

**Jennie Jeffers Ashby Papers, 1901 - 1970 ( .22 cu. ft.)**

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**Restrictions**

None

**Biographical Sketch**

Jennie Jeffers Ashby (26 Dec 1883 - 7 Nov 1972) was born in Greenville, Kentucky. She was the youngest daughter of Thomas Cruise Jeffers and Mary Elizabeth Bandy. Her mother died when she was only two years old and she was raised by her Aunt Annie and Uncle Gibbs. Her aunt saw to it that she attended school, even though it was a financial strain on the family after her uncle passed away. She graduated from high school in May 1901 and traveled to Lexington, Kentucky where she earned a teaching certificate in 1902. She taught at many schools in Muhlenburg and surrounding counties. Mrs. Ashby later earned a lifetime teaching certificate from Eastern Kentucky University.

Jennie Jeffers married Eddie J. Ashby 14 Feb 1917 and they had one son, Harold Ashby.

**Scope and Content Note**

The Jennie Jeffers Ashby papers are an interesting collection for researchers in the area of education, especially in Muhlenberg and Ohio counties. Mrs. Ashby writes about the schools where she taught and kept photographs from many of those schools. As an alumni of Kentucky State Normal School - Eastern Division (now Eastern Kentucky University) she also writes about faculty and events while she was there. Strong points of the collection are the school photographs that she collected from various schools where she taught and her personal report cards showing curriculum throughout her school career.

**Donor Information**

The Jennie Jeffers Ashby Papers were donated to the Eastern Kentucky University Archives by Harold Ashby, 9 July 1980, accession number 1980-026.

## Box List

- f.01 1907-1970 correspondence regarding Mrs. Ashby's teaching certificates, letters of recommendation and personal correspondence regarding the death of friends. (9 documents)
- f.02 Financial records showing salary, retirement and tax information. (5 documents)
- f.03 Manuscripts and poetry written by Mrs. Ashby including her autobiography, a eulogy for Mollie Reynolds, a history of Greenville School, her memories of the Great Depression, and poems written about people and events in her life. (27 documents)
- f.04 Muhlenburg County, Kentucky Teachers Association proposed constitution. (1 document)
- f.05 Newsclippings about Mrs. Ashby and letters to the editor from her. (4 documents)
- f.06 1901-1947 photographs of family members, friends, school events where she taught and class photographs. School photos include a 1912 school fair at Pleasant Hill School, Centertown School, 1928, new and old Dovey School, 1909 and 1910, Walton's Creek School, 1932, Central Point School's Helpers Club, ca 1910, Drakesboro School (faculty and students), 1947, Greenville High School, 1901. (40 photographs)
- f.07 1890-1961 school records includes report cards from elementary school through college for Mrs. Ashby. (41 documents)