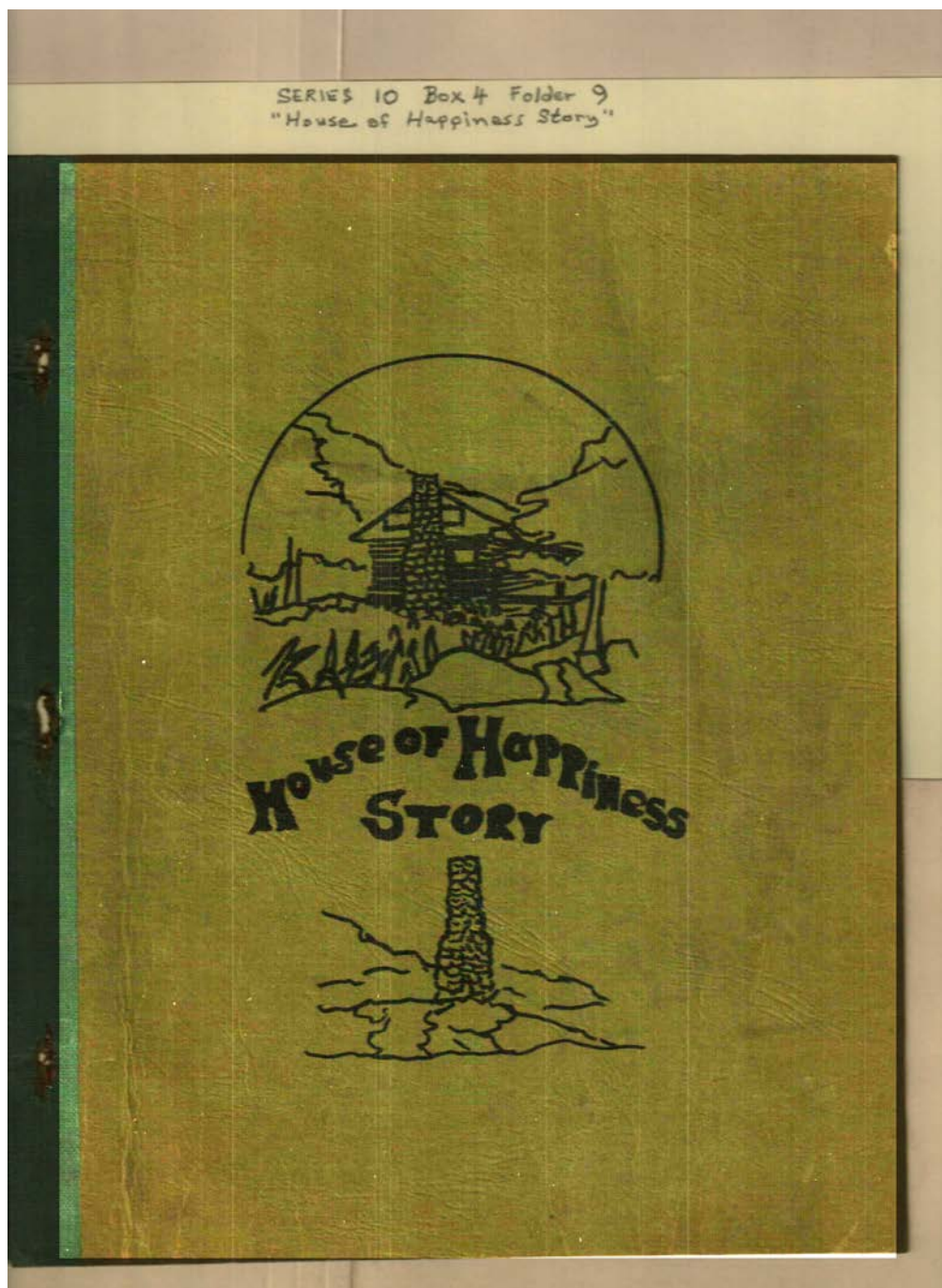


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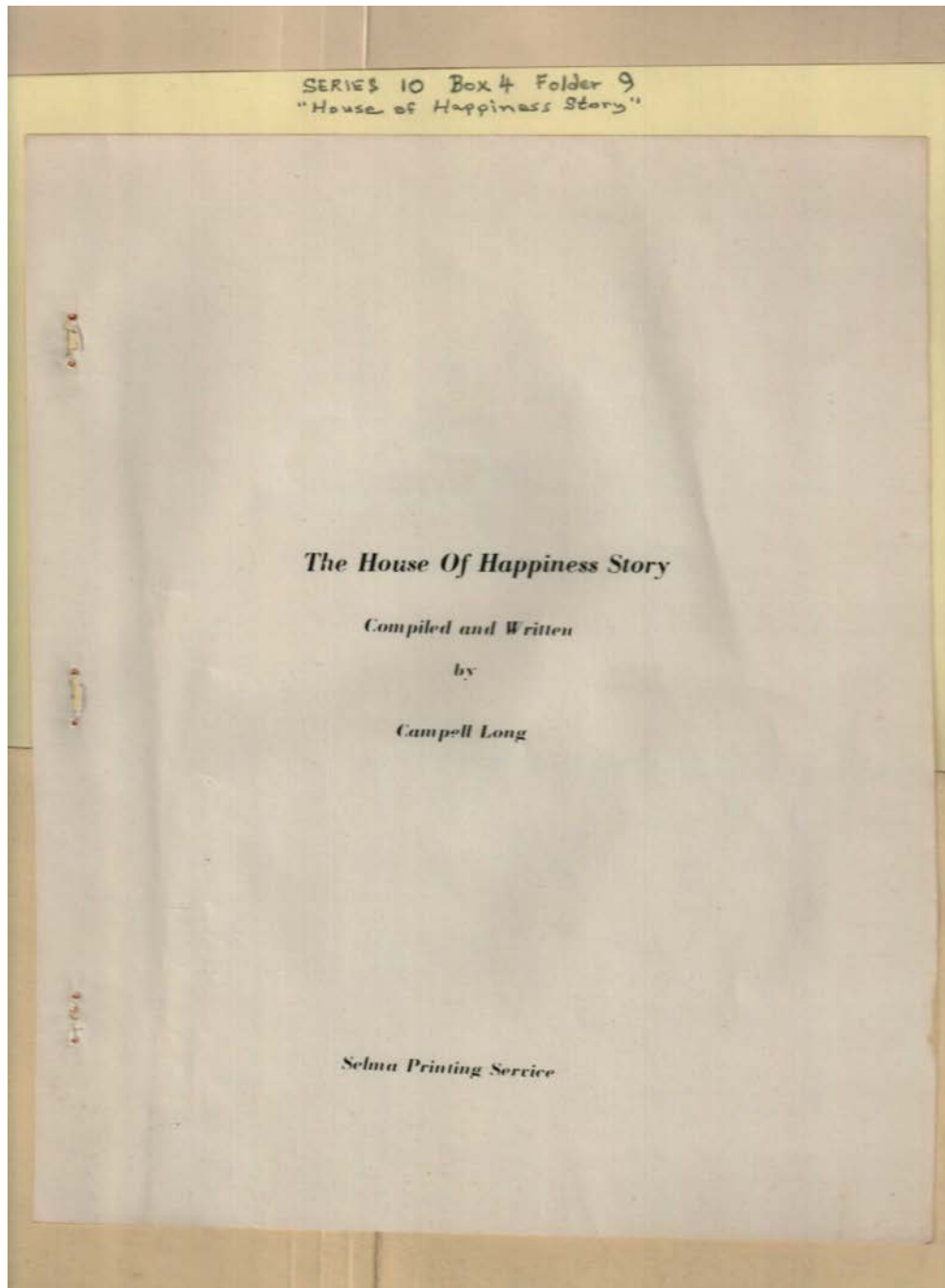
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House of Happiness
Story

