

**Collection  
M 043**

**Caylor-Howser Postcard Collection  
1898-1975**

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## **USER INFORMATION**

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

**Priscilla Ann LeFevre** (1847-1933) was born in Loudoun County, Virginia, the eldest of Henry S. (ca. 1824-1892) and Sarah Woody "Sallie" Hammerly LeFevre's (1827-1899) ten children. The family, totaling four sons and six daughters, resided near the Belmont post office, where LeFevre farmed. By 1870, he worked as a foreman on the railroad near the Farmwell post office.

**John Alexander Caylor** (1851-1921) was born in Indiana to Virginia-born James William Caylor (1827-1911) and Nancy Coons Caylor (1832-1885). Prior to 1870, the family returned to Loudoun County.

Priscilla and John married 18 July 1870 in Loudoun County. They had nine children, four sons and five daughters: Theodore Luer (1872-1949), Ella May (1874-1932), **Cora Corene** (1876-1953), Marion Foster (1878-1966), Milton Edward (1880-1966), Nettie Otley (1883-1886), Veava Eva (1889-1897) and Adolphus Woody (1891-1970). After her husband's death, Priscilla lived with her daughter Cora near Leesburg. The Caylors are buried at Ashburn Presbyterian Church.

According to census records, John A. Caylor's profession varied. In 1880 and 1920, he was a railroad employee for what later became the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad. In 1900, he appears as a day laborer and a carpenter in 1910. In 1874, Caylor was working in Loudoun County as a carpenter, where he built a stone farm house for his wife's uncles, John (1829-1903) and Samuel (1828-1904). At the time, had a net worth of \$38, which was considered modest by contemporary standards. The LeFevre family named the farm "Hillside." It remained in the LeFevre family until 1916; the subsequent owner used the property as a dairy farm. The stone farm house still stands today in Broadlands. Priscilla Caylor appears as a homemaker in census records.

**Cora Corene**, Priscilla and John Caylor's daughter, was born in Belmont, lived near Waterford and in Leesburg, but eventually settled in Ashburn. In 1897 she married William H. Howser (1870-1947), a farmer. They had fourteen children. Cora was a member of the Ashburn Baptist Church. Upon her death in 1953, her property and belongings were sold by her children Priscilla "Masie" (1913-1987) and John (1898-1972), who had been named executors of her estate. At the time of her death, she had 77 descendents, including forty-one grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren. The postcard collection was inherited by Priscilla, Priscilla LeFevre Caylor's namesake.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of 285 items, primarily postcards. It is divided into series by correspondents (family, friends, business, and unposted), after which it is arranged chronologically.

**Series 1**, the bulk of the collection, contains postcards received mainly by Priscilla LeFevre and John A. Caylor, although some were received by Cora Caylor Howser. The families used postcards primarily as a mode of correspondence. Two of Priscilla's sisters, Arabella "Belle" LeFevre Jenkins (born ca. 1865) and Martina "Tena" LeFevre Edmondson (born ca. 1868), both of whom resided in Washington, D.C., sent her postcards, as did Arabella's daughters Virgie (born 1894), Viola (born 1896) and Rachael (born ca. 1905). John's sister, Anna Caylor Ritter (later Calhoun, born 1872), corresponded with John.

**Series 2** consists of postcards received by friends and later added to the collection by family.

**Series 3** contains cards from businesses.

**Series 4** is unposted postcards.

In addition to the value of the correspondence, postcards in this collection capture the diversity of postcards from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. They include: eighty-seven geographical postcards, fifty Christmas postcards, thirty-five Easter postcards, twenty Thanksgiving postcards, sixteen birthday postcards, eight postcards with animal themes, seven Valentine's Day postcards, five New Year postcards, five commercial postcards, five family pictures, four humorous postcards, three postcards commemorating special events, two Independence Day postcards, one Halloween postcard, and a birth announcement.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Box 1

