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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical Note

Annie M. Rector was born in July 1855, the daughter of W.A. (William) Rector of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Martha Hinston, who died in 1858. W.A. Rector was born a slave of Chester Ashley, United States Senator from Arkansas, 1844-1848. During Reconstruction, W.A. Rector was elected city collector, city marshal, and constable. He was also a member of the famed Ashley Band of Little Rock.

Annie married William L. Copeland on October 22, 1874, in Pulaski County. Copeland, a lawyer, was born 1845 in Oberlin, Ohio, and served in the Union Army during the Civil War. He also served in the Arkansas Legislature from 1873-1875, representing Crittenden County. The family moved back to Little Rock at the end of his legislative career. Copeland worked for the postal service before becoming a Little Rock policeman. He died in the line of duty on December 30, 1885, from wounds received in an attempt to apprehend a convict.

Annie Rector Copeland died on May 12, 1915, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. She is buried with members of the Rector family in fraternal Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of correspondence to Annie M. Rector Copeland, dated from 1875 to 1890. The letters were written by family members, including her husband, father, brothers, and daughter.

A letter to Annie Copeland from her brother, John Rector, dated February 21, 1877, speaks of his attendance at the wedding of Lottie Andrews Stevens [Charlotte Stephens], Little Rock's first black teacher.

Administrative Information

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Collection Inventory

1875 September 4: Lewis [Louis] Rector, Little Rock, Arkansas to Annie Rector Copeland, Marion, Crittenden County, Arkansas

1877 February 21: Johnnie and Louis Rector, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Annie Rector Copeland

1877 September 6: Louis Rector, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Annie Rector Copeland

1877 October 8: William L. Copeland, Marianna, Arkansas, to Annie Rector Copeland

1877 October 22: William L. Copeland, Marianna, Arkansas, to Annie Rector Copeland

1878 December 29: William A. and Louis Rector, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Annie Rector Copeland

1879 September 5: John Rector, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Annie Rector Copeland

1890 February 9: Ernestine Copeland, Lawrence, Kansas, to Annie Rector Copeland

1890 July 9: Ernestine Copeland, Lawrence, Kansas, to Annie Rector Copeland

1892 October 10: Ernestine Copeland, Little Rock, Arkansas, to Annie M. Rector Copeland

Envelopes addressed to Annie Copeland (5)