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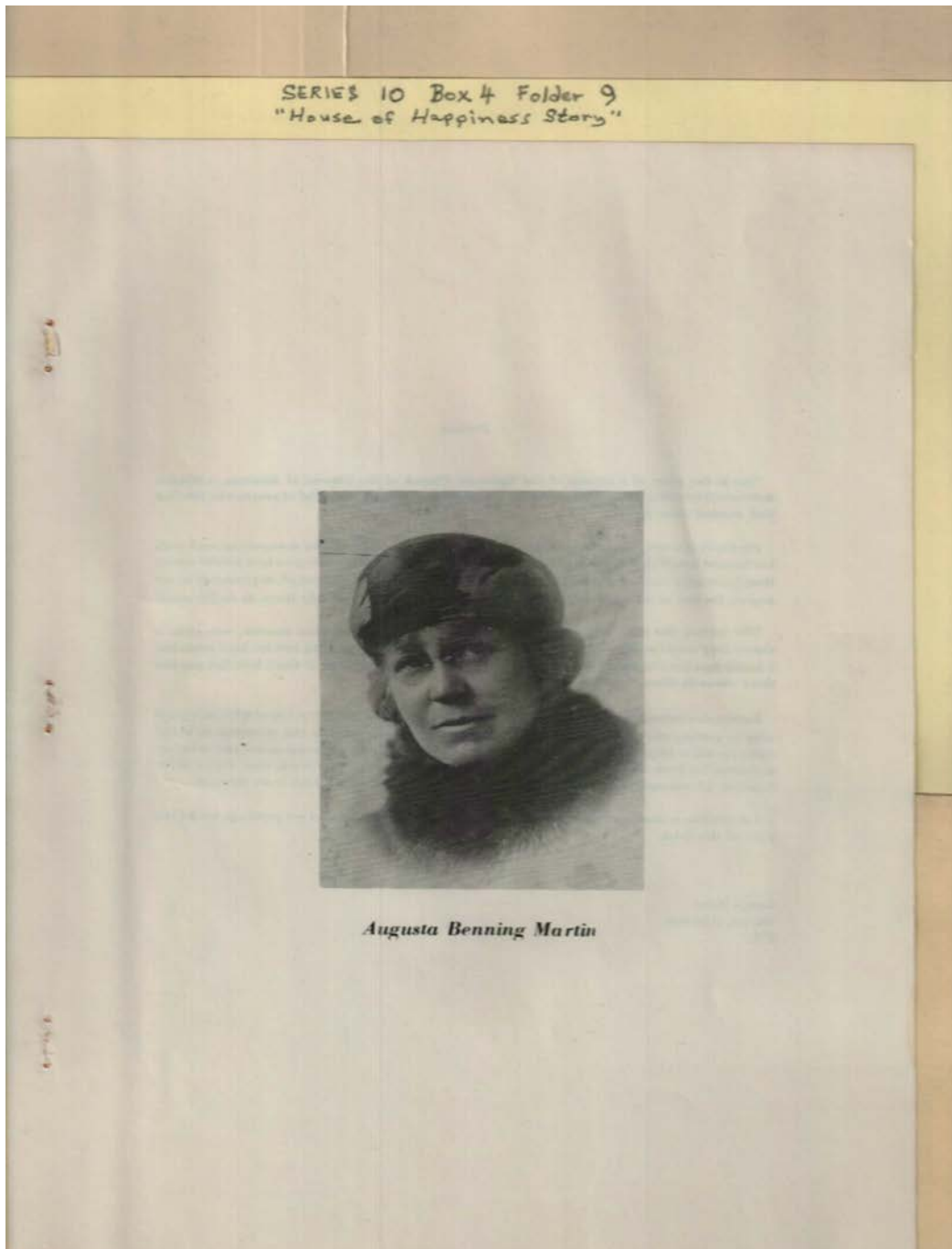
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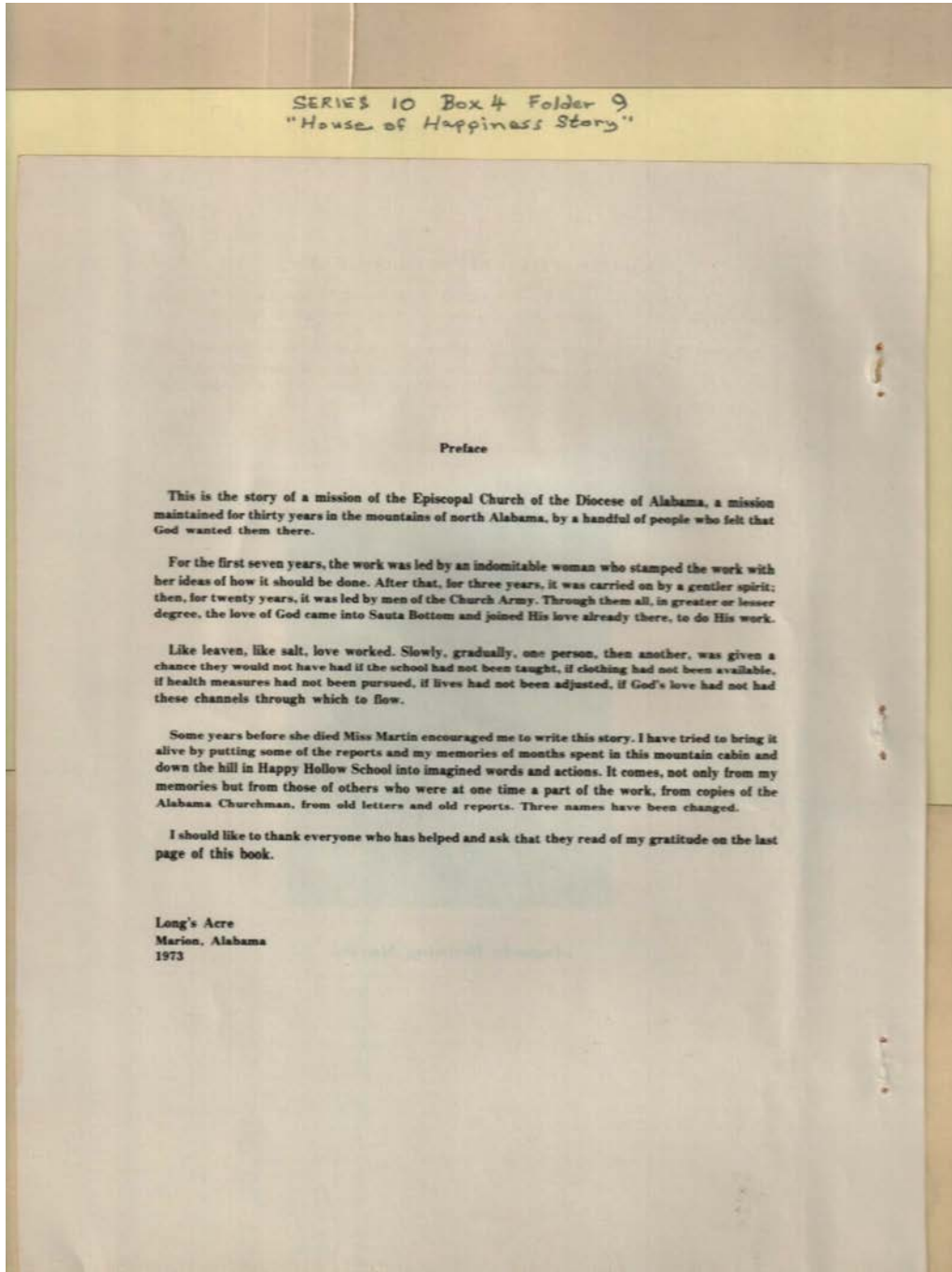
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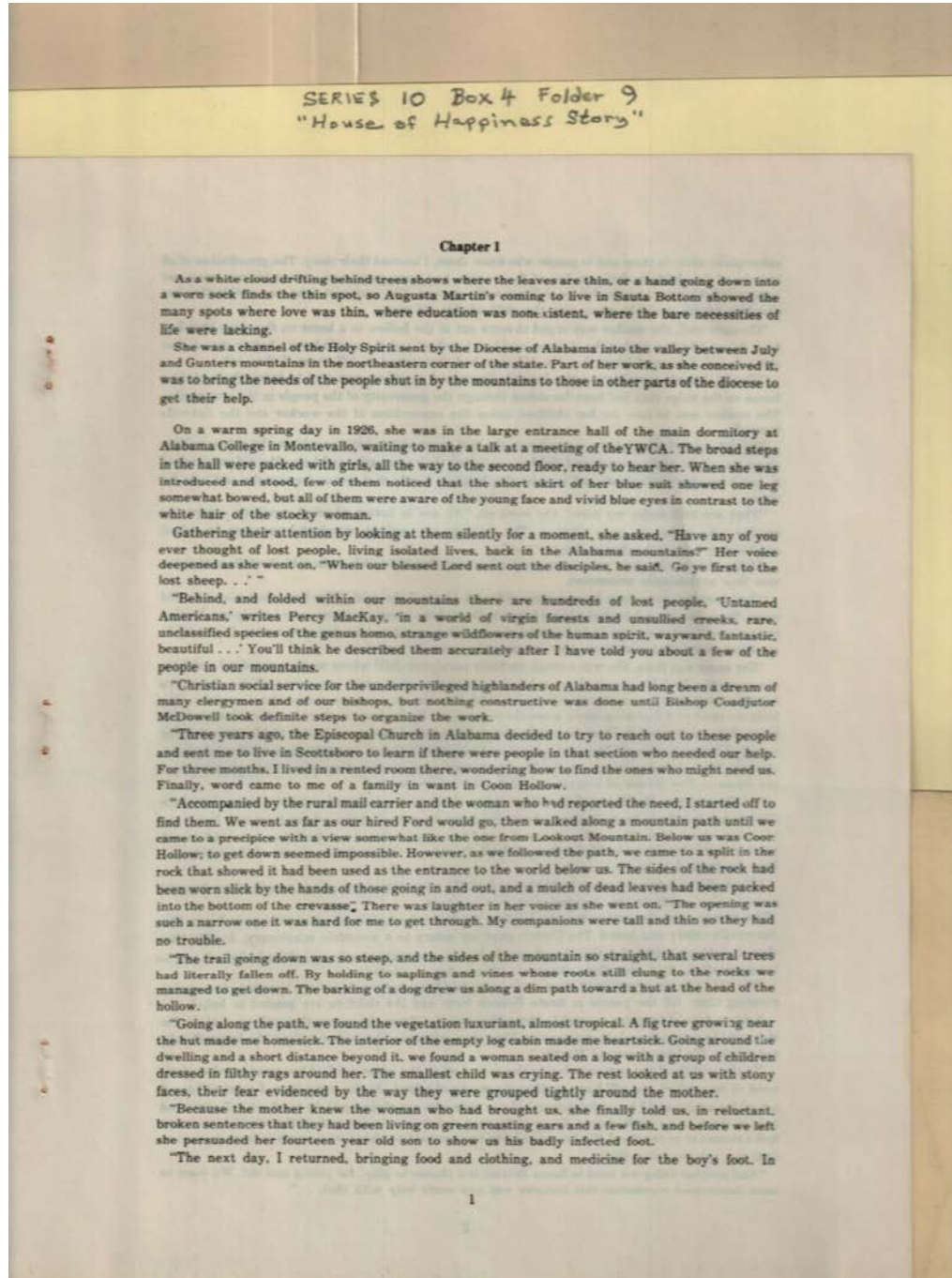
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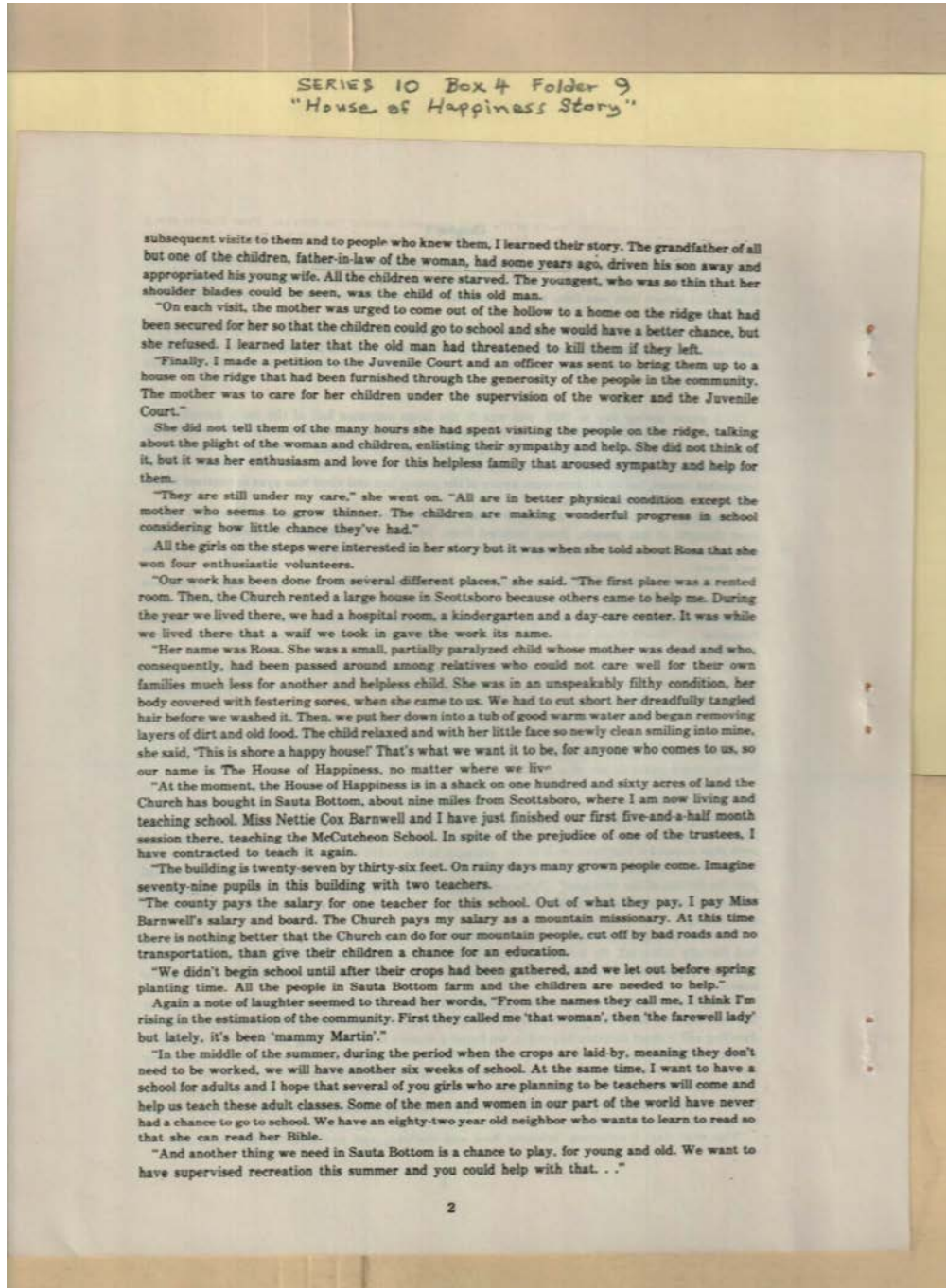
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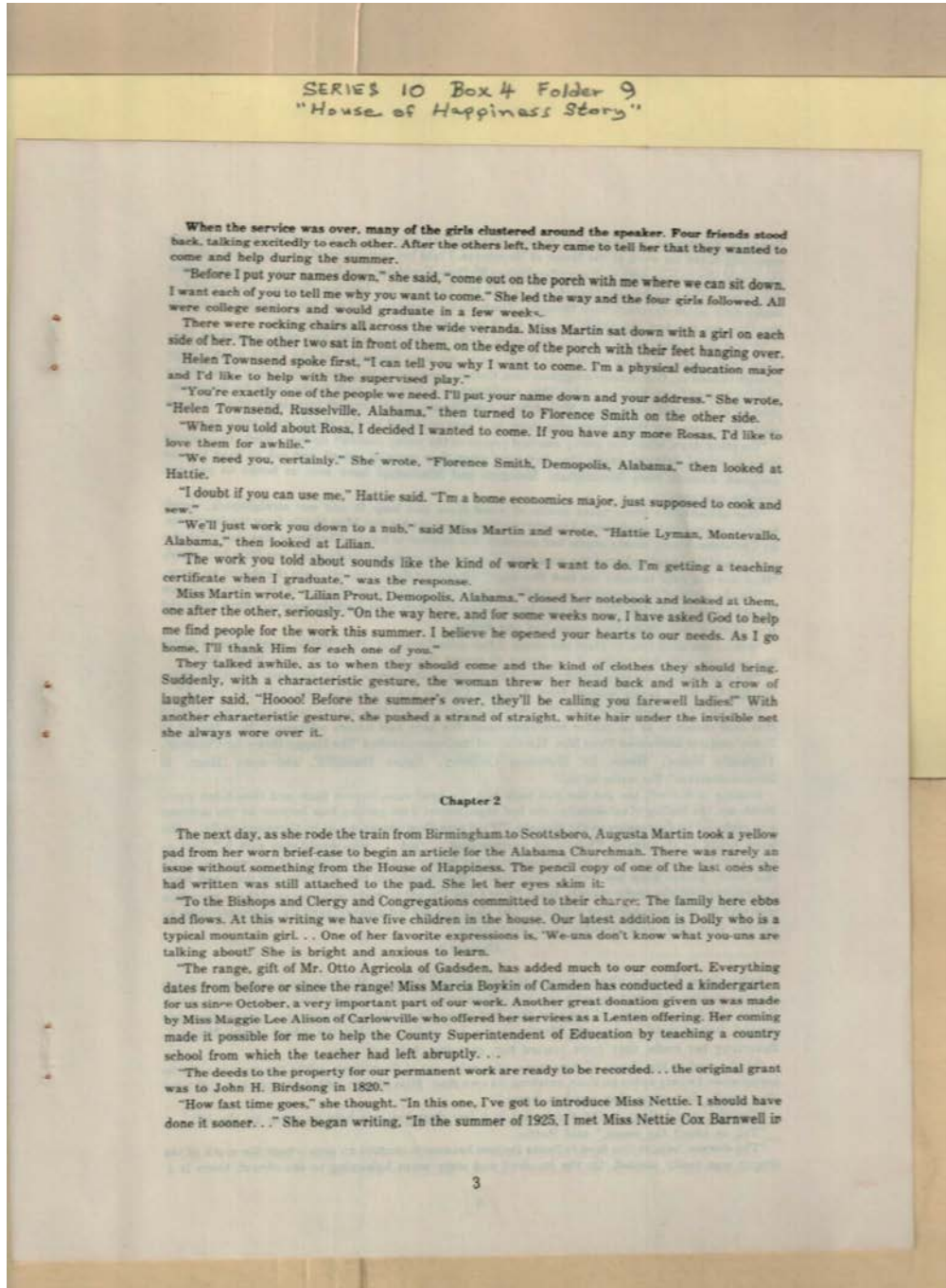
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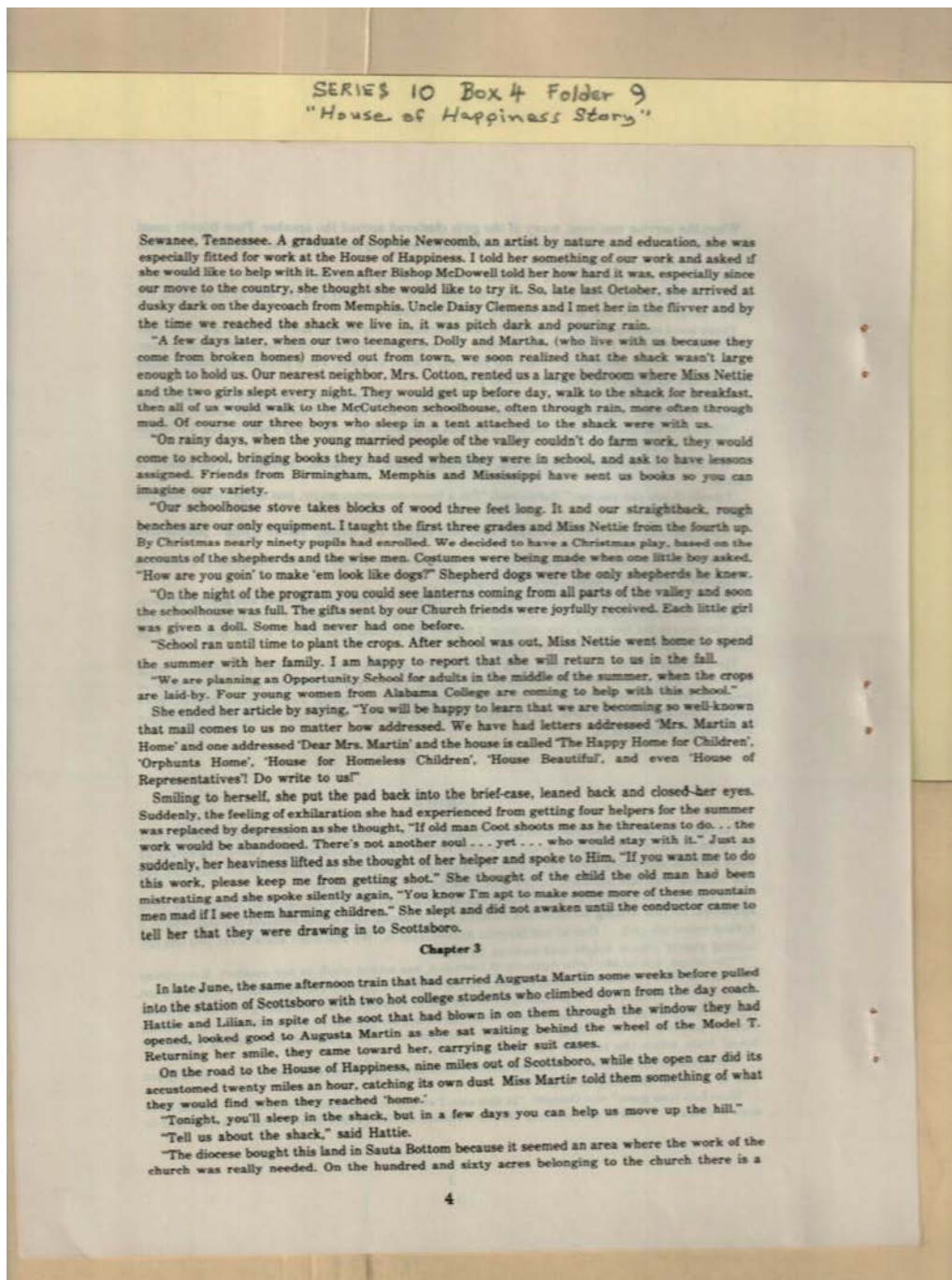
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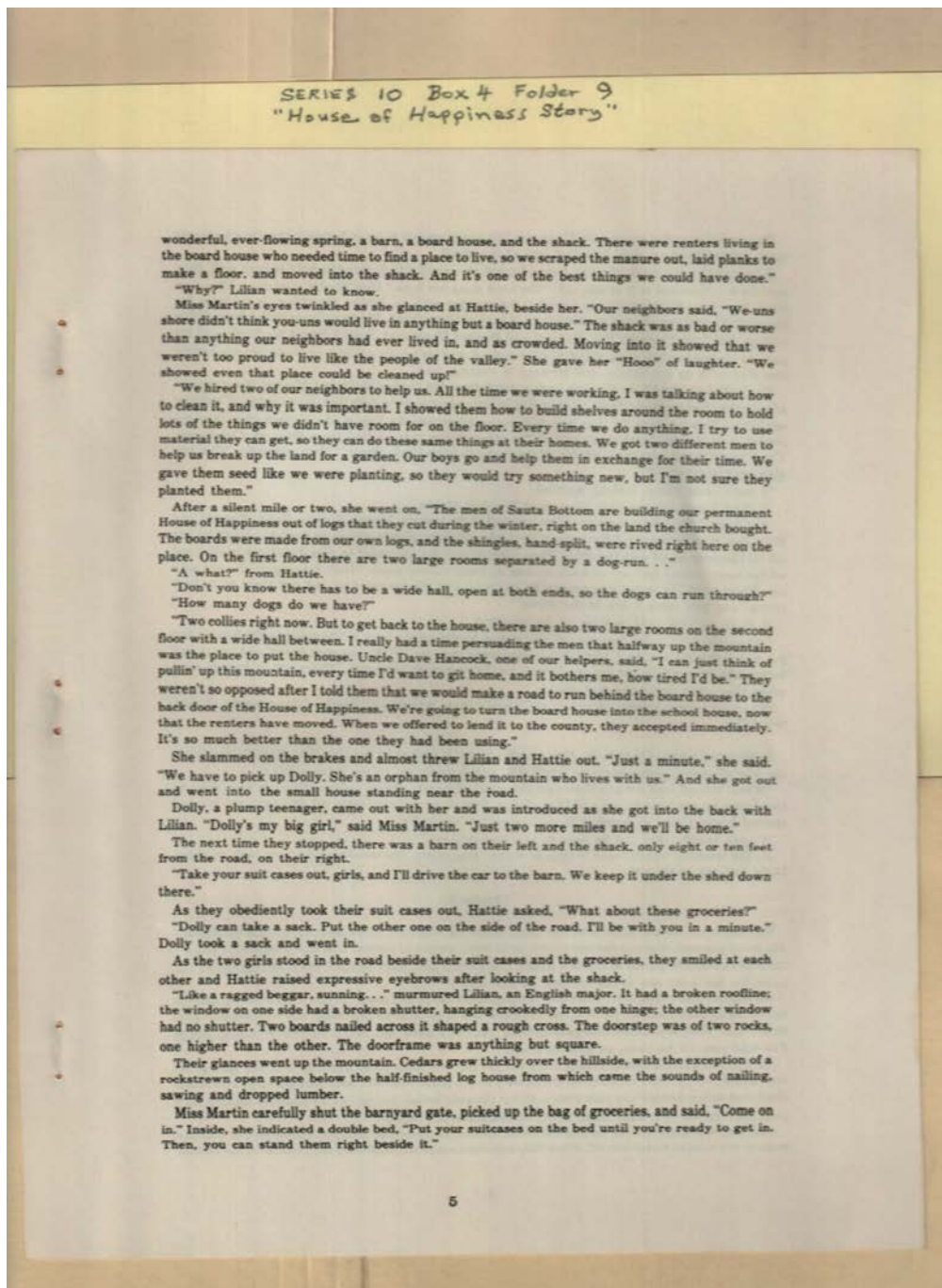
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Martin, Augusta
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McDowell, Bishop
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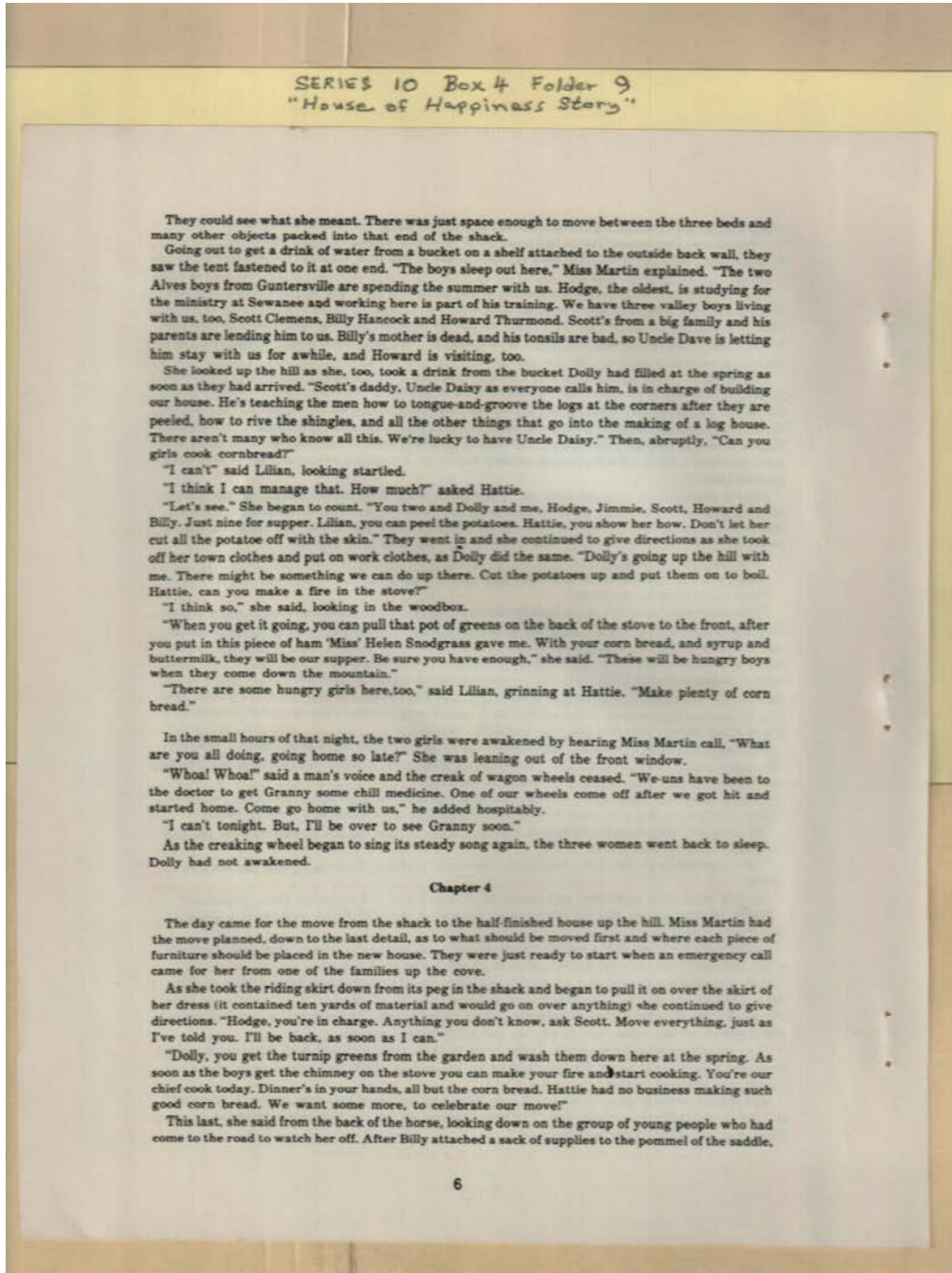
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, Lillian
Hancock, Dave

