

# Guide to the **Bates-McCluen Correspondence**

*The History Center in Tompkins County*  
110 North Tioga Street, Suite 204A  
Tompkins Center for History and Culture  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
607-273-8284  
[www.thehistorycenter.net](http://www.thehistorycenter.net)  
[archives@thehistorycenter.net](mailto:archives@thehistorycenter.net)

**Collection Number V-63-7-4**  
**Accession Number 1991.175**

Compiled 2003

## COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of love letters between Edna Bates and Llewellyn McCluen from the late 1890s. Edna Bates was a farmer's daughter in Trumansburg, New York, and Llewellyn McCluen, originally of Deer Lodge, Tennessee, worked on her father's farm. They fell in love and, in 1897, he went to Tennessee to get his parents' permission to marry Edna. In 1898 they were married. Most of these letters date from that period.

## CONTAINER LIST

<i>Description</i>	<i>Folders</i>
Letters to Llewellyn McCluen (1897-1919)	1
Letters to Edna Bates (McCluen) (1895-1911)	2
Transcriptions of the letters	3