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**Carrie Irby Letters, 1925-1927**

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## Carrie Irby Letters, 1925-1927

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### Summary:

Title: Carrie Irby Letters

Span Dates: 1925-1927

Creator: Various

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

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### Search terms:

Family issues

Traveling salespeople

Relationship problems

### Biographical Notes:

Family members mentioned include Carrie (1889-1983) and Alfred Tharp Irby (1887-1963) (husband and wife) and their children, Alfred Tharp (1909-1968), Charles C. (1912-2003), Donald Myers (1916-1944), and Marthalena (unknown). They lived in Huntington, West Virginia.

Alfred Tharp Irby (father) was a traveling salesman selling lingerie with the Sinceremaid Company based in Galion, Ohio, and the HY-Style Garment Manufacturing Company, based in Detroit, Michigan.

Lillie, named Lillian T. Way, was married to James Russell Way and their family lived in Greensboro, North Carolina. Their children were Lyle L., Fred Tinsley, and Betty A. Way.

### Scope and Content:

This collection is principally composed of letters exchanged between Carrie Irby and Lillie Way, but also includes letters to and from Russell Way and Alfred Irby while Alfred and Lillie were away selling lingerie and other garments in various towns throughout southern West Virginia. Issues discussed in the letters include money, exemplified through Carrie working and being subsequently told to quit to be a good mother and Alfred having money issues, romance, such as the affairs of Carrie's sister Lillie, and relationship issues such as Lillie traveling for work away from her children and her husband being put into a sanitarium for drinking, among many other topics.

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Container	Contents
<b>Box 1</b>	
Folder 1	Letters to Carrie from Lillie
Folder 2	To Carrie from Unknown (letter fragments)
Folder 3	From Lillie to Monty
Folder 4	To Lillie from (Annie or Pennie?)
Folder 5	From Alfred to Wife
Folder 6	Letters to Alfred from Lillie
Folder 7	From Russell to Carrie
Folder 8	To Russell and Freddie (a child) from unknown (mother of Freddie)
Folder 9	Unidentified recipient, sender possibly Bill
Folder 10	Postcard to Carrie from Lillie
Folder 11	Envelopes