Martin, Miss

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booklet



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Martin, Miss

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Miss
Thurmond, Howard

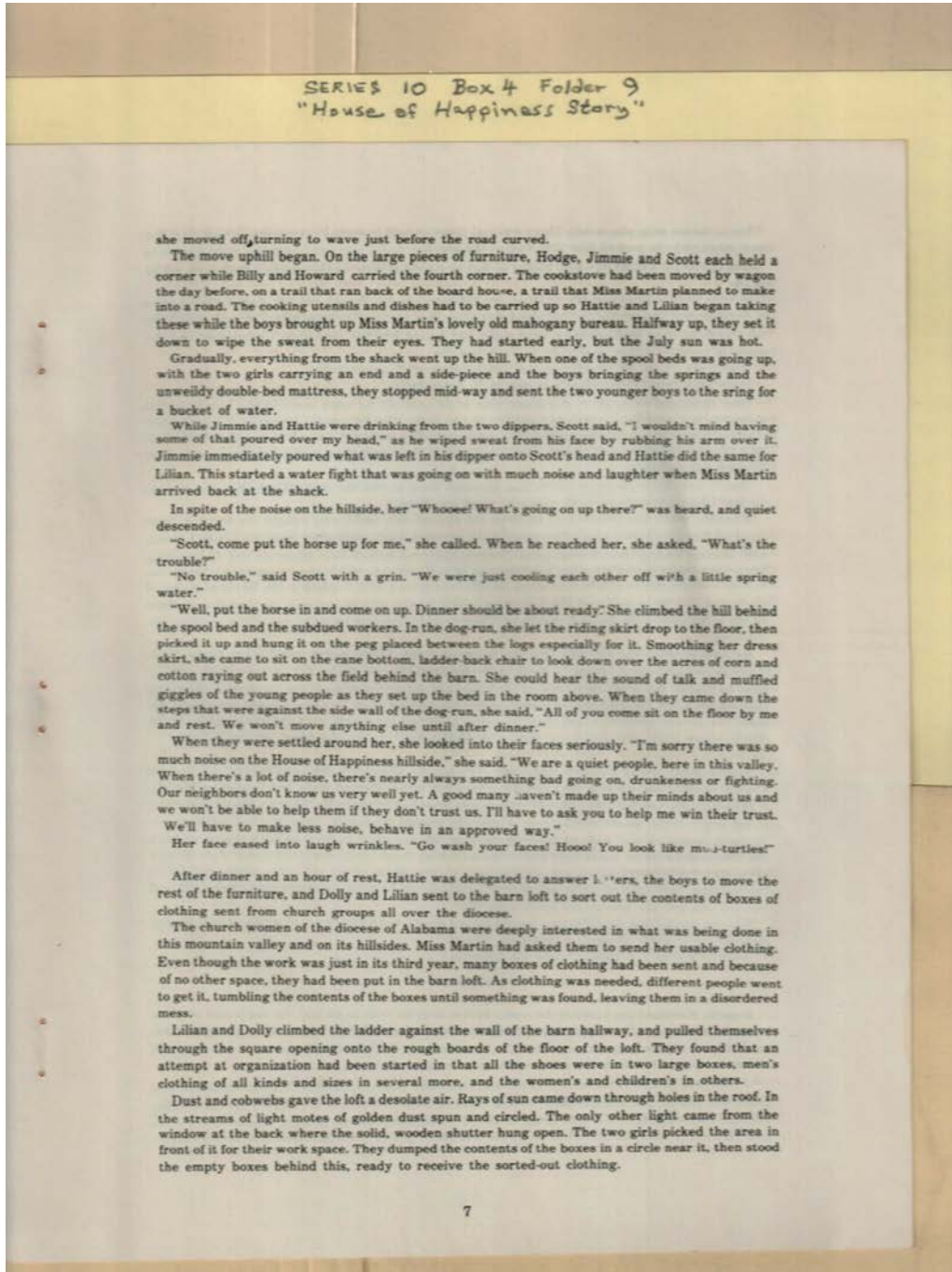
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, Jimmie

, Lilian
, Scott

Martin, Miss

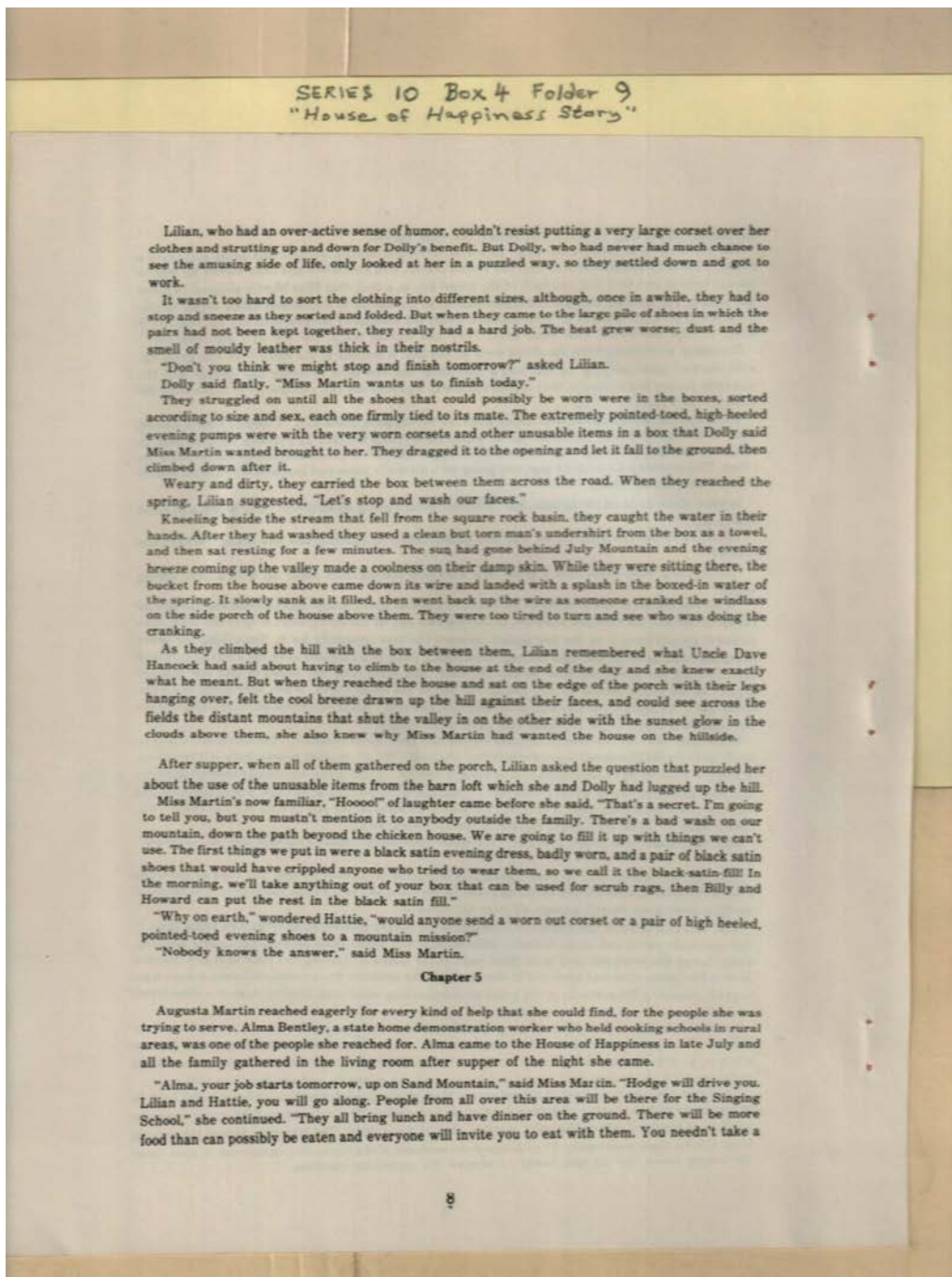
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Lilian, who had an over-active sense of humor, couldn't resist putting a very large corset over her clothes and strutting up and down for Dolly's benefit. But Dolly, who had never had much chance to see the amusing side of life, only looked at her in a puzzled way, so they settled down and got to work.

It wasn't too hard to sort the clothing into different sizes, although, once in awhile, they had to stop and sneeze as they sorted and folded. But when they came to the large pile of shoes in which the pairs had not been kept together, they really had a hard job. The heat grew worse; dust and the smell of mouldy leather was thick in their nostrils.

"Don't you think we might stop and finish tomorrow?" asked Lilian.

Dolly said flatly, "Miss Martin wants us to finish today."

They struggled on until all the shoes that could possibly be worn were in the boxes, sorted according to size and sex, each one firmly tied to its mate. The extremely pointed-toed, high-heeled evening pumps were with the very worn corsets and other unusable items in a box that Dolly said Miss Martin wanted brought to her. They dragged it to the opening and let it fall to the ground, then climbed down after it.

Weary and dirty, they carried the box between them across the road. When they reached the spring, Lilian suggested, "Let's stop and wash our faces."

Kneeling beside the stream that fell from the square rock basin, they caught the water in their hands. After they had washed they used a clean but torn man's undershirt from the box as a towel, and then sat resting for a few minutes. The sun had gone behind July Mountain and the evening breeze coming up the valley made a coolness on their damp skin. While they were sitting there, the bucket from the house above came down its wire and landed with a splash in the boxed-in water of the spring. It slowly sank as it filled, then went back up the wire as someone cranked the windlass on the side porch of the house above them. They were too tired to turn and see who was doing the cranking.

As they climbed the hill with the box between them, Lilian remembered what Uncle Dave Hancock had said about having to climb to the house at the end of the day and she knew exactly what he meant. But when they reached the house and sat on the edge of the porch with their legs hanging over, felt the cool breeze drawn up the hill against their faces, and could see across the fields the distant mountains that shut the valley in on the other side with the sunset glow in the clouds above them, she also knew why Miss Martin had wanted the house on the hillside.

After supper, when all of them gathered on the porch, Lilian asked the question that puzzled her about the use of the unusable items from the barn loft which she and Dolly had lugged up the hill.

Miss Martin's now familiar, "Hooool" of laughter came before she said, "That's a secret. I'm going to tell you, but you mustn't mention it to anybody outside the family. There's a bad wash on our mountain, down the path beyond the chicken house. We are going to fill it up with things we can't use. The first things we put in were a black satin evening dress, badly worn, and a pair of black satin shoes that would have crippled anyone who tried to wear them, so we call it the black-satin-fill. In the morning, we'll take anything out of your box that can be used for scrub rags, then Billy and Howard can put the rest in the black satin fill."