#### Series 1

M043_S1_001	[Onslow Saunders Calling Card]
M043_S1_002	May these flowers breathe of my love
M043_S1_003	Greetings and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year
M043_S1_004	[Cats with Roses]
M043_S1_005	[Blue and White Floral Arrangement]
M043_S1_006	[Village Scene]
M043_S1_007	West Point Batteries and Hudson River West Point Batteries and Hudson River
M043_S1_008	To My Valentine West Point Batteries and Hudson River
M043_S1_009	Valentine Greetings: My lights gone out by my hearts aflame. I've struck a match you are to blame. West Point Batteries and Hudson River
M043_S1_010	Commission: Float -Nathan Hale
M043_S1_011	Commission: Float -Lohengrin
M043_S1_012	A Happy Christmas
M043_S1_013	Congratulations
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M043_S1_015	Easter Greetings
M043_S1_016	To My Dear Brother
M043_S1_017	Buffaloes Feeding
M043_S1_018	[Photograph of a Friend]
M043_S1_019	[Photograph of John Caylor's Neice]
M043_S1_020	[Photograph of Anny Caylor and Two Children]
M043_S1_021	The Arlington Hotel, Washington, D.C.
M043_S1_022	Entrance Brandywine Springs Park, new Wilmington, Delaware
M043_S1_023	[Photograph of Bridge Under Contruction]
M043_S1_024	Broadway North of Royden, Camden, N.J.
M043_S1_025	Best Thanksgiving Wishes
M043_S1_026	Without you the days so long and drear would seem

M043_S1_027	Thanksgiving Greetings
M043_S1_028	[Lady with Golf Clubs]
M043_S1_029	A Cordial Thanksgiving Greeting
M043_S1_030	A Glad Thanksgiving
M043_S1_031	May Your Christmas Be a Bright and Happy One
M043_S1_032	Christmas Greetings
M043_S1_033	Joy Untold
M043_S1_034	A Happy Xmas
M043_S1_035	December 25 Christmas Day
M043_S1_036	A Happy Christmas
M043_S1_037	Christmas Greetings
M043_S1_038	With You on Christmas Day
M043_S1_039	McKinley Memorial, Brandywine Park Drive, Wilmington, Del.
M043_S1_040	A Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year
M043_S1_041	Heartiest Greetings
M043_S1_042	Best Easter Wishes
M043_S1_044	A Happy Easter
M043_S1_045	Easter Greetings
M043_S1_046	Easter Greetings
M043_S1_047	Lake Mirror, Lakeland, Fla.
M043_S1_048	With My Sincere Greetings and Fond Wishes
M043_S1_049	Red Room, White House, Washington, D.C.
M043_S1_050	New Waiting Room, New Union Station, Washington, D.C.
M043_S1_051	Martha Washington's Bedroom, Mount Vernon, VA.
M043_S1_052	Bird's-eye View of the Exposition
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M043_S1_054	The Scott Key Mansion, Washington, D.C.
M043_S1_055	Washington's Bedroom, Mt. Vernon
M043_S1_056	Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.
M043_S1_057	July 4th Greetings
M043_S1_058	The New Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C.
M043_S1_059	Birthday Greetings
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M043_S1_062	Gibraltar, Rosia Bay
M043_S1_063	Best Wishes
M043_S1_064	[Birth Announcement]
M043_S1_065	Thanksgiving Day
M043_S1_066	Christmas Greetings
M043_S1_067	Greetings for Thanksgiving Day
M043_S1_068	Thanksgiving Greetings
M043_S1_069	A Merry Christmas
M043_S1_070	A Happy Christmas
M043_S1_071	A Merry Christmas
M043_S1_072	A Merry Christmas
M043_S1_073	A Merry Christmas

M043_S1_074	Christmas Greetings
M043_S1_075	Correggio Madonna
M043_S1_076	Christmas Greetings
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M043_S1_079	A Merry Christmas
M043_S1_080	A Very Happy Christmas
M043_S1_081	With Best Birthday Wishes
M043_S1_082	The Kind of Mules We Raise
M043_S1_083	Friends Church, Muncie Ind.
M043_S1_084	Best Christmas Wishes
M043_S1_085	School Fair Parade, Purcellville, Va.
M043_S1_086	Hearty Greetings
M043_S1_087	To My Valentine
M043_S1_088	Federal Hill Park, Baltimore, Md.
M043_S1_089	Cornflower
M043_S1_090	Dear little blossoms. . .
M043_S1_091	Prospect Point, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
M043_S1_092	Best Easter Wishes
M043_S1_093	Birthday Greetings
M043_S1_094	May every fair lily that blooms today. . .
M043_S1_095	Easter Greetings. . .
M043_S1_096	Easter Greetings
M043_S1_097	May Easter Sunlight Gladden You
M043_S1_098	Easter Joys
M043_S1_099	Easter Wishes
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M043\_S1\_143 Rock Creek Park Above Pierce Mill, Washington D.C.  
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M043_S2_006	Hearty Christmas Greetings
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M043_S2_008	Merry Christmas
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M043_S3_002	Thornhill Wagon Co., Lynchburg, Va.
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