicago; complains about the dust on the drive to Muscogee; "We were just in the midst of a multitude of our colored brethren and sisters riding on horseback to a barbecue on the banks of the Arkansas. The 4th Aug. is their Independence Day, and they were celebrating." Also discusses situation with Miss Guernsey. She had been appointed to

a new school but said she would not go there, so another was given the place. "She evidently is not well balanced, is a good teacher but too flighty to have the right kind of influence on the people." Also, describes a Miss Shaw who teaches in a government school for the "Ponchas" is part Creek, and was probably at Northfield once; notes that Kansas farms display more thrift since done by renters; corn crop is a failure; cotton does better in the heat but children are kept out of school to pick it; a buffet train but got a regular dinner at Schell City, however disappointing; and twenty-seven hour train ride to Chicago.

F54 September 3, 1890?

"Pk Hill, Tahlequah, I.T. Sept. 3rd? 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: Mrs. Lewis is taking care of him; has a full blood boy with him, "a splendid fellow if he holds out;" and lots of problems, Cynthia's school is broken up, Hannah's gone, "the girl question is going to bother us again but don't write Fanny yet."

F55 September 25, 1890

"1890, Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Sept. 25. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell who had recently returned from vacation re.: Joe is away attending Presbytery, "a country-place much more Indian than some," took his Magic Lantern there which should be a novelty; and former students are fixing to come back to school but were waiting for Maggie to return, "less I think perhaps from liking to me than from dread of a new teacher."

F56 Late September or early October

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: plan to start the colored Sunday school on Sabbath week; discusses housekeeping, getting colored person to do washing, etc.; visited two families named Stephens, one family of parents and six children live in two rooms, one of them just a shed; Maggie looked at a medical book and prepared a dressing which she put on a carbuncle on the back of the neck of Mrs. Stephens' father; wants to borrow yeast from Mrs. Ross to start some for themselves so have other than baker's bread and soda biscuit; Fannie is still in Chicago but may return in a week or two; and story about a little girl's pony who walked into the school room.

F57 October 3, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, I.T. Oct. 3d, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: the arrival of Miss Montgomery, the new teacher for Elm Spring; Fanny is improving and is expected back in Park Hill once Dr. Merriman allows; needs bibles and testaments from the American Bible Society for gifts, for Miss Jane Ross up in Caney, and at Woodall.

F58 October 9, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, I.T. Oct. 9th, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: visit to school at Woodall, found twenty-four students in school, "a good many are out picking cotton;" Miss Lou deserves a great deal of credit for the work at Woodall, "her boarding place although the people are as kind as can be is a pretty rough place to stay at;" and Joe's theme this week is "Pleasing God."

F59 October 16, 1890

"1890, Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Oct. 16th. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: visit by Maggie and Joe to Elm Springs, "found two little girls Indian could not, or would not speak English;" trial at Ft. Smith (Miss Caleb's robbery); provides detailed description of the cottage house at Elm Springs; and tells that the day school opened, they entertained 150 people, about eighty pupils and their families. "It takes fourteen to run the establishment, eight commissioned workers, only four of these were on hand and Mrs. Moore and Miss Thompson had to fly around, get meals, and wash dishes with sometimes three or four boys to help, up to midnights and early in the morning they had about all they could manage." Also, Miss Louise Loeb is ill with typhoid fever; Joe, Miss Stella and perhaps Daniel going to Woodall for exhibition of the magic lantern and recitations; Kitty caught a big rat and the house would be overrun with mice without him; and Joe is planning to meet Fanny in Muscogee and go on to Vinita for Synod.

F60 November 3, 1890

"Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah, I.T. Nov. 3d, 1890..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: a payment received from Mr. Sherman to pay the school taxes and a bill for some repairs; Joe's salary is two months behind and has several bills to settle; getting in corn and wood for winter supplies; "none of us have any money on hand...Mr. Eaton told Fanny to tell me to write him if pressed and he would try and forward my salary but I know he will send soon as he can and don't want to bother him if I can help it." Also, on visit to Elm Spring found some of the men and boys building a boat to carry the children back and forth across the Barren Fork since the bridge was washed away last spring; Ada Ross, teacher at Muldrow, is engaged to a young minister down there, they are to be married at Park Hill on December 17th and Joe is to perform the ceremony and Fanny play the Wedding March; received a letter from Worcester with eight dollars for Woodall from the Infant Class; and Mr. Hendricks came with a quarter of beef, drove seven miles here, five more to town to take Mr. Thomson a piece, and nine miles back home, "21 miles in all losing a days work and giving out of his poverty all that he can, if we had some more like that our work would be more satisfactory, but it is a great encouragement, such incidents as that." Also, asks aunts to send fireplace tongs and poker, and six plated teaspoons.