"Why on earth," wondered Hattie, "would anyone send a worn out corset or a pair of high heeled, pointed-toed evening shoes to a mountain mission?"

"Nobody knows the answer," said Miss Martin.

Chapter 5

Augusta Martin reached eagerly for every kind of help that she could find, for the people she was trying to serve. Alma Bentley, a state home demonstration worker who held cooking schools in rural areas, was one of the people she reached for. Alma came to the House of Happiness in late July and all the family gathered in the living room after supper of the night she came.

"Alma, your job starts tomorrow, up on Sand Mountain," said Miss Martin. "Hodge will drive you. Lilian and Hattie, you will go along. People from all over this area will be there for the Singing School," she continued. "They all bring lunch and have dinner on the ground. There will be more food than can possibly be eaten and everyone will invite you to eat with them. You needn't take a

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, Hattie

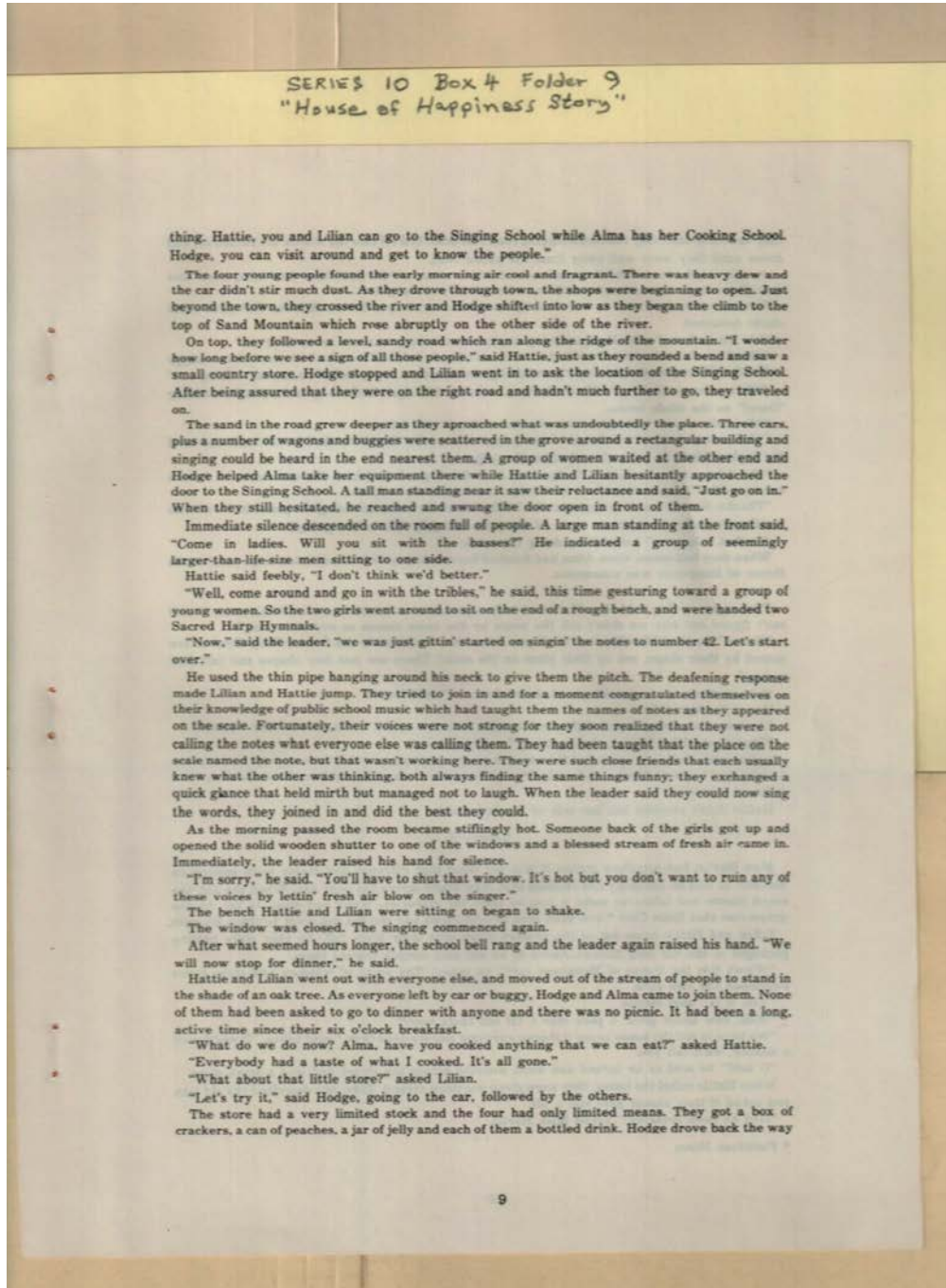
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Martin, Augusta
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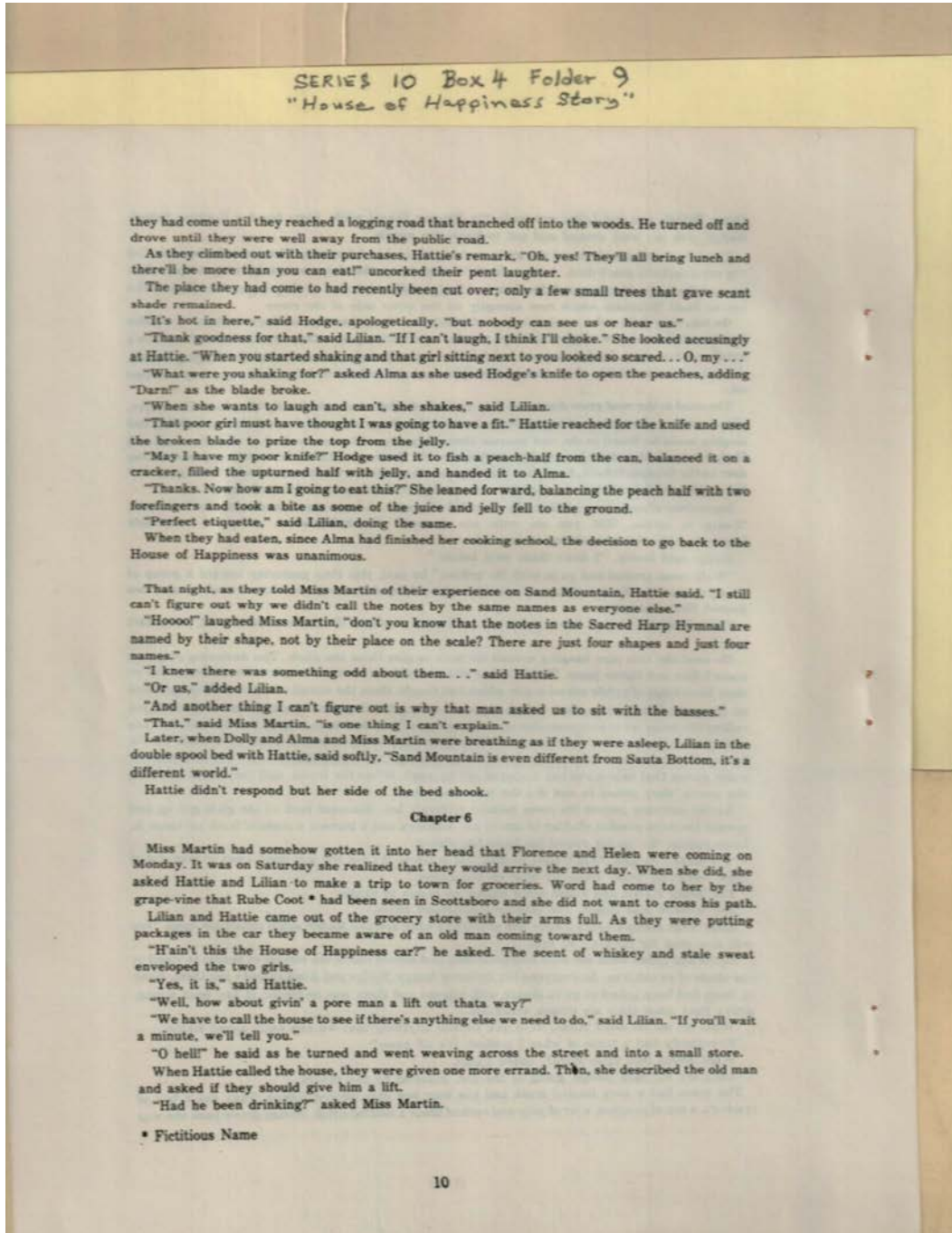
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, Hodge

, Lilian

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, Hodge

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Coot, Rube

Martin, Miss

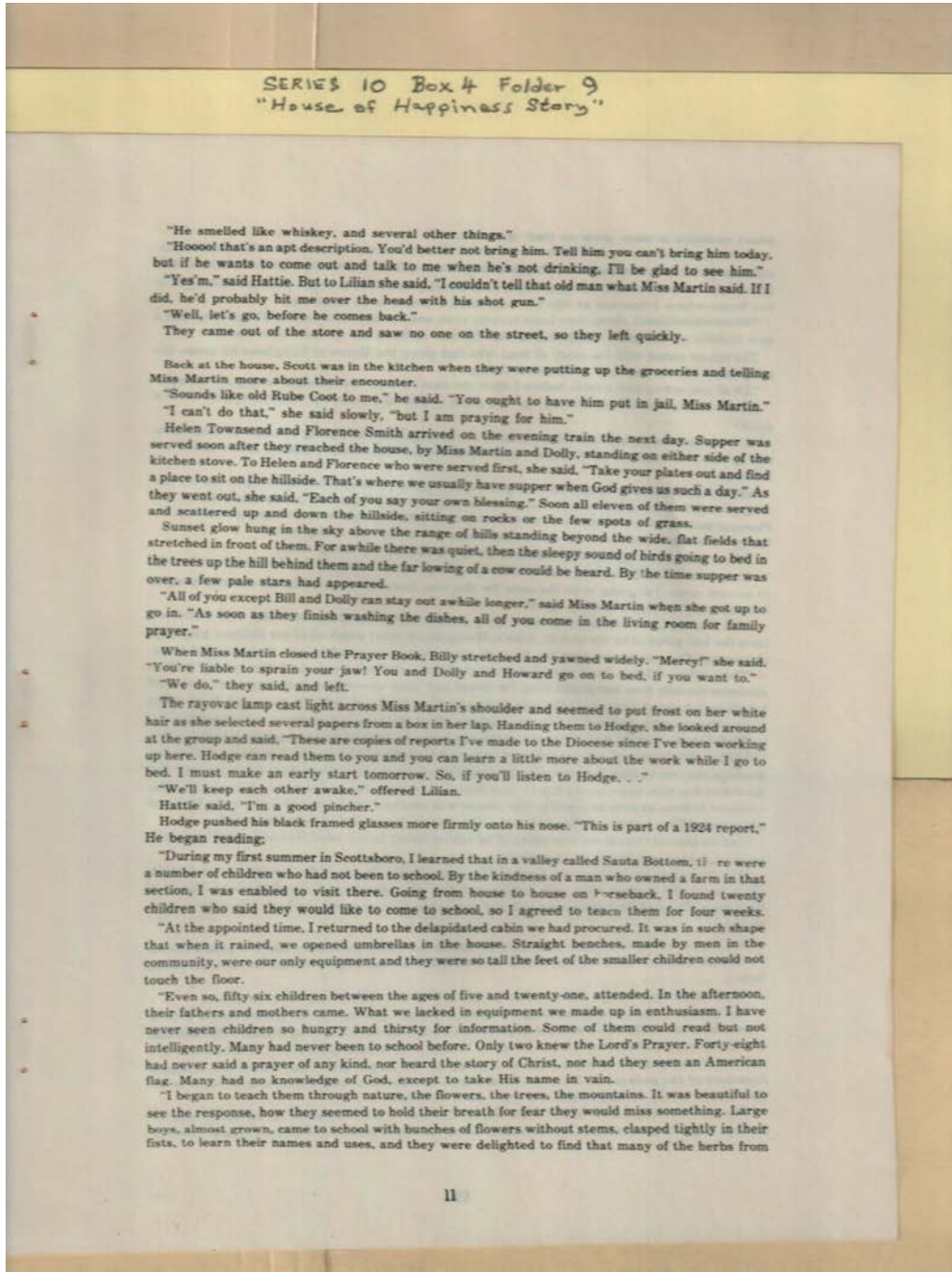
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, Lilian
Coot, Rube

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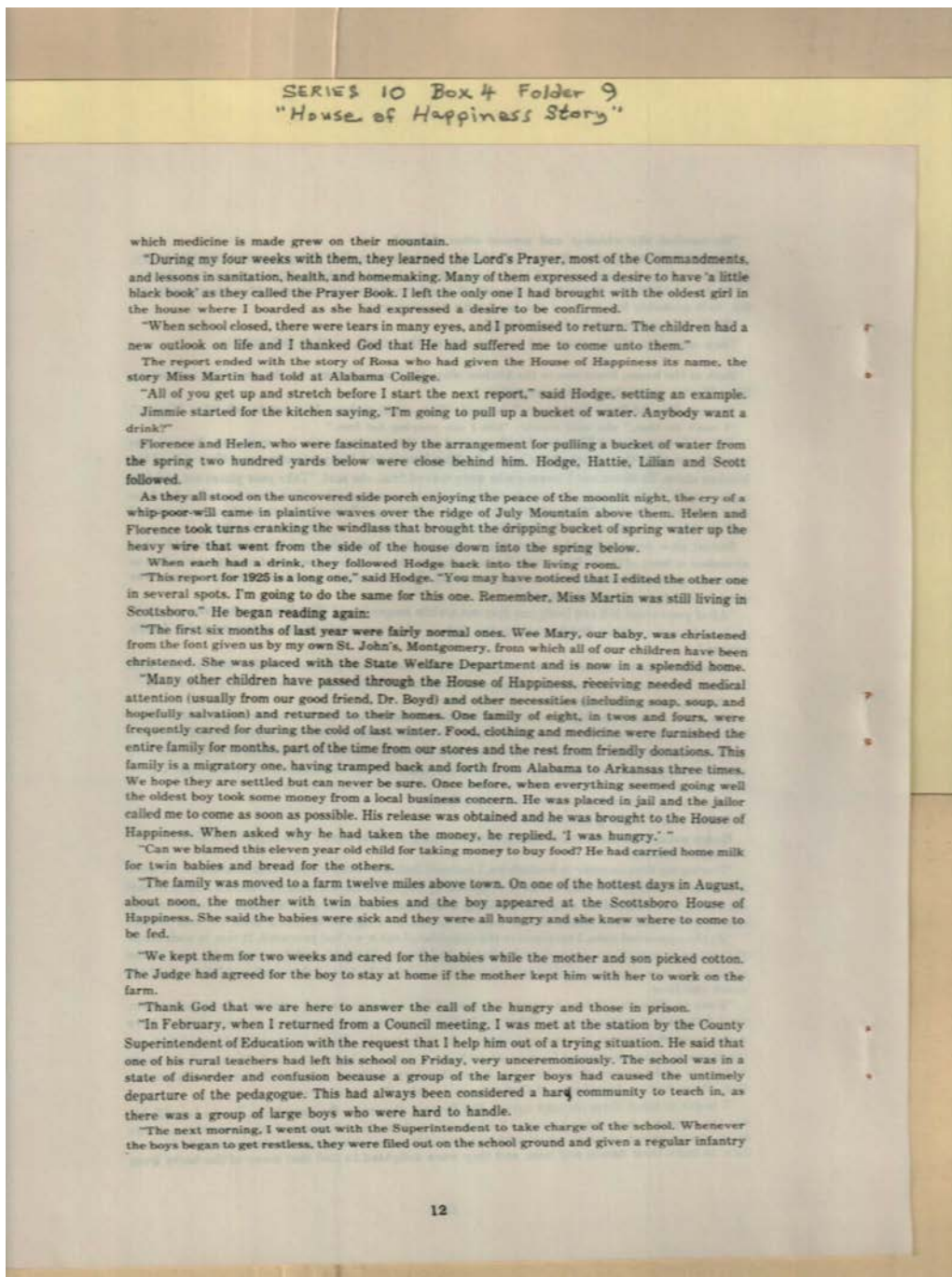
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, Rosa
, Scott

