

# Watkins, Sessler, Letter

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## Descriptive Summary

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

The collection contains a letter from Sessler Watkins, of Cary, West Virginia, to his mother, Mrs. J. B. Watkins of Troutville, Virginia, describing Watkins' experiences living and working in a company-owned mining town in West Virginia.

### Creator

Watkins, Sessler, 1892-1966

### Extent

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

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# Biographical Note

Sessler Watkins, an employee of a West Virginia mining company at the turn of the twentieth century, was likely Joseph Sessler Watkins, the son of James B. and Mattie Watkins, born in Haymakertown (Botetourt County), Virginia on March 1, 1892. In 1918, Watkins was living in Detroit, where he worked as a conductor on the Detroit United Railway. During World War I, he served as a corporal in the U. S. Army. Registering for the draft during World War II, Watkins listed his residence as Troutville, Virginia and his employer as the Hercules Powder Company of Radford, Virginia. Joseph Sessler Watkins died on March 22, 1966

# Scope and Content

This collection consists of a letter from Sessler Watkins, an employee of a mining company in Cary, West Virginia at the turn of the twentieth century. Addressing his mother in Troutville, Virginia, Watkins describes his experiences living and working in a mining town. Watkins discusses entertainment, boarding arrangements and rates, and company housing. Included as well is the letter's envelope.

# Keywords

Company towns

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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