F61 December 6, 1897

"Study of W.M. Hamilton, Tahlequah, I.T., Dec. 6, 1897. Rev. J. McCarrell Leiper, Blauvelt, N.Y. Dear Brother..." Letter from W.M. Hamilton to his brother, Rev. J. McCarrell Leiper, who was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Blauvelt, New York in 1897 and 1898. Letter re.: spending one Sabbath with Mr. Schaub among the full bloods at

Rabbit Trap and Burnie(?) Fork, "he is doing good work that is needed among this people. We have been making a great mistake, I think, in changing the men every year or so. Schaub will stay, I think, if Miss Montgomery will let him alone & do her own work. It seems she can't be satisfied for over one year with any one." Also, as a committee they have gotten the Cherokee press in good shape; "it is now in Mr. Schaub's hands, He is a printer and can now set Cherokee type. We expect to issue the Sabbath School Lessons for the Cherokees...different Books of the bible, songs, tracts etc. as we are able." "You know the condition of the Cherokees and how little printed matter they have and can appreciate what a power for good some good literature will mean to them. Our interpreter, David Smallwood, can also set type...I do not write to you asking for help, except in this way, that as you understand the work and its needs that you present it to some friends who will be able to help us."

F62 *Cherokee Gospel Tidings* and map.

*Cherokee Gospel Tidings*, Goingsnake, Indian Territory, F.L. Schaub, Editor, June, 1898, Vol. 1, No. 6. A Christian monthly for Cherokee speaking people, published by the Sabbath School Committee of the Presbytery of Sequoyah, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Committee, Rev. W.M. Hamilton, Chairman, J.M. Hall, and F.L. Schaub, and David E. Smallwood, interpreter and translator. Contains lessons in the Cherokee language, and "The Gospel for this Generation of Cherokee People" in English.

*Cherokee Gospel Tidings*, Goingsnake, Indian Territory, F.L. Schaub, Editor, July, 1898, Vol. 1, No. 7. Contains lessons in the Cherokee language, and information re. the Tahlequah Institute and the Elm Spring Mission such as administrative control, objectives, functions and facilities.

Copy of map showing Indian missionary work as carried on by agencies cooperating in the Protestant Indian Council of Oklahoma. Prepared by E. Russell Carter. Notes locations of missions on map showing counties and cities.

File Folders 63-66 were added to the collection on September 8, 1995.

F63 January, 1890?

"Sat. night, Park Hill Mission, Tahlequah Ind. Ter. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re: a "musicale" with Fannie singing and playing the piano (this letter may have been written in January 1890 because the piano had recently arrived); ten boarders staying at the mission besides their family; and mentions Mrs. Stapler from Tahlequah who "was at school at the old Dwight Mission is much in earnest to help her people, she has just enough Cherokee blood to claim the right, but the full bloods know she is their friend. She is also much interested in the blacks and so glad that I take an interest in them." Also discusses the family of Eliza Ross, "this is one of the sad cases a family of six sons and one daughter...these boys show the effects of the old slavery have never learned to work." Also tells about arranging and furnishing their house at Park Hill Mission.

F64 January 27, 1890 and June 20, 1890

Envelope addressed to Miss Juliet McCarrell c/o Mrs. Wm. R. Welling, Warwick, New York, dated January 27, 1890.

Envelope addressed to Mrs. W.R. Welling, Warwick, N.Y., dated June 20, 1890. Includes note requesting medicine. "Please send me a dose of pills or some purgative..."

F65 1935?

Notes written by Joseph McCarrell Leiper concerning his life prior to and after his work at the Park Hill Mission. These notes appear to have been written in 1935 when Reverend Leiper would have been seventy-five years old. Although the notes appear to be confusing and in disarray, they provide a good deal of biographical as well as anecdotal information about Leiper's life and times. Includes description of Leiper's arrival at the Synod of Indian Territory and his introduction to the brethren by Dr. Cattell, who had been the President of Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania.

F66 June 8, 1995

17 page typewritten manuscript by Kathleen Leiper Faux, the granddaughter of Joseph McCarrell Leiper. This manuscript details the letters by Leiper and McCarrell, as well as the notes by Leiper, and provides additional insights into their personalities, and experiences at the Park Hill Mission.

Photocopy of "The Songsters" from Fanny Leiper's sketch book from Park Hill, December 9, 1890.

Photocopy of two photographs: 1) stage coach in Yellowstone Park. 2) first passenger train to Welling.

Box F-30, FF 1-11, was added to the collection on October 1, 1997.

### **Box F-30**

FF1 December 31, 1889?

Tuesday evening, Dec. 31. Dear Aunts all..." letter from Fanny Leiper wishing a happy new year, and thanking her aunts for sending booklets. Also mentions "Joe gave us a very earnest talk from Luke 4 - 19th."