Boyd, Dr.
Martin, Miss

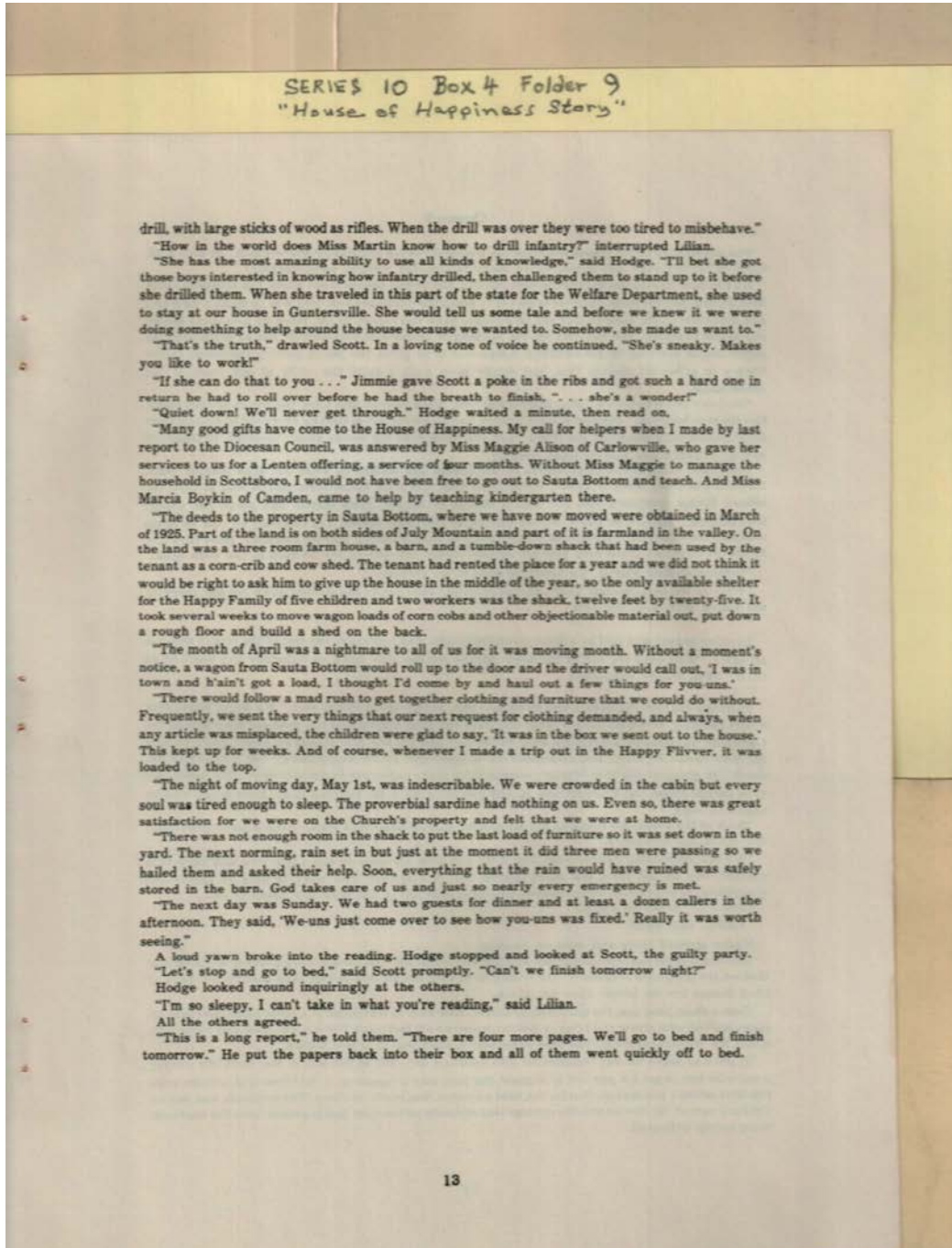
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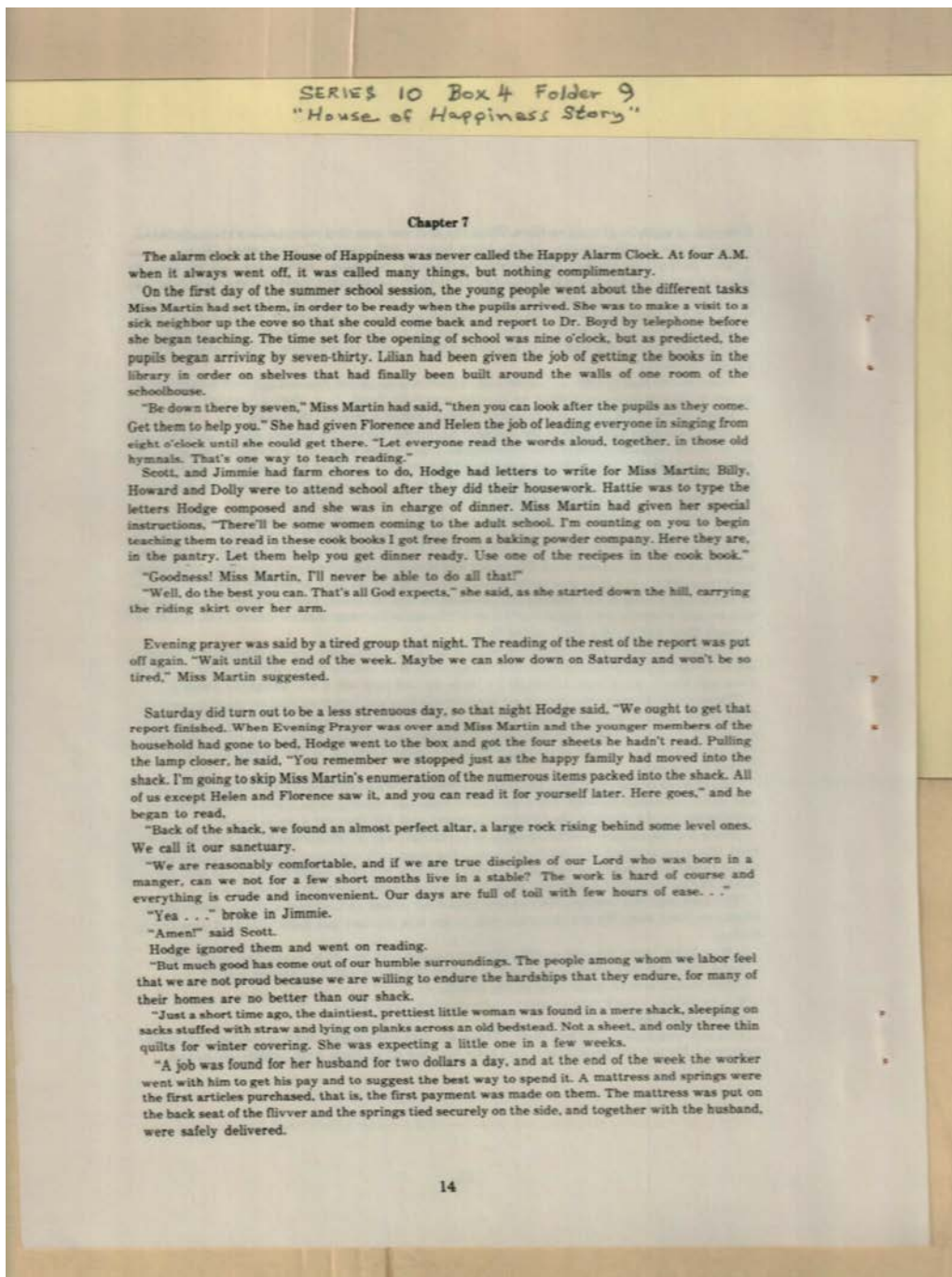
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Boykin, Marcia, Miss

Martin, Miss

Types:

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Names:

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, Howard

, Lilian

Boyd, Dr.

, Dolly

, Jimmie

, Scott

Martin, Miss

Types:

booklet

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"House of Happiness Story"

"We have much to be thankful for. We make trips in the community on our good Methodist horse, Dixie. All summer, while others were hauling water for miles, our ever-flowing Birdsong spring was a great comfort not only to us but to all the community. Our limestone 'blowing cave' registers 59 degrees, no matter how hot it is on the outside. Here, in an old icebox (with the door open) we keep our Episcopalian milk and butter given by our good Presbyterian cow. Fresh meat will keep there for several days. We would have been cooler in the hot weather if we had had time to linger near the openings between the rocks near the cave. Cool air from the subterranean passages under our mountain flows steadily from these openings.

"The work moves slowly . . ."

"What?" - "Slowly, did you say?" came from his disrespectful audience.

"Pipe down!" Hodge looked at them, pushed his glasses up and read on.

"We have much prejudice to overcome and many adverse reports to live down. Many believe that the worker gets a thousand dollars for every child who passes through the House of Happiness, that our income is unlimited, and many other things quite as unreasonable. Little by little we are overcoming the effects of these reports, by actual service.

"In one case, an entire family of eight had typhoid fever. I went to the home daily, sometimes twice, often spending the night. The floor had to be scrubbed and bedding and clothing had to be furnished, as well as food, for weeks. A mosquito bar was lent them, to keep flies and mosquitoes from the father and seventeen year old son who were the sickest.

"After the illness was over, the father was asked by a neighbor who had not even been to see them while they were ill, if he knew that the worker was a Catholic. At that time the people of the valley were superstitiously afraid of the Roman Catholic Church.

"Catholic or no Catholic", was the reply. "She's the only one that helped us, but I happen to know she N ain't no Catholic!"

"This family had a large connection, and through this opportunity for service, the Church has earned the friendship of them all. Many similar services keep your worker busy every day and often far into the night.

"Another most distressing case was that of a family of five who wandered into Sauta Bottom from the mountains of Tennessee. One of their twin babies was taken ill as they first came into this area and they stopped at the home of one of our neighbors up the valley whose family numbered eight.

"I was called to the phone in the shack and a female voice at highest pitch said, "There's a woman at my house with her husband and three children and one of the babies is sick. I want you to come and get them!"

"She was told that it would be impossible as there was no place for them to sleep in the shack. "Well, you come here quick," she screamed, "or I'll just die! I can't stand it!"

"I told her I would come at once, although I had just come in and hadn't had time to take off my hat. It was about seven P.M. With my supper in one hand and my doctor bag (as the children call it) in the other, I got back in the fliver and hastened to prevent the untimely death of the mother of six and to minister to the sick baby.

"The scene I found is indelibly impressed on my memory. It was in a small shack with its walls dark from the smoke of torches that had in times past been stuck in its cracks. A mother, with her emaciated, dying baby held close to her breast was rocking back and forth in a straight chair and sobbing aloud. On two filthy beds and on quilts on the floor, eleven human beings were lying, making thirteen in the small room. The only light came from a small old lamp with a hole in one side and without a chimney. The odor in the room was suffocating as both door and the only window were closed. I immediately opened these and sent for Dr. Boyd although the baby looked beyond human help.

"It lingered until three the next morning. All night long, I sat moistening the parched lips of the baby which had been placed on a dirty pillow (covered by a clean sheet I had brought) in a chair. When the end came, the mother was so exhausted she fell asleep in a few minutes after I persuaded her to lie down by her husband on one of the unspeakable beds.

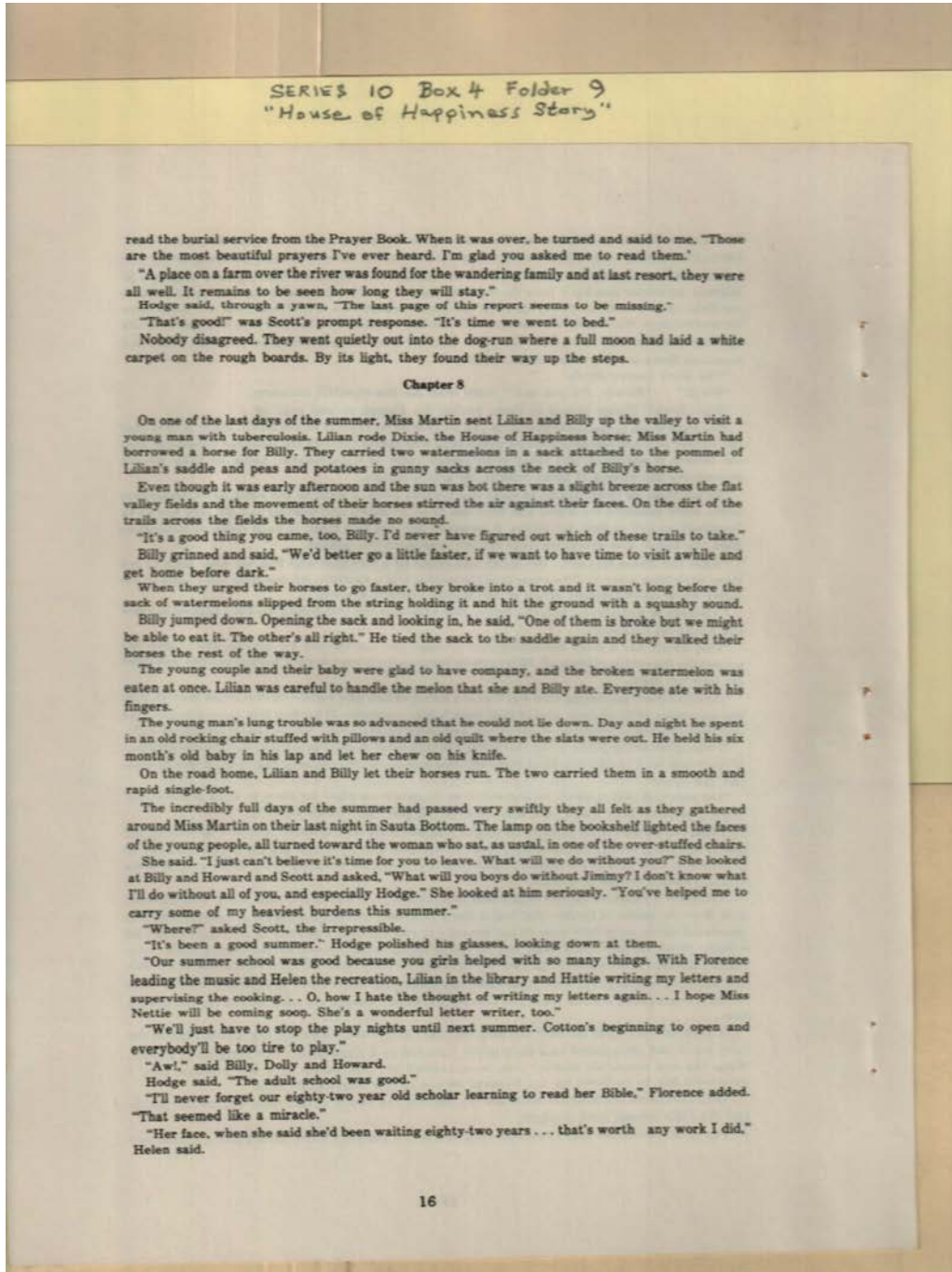
"Then I prepared the baby for burial and sat, the only one awake, in this room with twelve people and the little corpse, until daylight.

"The child was buried that afternoon, after one of the worker's Hard Shell Baptist friends had

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Boyd, Dr.

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, Hattie

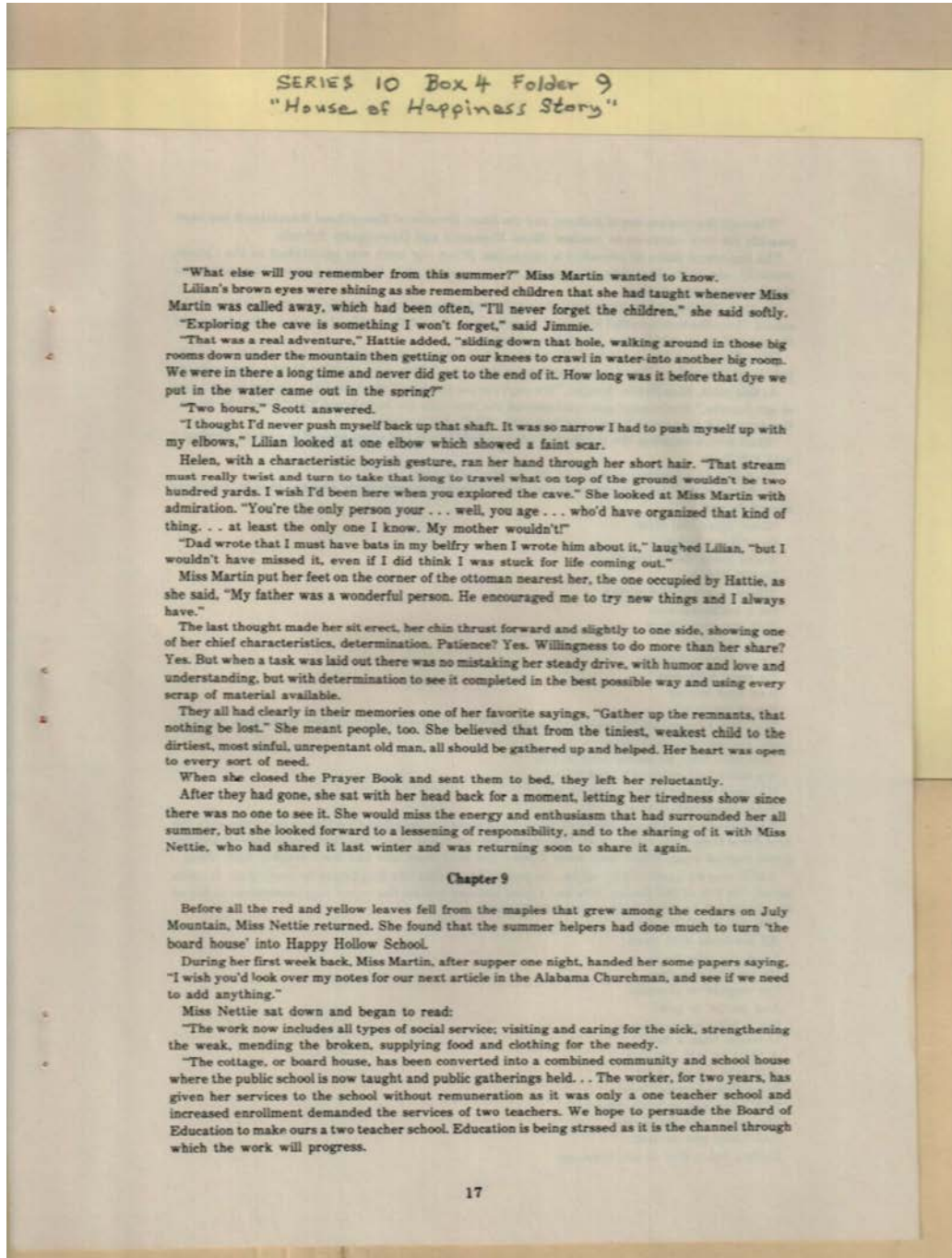
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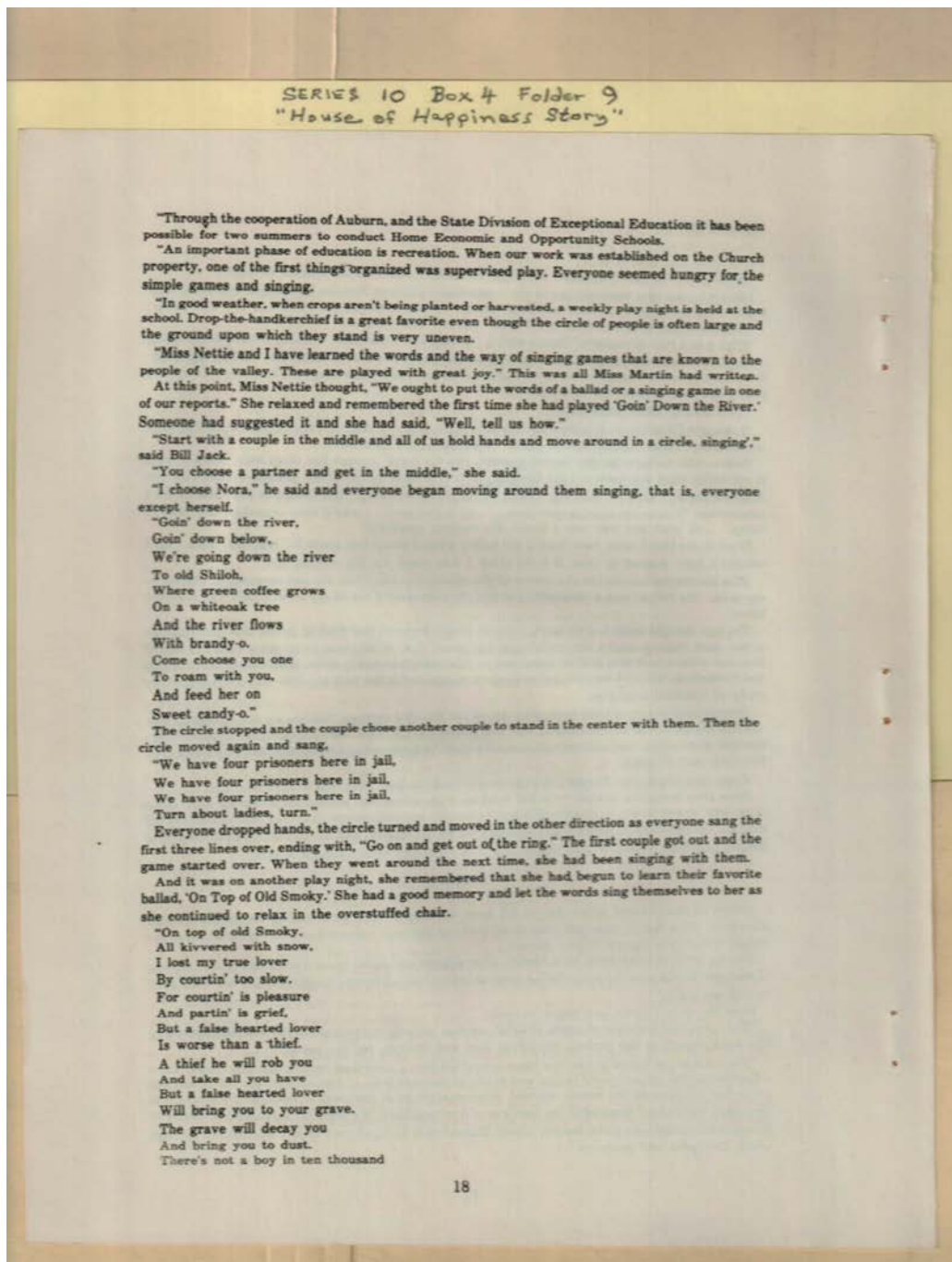
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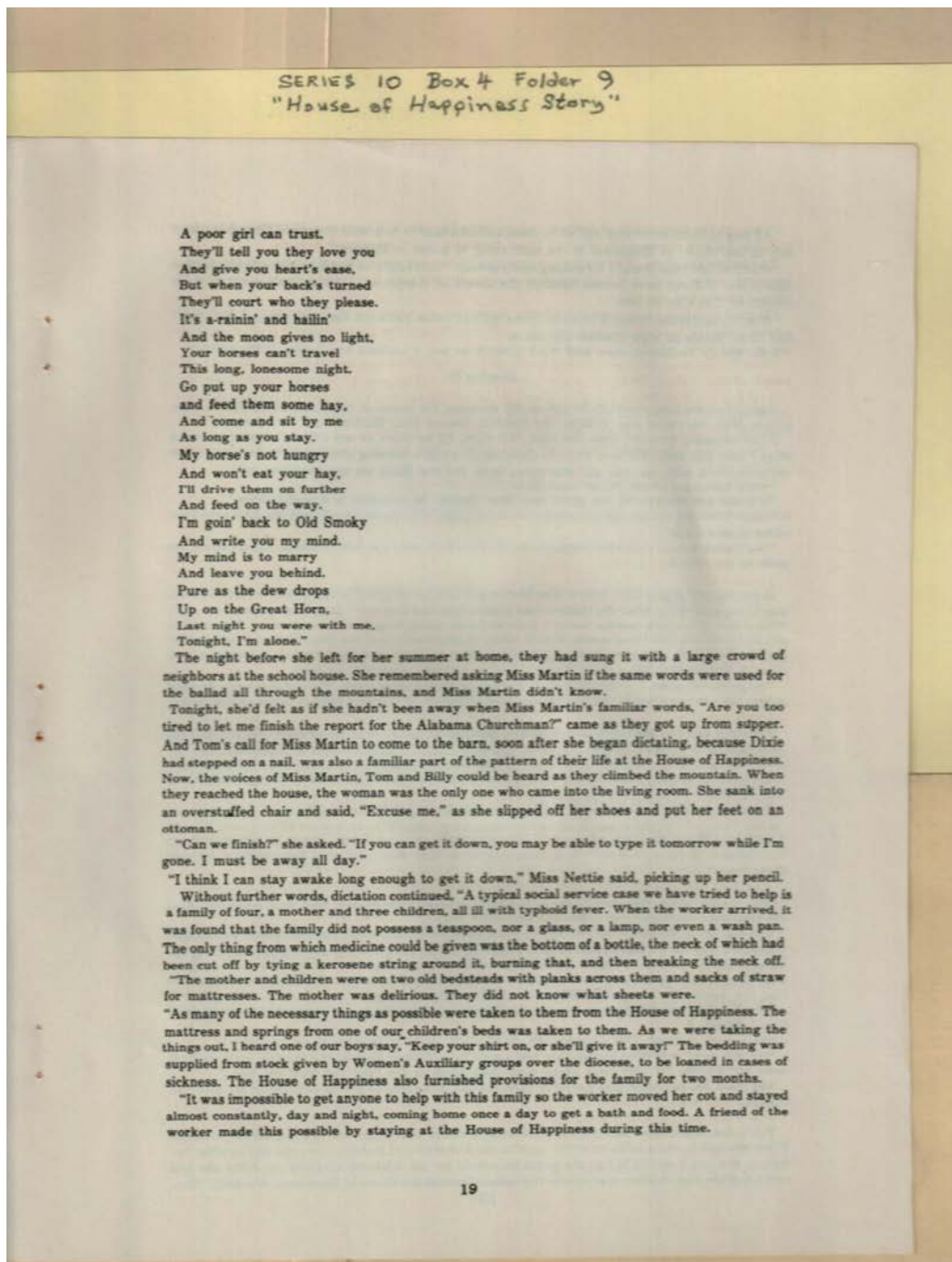
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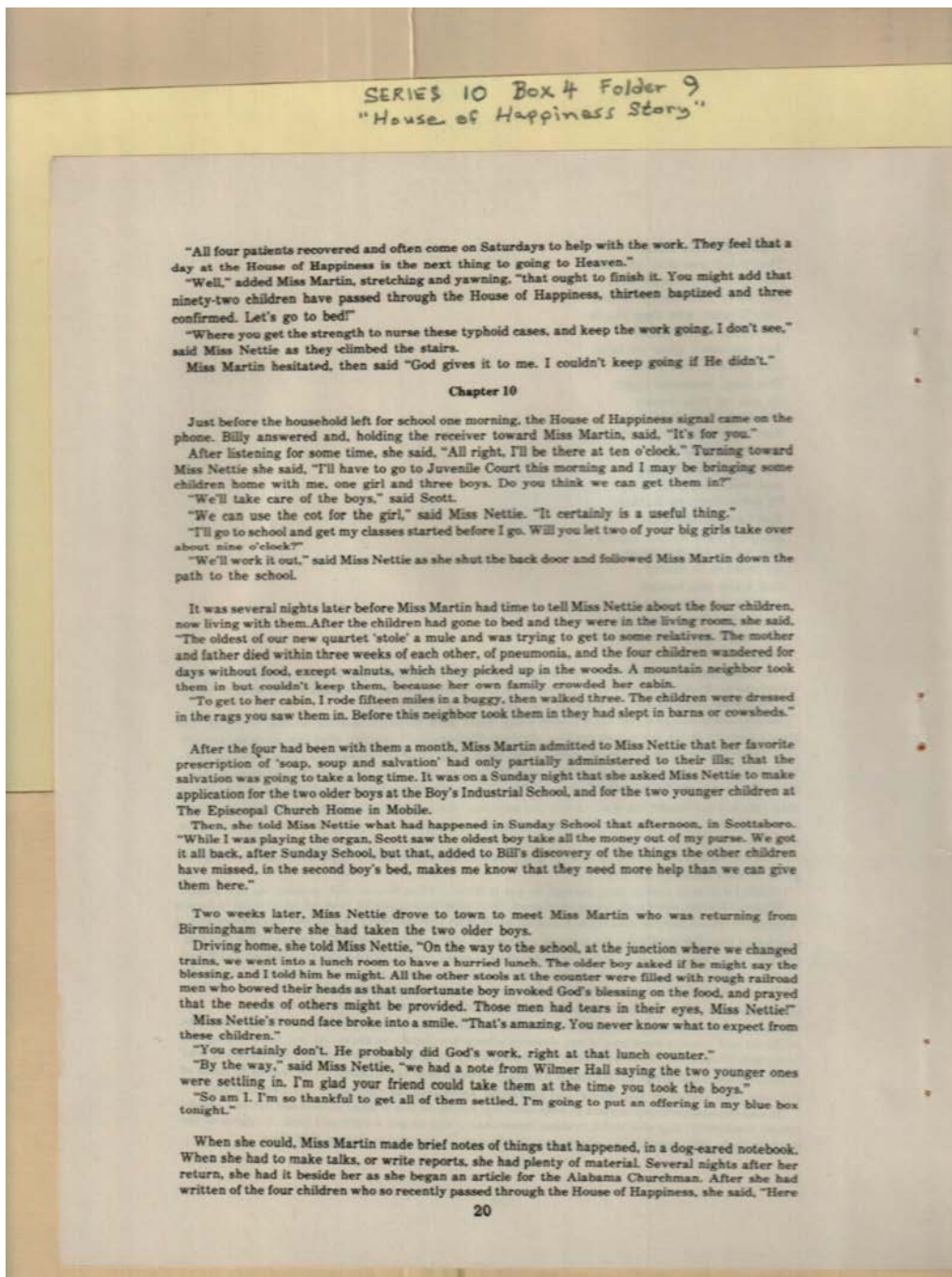
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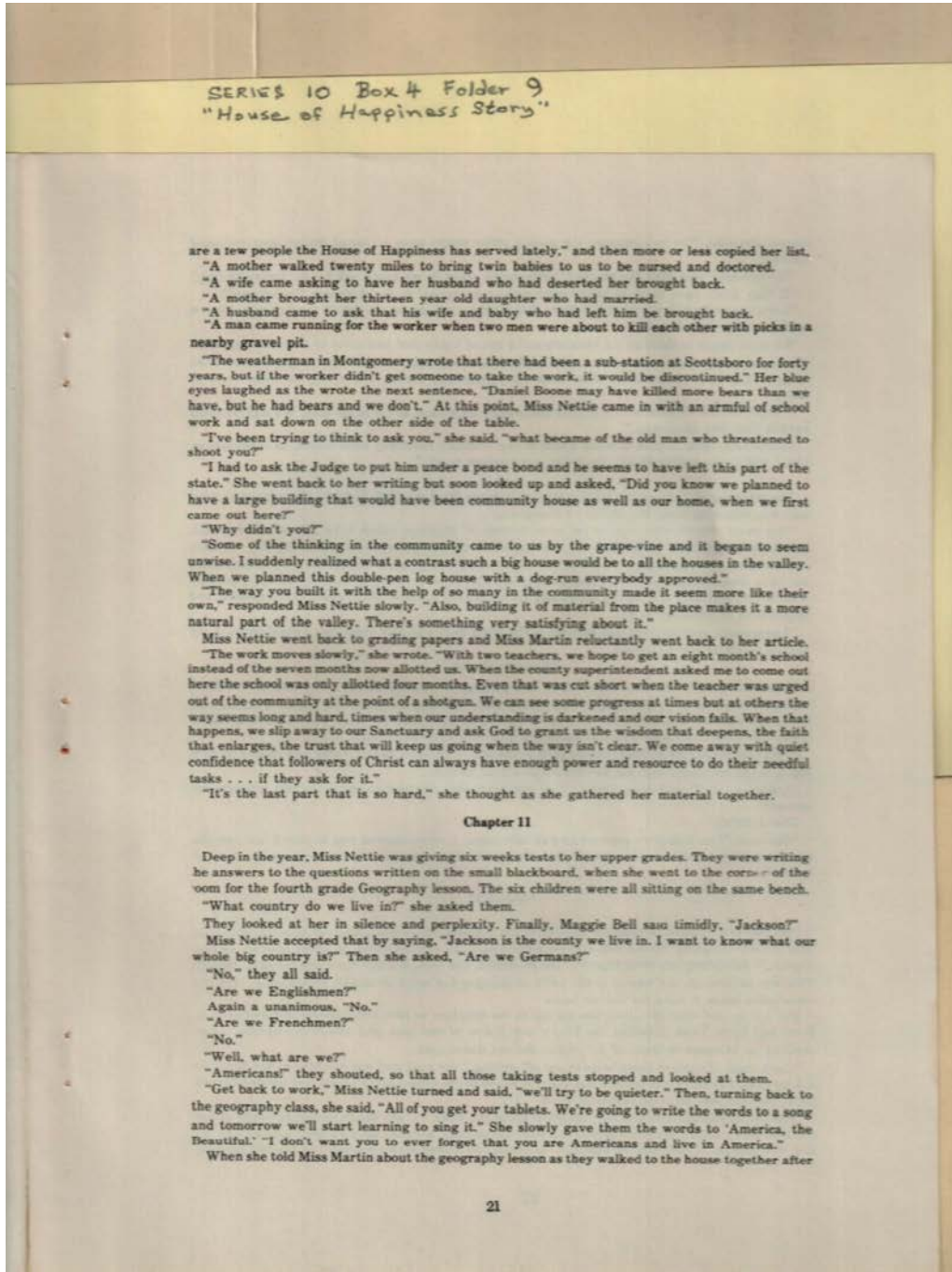
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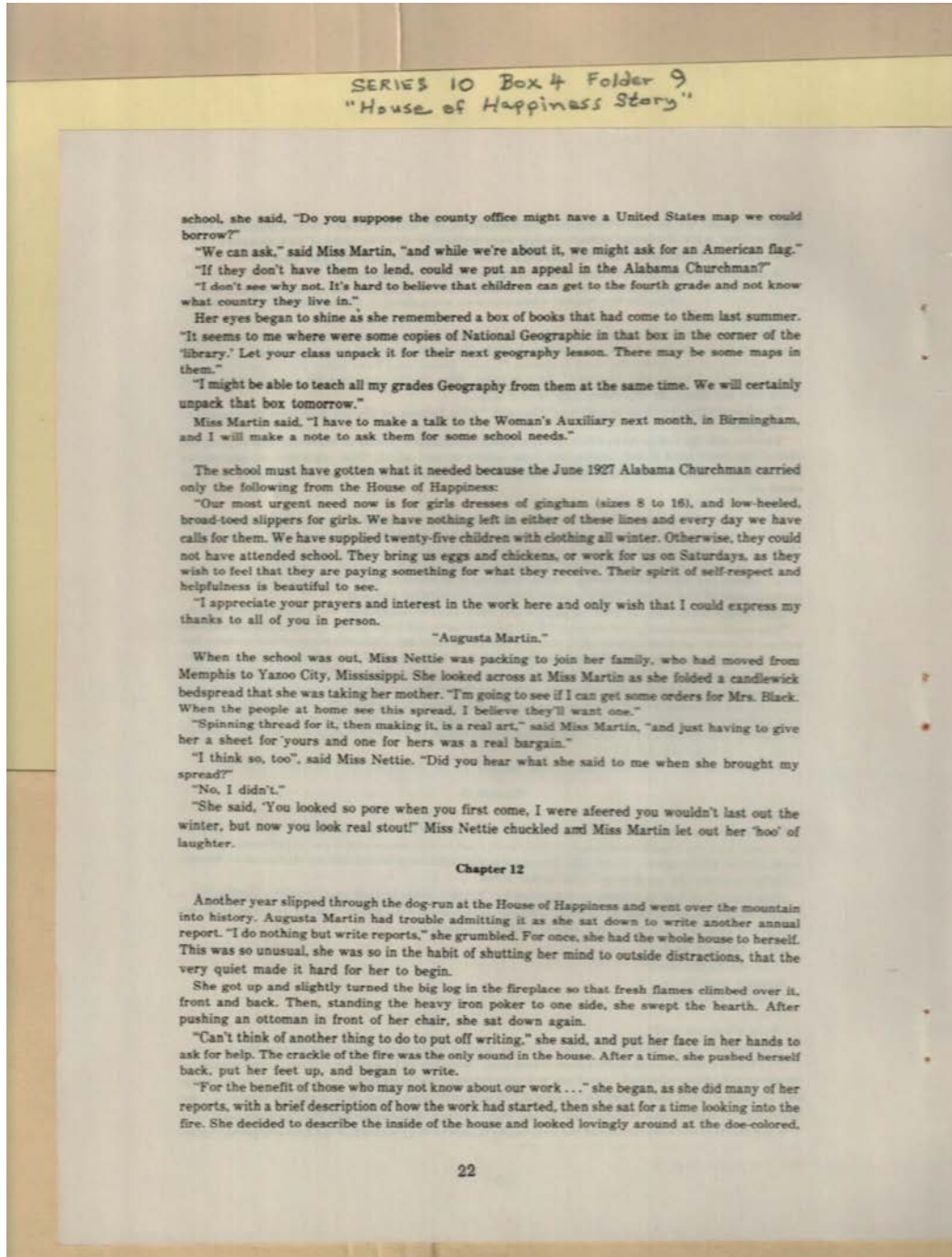
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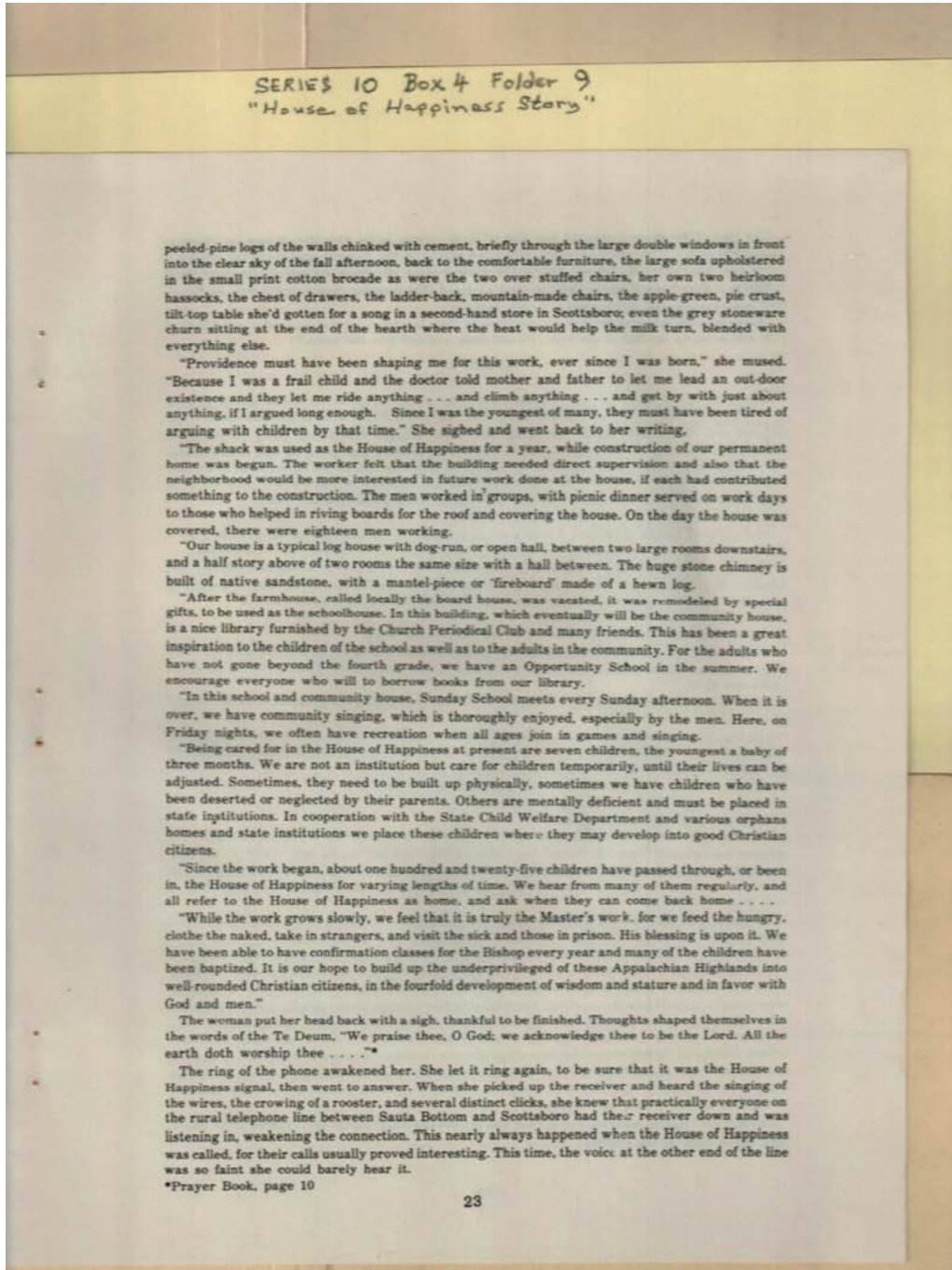
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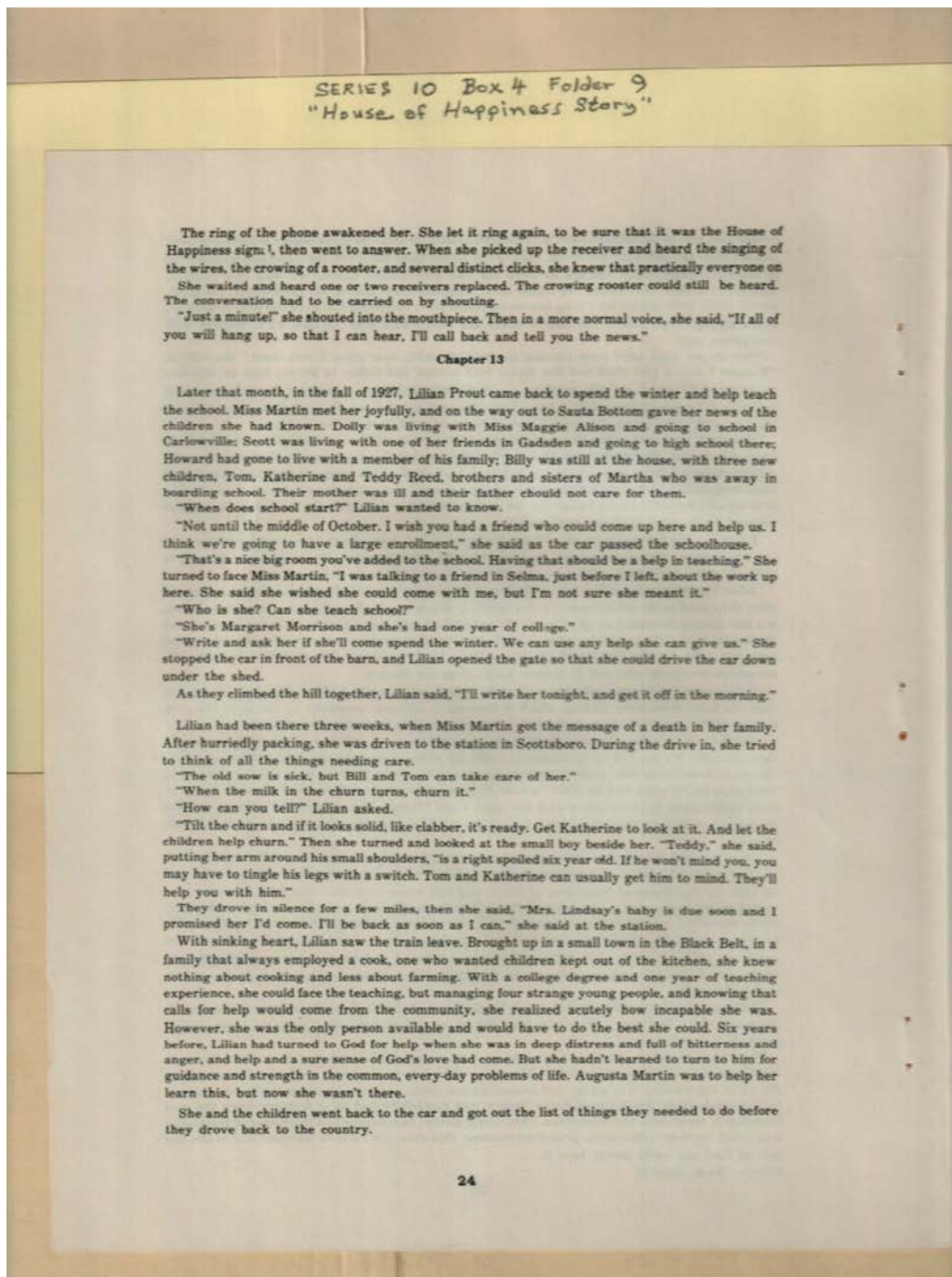
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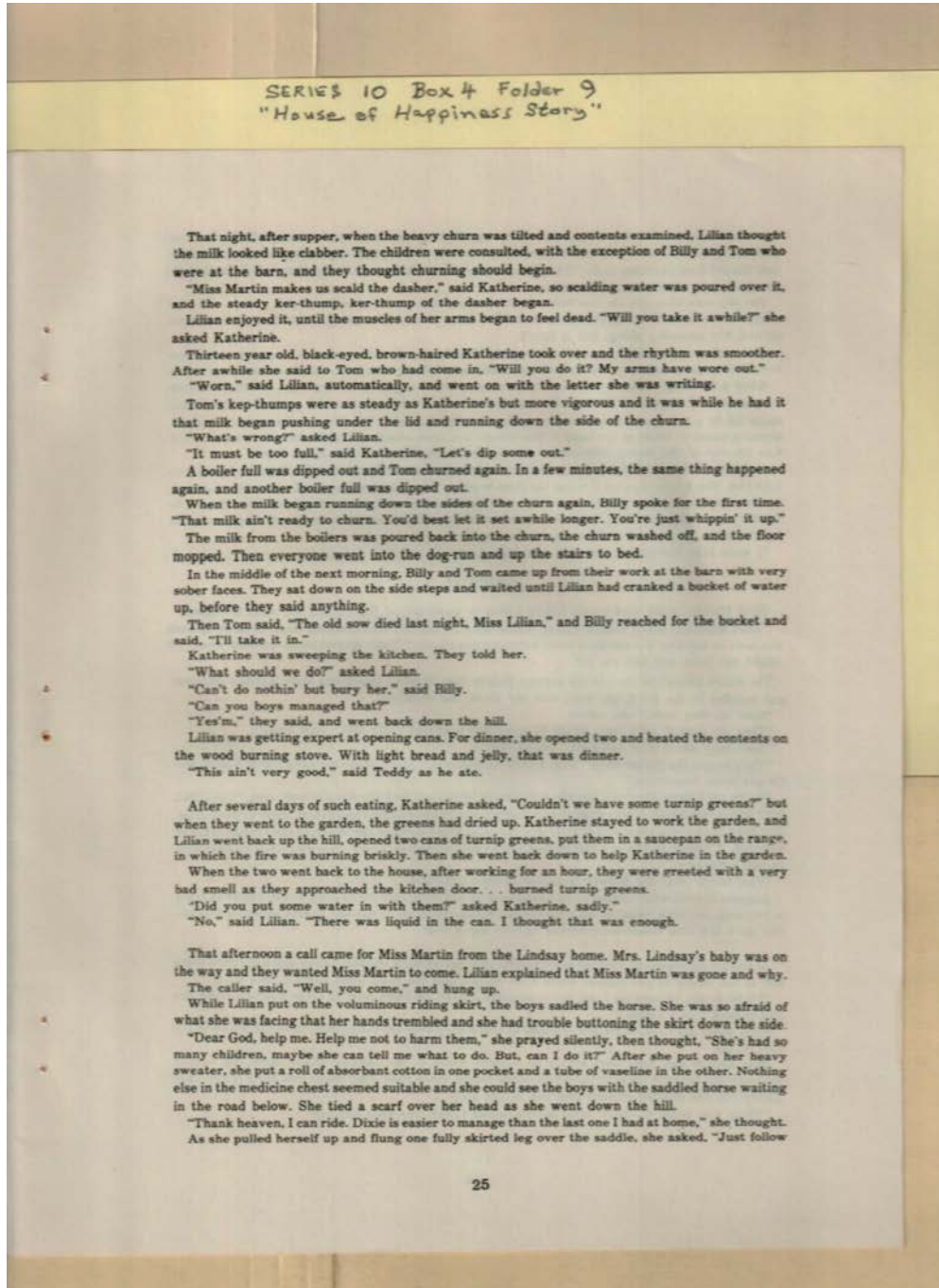
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Reed, Teddy