FF2 January 23, 1890

"38 Johnson's Ave. Atlanta Ga, Jan'y 23rd/90. My Dear Friend..." Letter from Mary E. Weatherway apparently written to Joseph Leiper. He lived with the Weatherways for a year on Long Island. This letter describes the winter weather, vegetables in market, a visit from Mrs. Bostwick, the "La Grippe" epidemic, and the happenings of various mutual friends. "I expect the Indian there many of them live like the Negroes her and even among the whites in country places it is not uncommon to find them living in houses without windows and barely any furniture." "There are many parts of the South that seem almost like a new country. The war left it very desolate and it will take a long time before it will lose traces of its ravages."

FF3 August 8, 1890

"237 Dearborn Ave. Chicago Ills. Aug. 8th, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: arrival at Mrs. Pryor's house where Fanny Leiper and Miss Mathis were staying; a visit with Fanny to Dr. Merriman's office; the cable car ride to the Doctor's office; lectures at the Bible Institute; and a Thomas Concert in the Exposition building.

FF4 August 9, 1890

"237 Dearborn St. Chicago, Aug. 9/90. My dear Sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: visit with Fannie's aunt, Mrs. Falkner; carriage ride around Jackson Park; describes their house and that "the streets are watered so the little green before the house are green not brown as is our lawn at home;" describes Dr. Merriman and his family; New England Church service, "the sermon was very mild could just as well have been preached in a Unitarian Church but there was nothing heterodox in it the service was good three familiar hymns could shut my eyes and imagine myself in New York;" also mentions a Presbyterian church service and bible class at the Sabbath School.

FF5 August 11, 1890

"237 Dearborn Ave., Chicago Ill., Aug. 11th, 1890. My Dear Aunts..." Letter from Joseph Leiper re.: Aunt Sadie starts home today; getting many practical ideas by attending meetings; Aunt Maggie "has some malaria in her system apparently it has come out in some very bad looking sores on her hands very curious;" Joseph attended the New England Church and the Presbyterian Church with Miss Mathis and Fanny; "This city is different from any I was ever in before. So little regard for the day, so much work going on. So many people without any religion and those who are Christians in name living in such a loose way."

FF6 Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

"Cory (?) Pa. Wed. 1:30 p.m. Dear sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: train trip from New York through northern Pennsylvania, describes the landscape, reading a sermon in a magazine, and life aboard the train ("owing to the detention the people have become quite sociable, that is the ladies of us. A lady was seated at the same table with me and in conversation I learned that she had to take an upper berth over a gentleman. I suggested

there was no one over me. She better change so she asked the conductor who said a gentleman had that berth. So after dinner we had the exchange made to the satisfaction of both.")

FF7 Friday, 9 a.m.

"Sedalia Mo. 9 o'clock Friday a.m. My Dear sisters..." Letter from Margaret McCarrell re.: train trip traveling at "regular rate, thirty miles an hour," reached Chicago at 10 a.m. Thursday; "there was crepe on the door at Mrs. Pryor's and when I entered I found it was for Mr. Pryor;" a cable car ride through Chicago's business district to buy a half-rate ticket to Hannibal and to visit the doctor's office; the doctor gave her a prescription of arsenic and dandelion which he "says is better for malaria than quinine;" a visit with Miss Sallie; "Missouri is not as pleasant a looking state as the northern ones, little mean houses generally in the county;" "I hope to be in Muskogee on time tonight 9:05."

FF8 *Cherokee Pictorial Book with Catechism and Hymns*, compiled and translated by Reverend A.N. Chamberlin, 1888.

FF9 Note fragment, no date.

"I return Dr. Hall's note you might like to keep it. Mr. Mathis is so much pleased with Grandfather's sermon on baptism he would like one. Can you send the pamphlet? Rev. D.N. Allen asked me for one also. He is collecting material on the subject. He read the sermon here while staying with me. Black berries are coming in pretty fast now. Some huckle berries in town. We have not had any yet."

F10 List of items sent to Elm Spring, no date.

Includes general bedding, table setting, fabric, clothing, sewing goods, and writing materials, as well as specific items for "Indian interpreter," "young Indian girl," and Miss McCarrell.

F11 "Some Notes on Life and Experiences" by Joseph McCarrell Leiper with a foreword by Kathleen Leiper Faux. This covers Leiper's life from 1860-1888. Includes handwritten manuscript and typed copy, as well as copies of family photographs.

F12 One book, *A Tale of Home and War*, by E.P.H. Portland, Maine: Brown Thurston & Company, 1888. Inscribed by J. McCarrell Leiper. Other copies of this book are available in the Western History Collections Library under BV 2803 .o4 w5 1888.

F13 Trip to Alaska, 1892.

F14 Letter describing climb in the Colorado Mountains, n.d.

F15 Reverend Joseph Leiper's trip to Yellowstone, June 1892.

F16 Miscellaneous Materials and Sketches, 1887-1890

F17 Revered Joseph Leiper's trip west, ca. 1903