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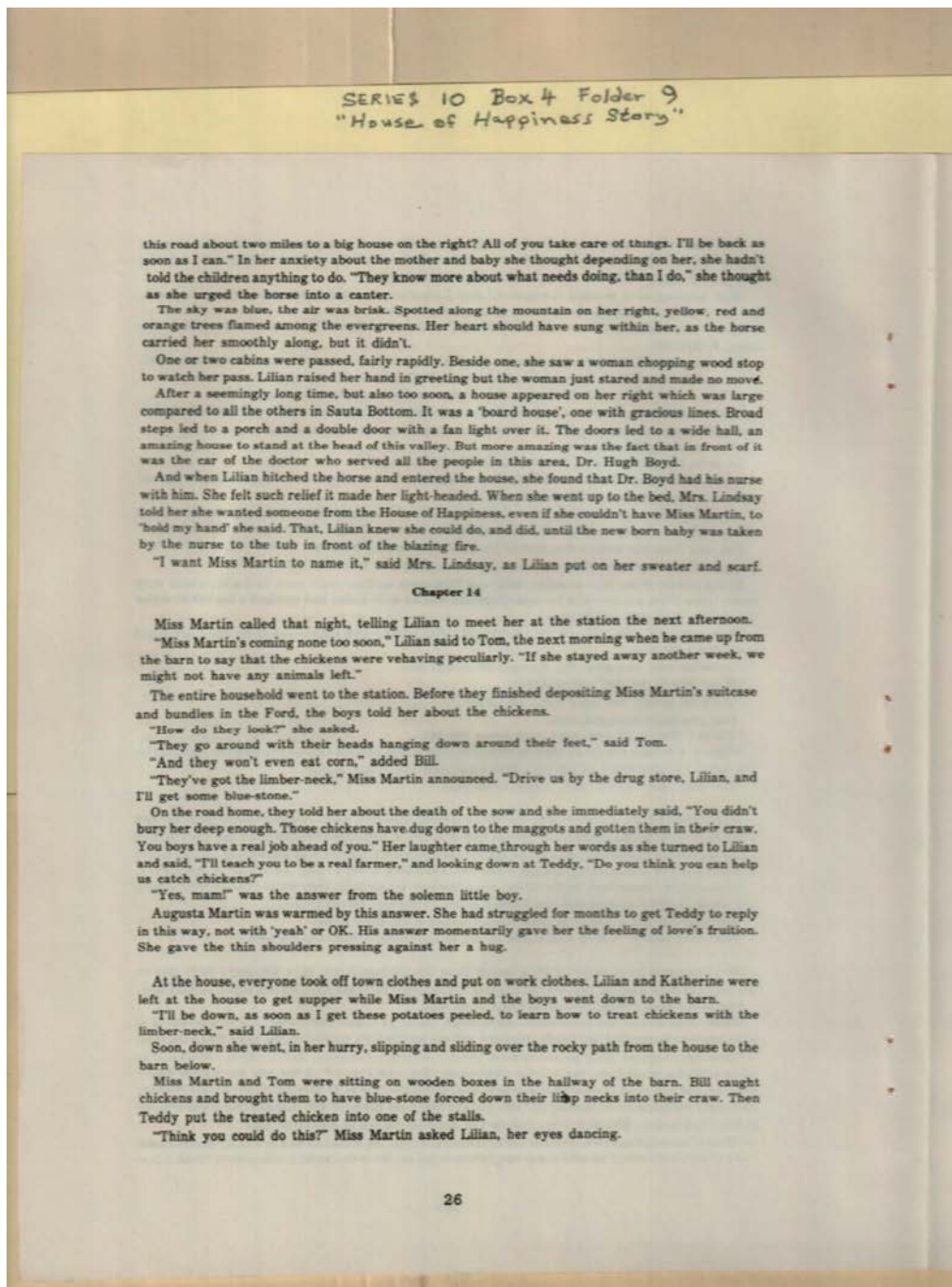
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Martin, Miss

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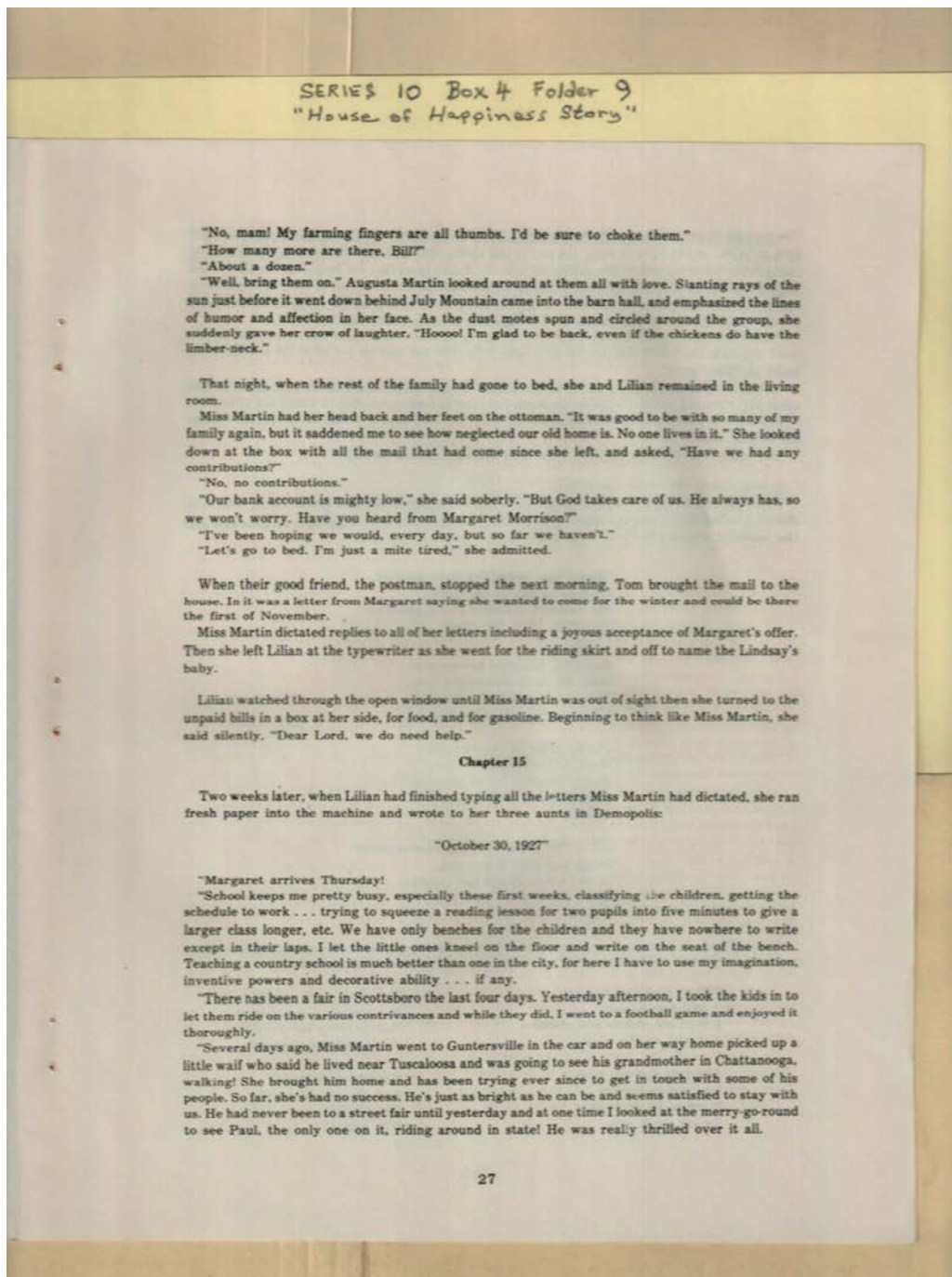
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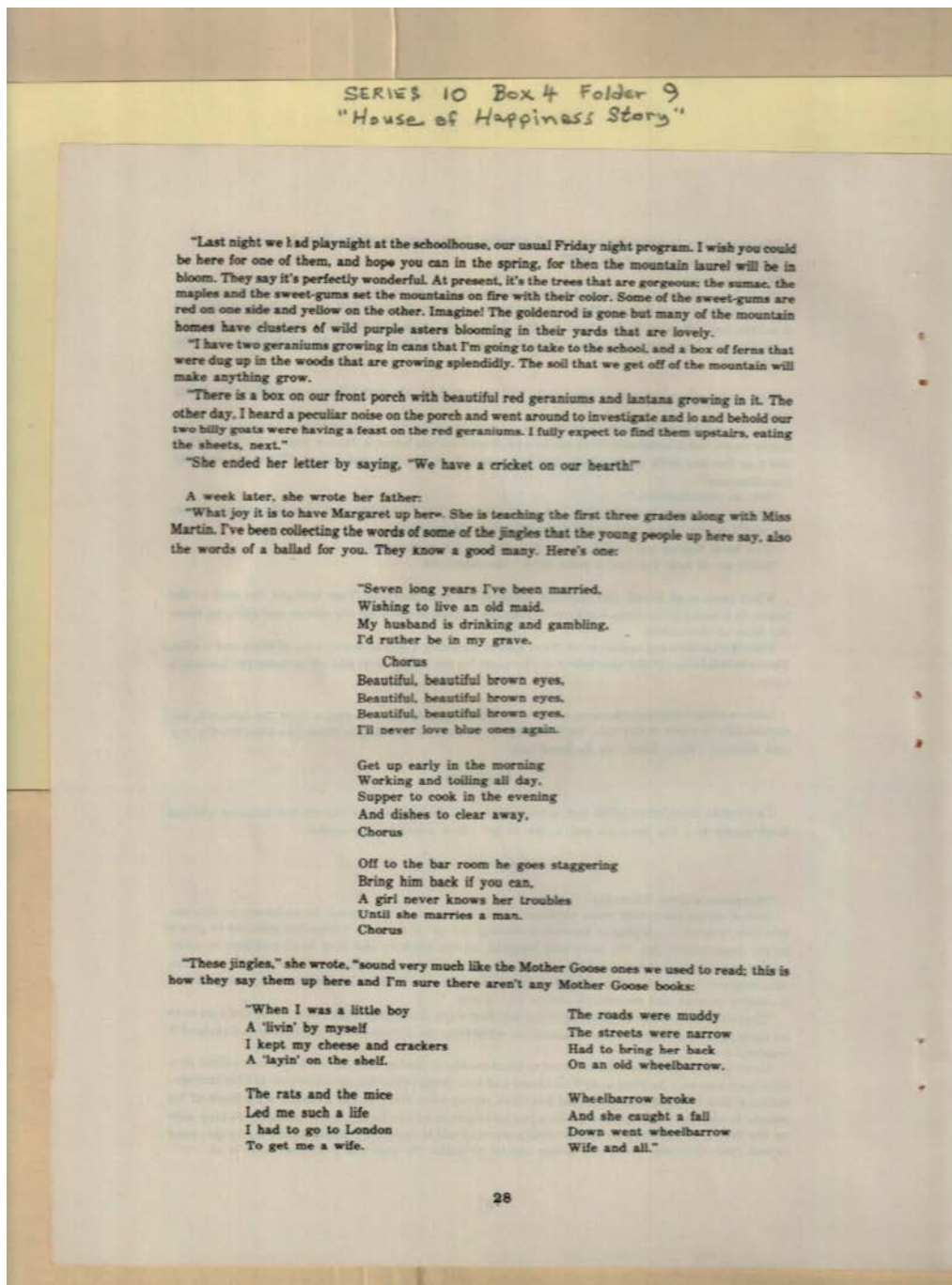
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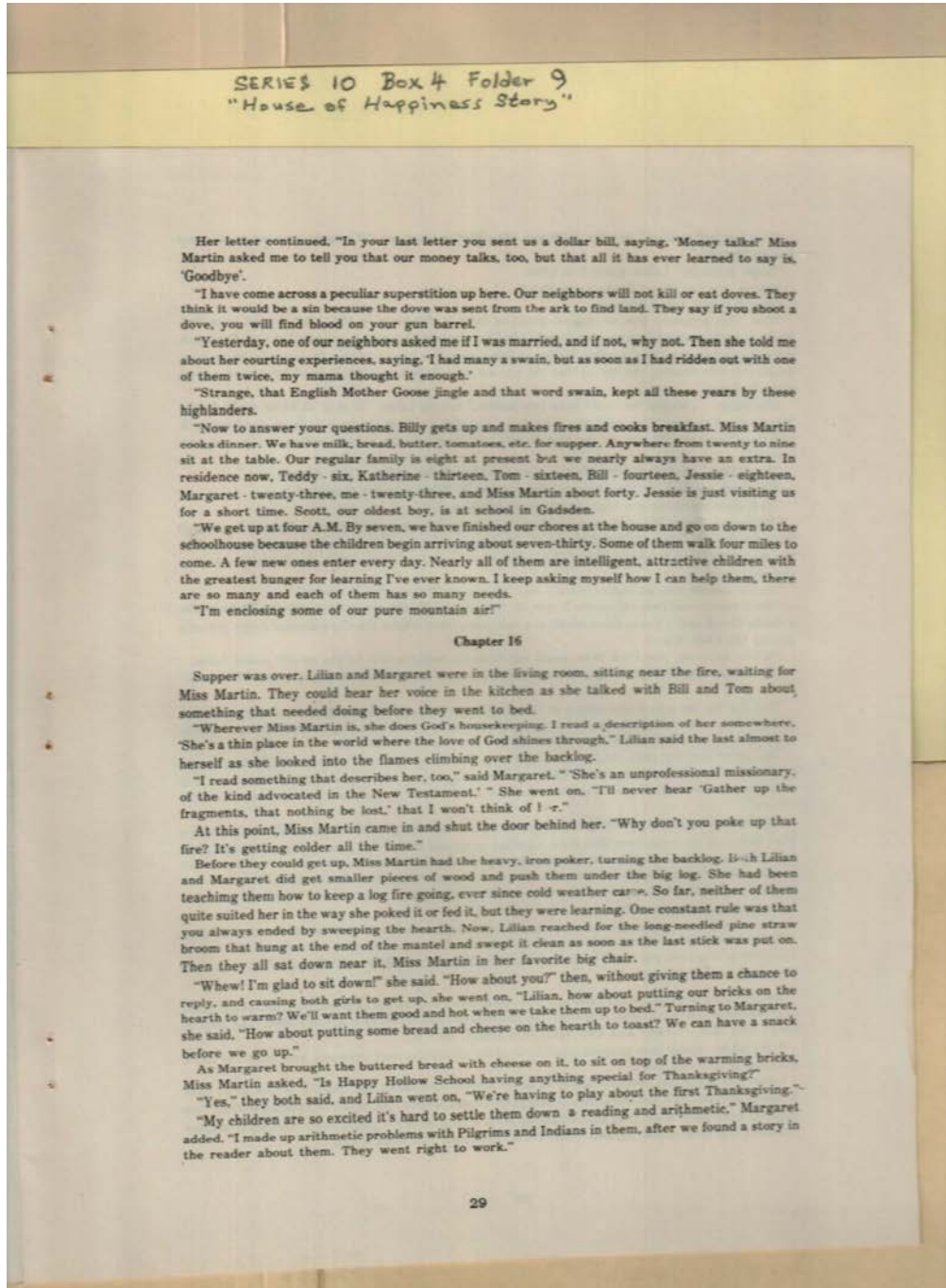
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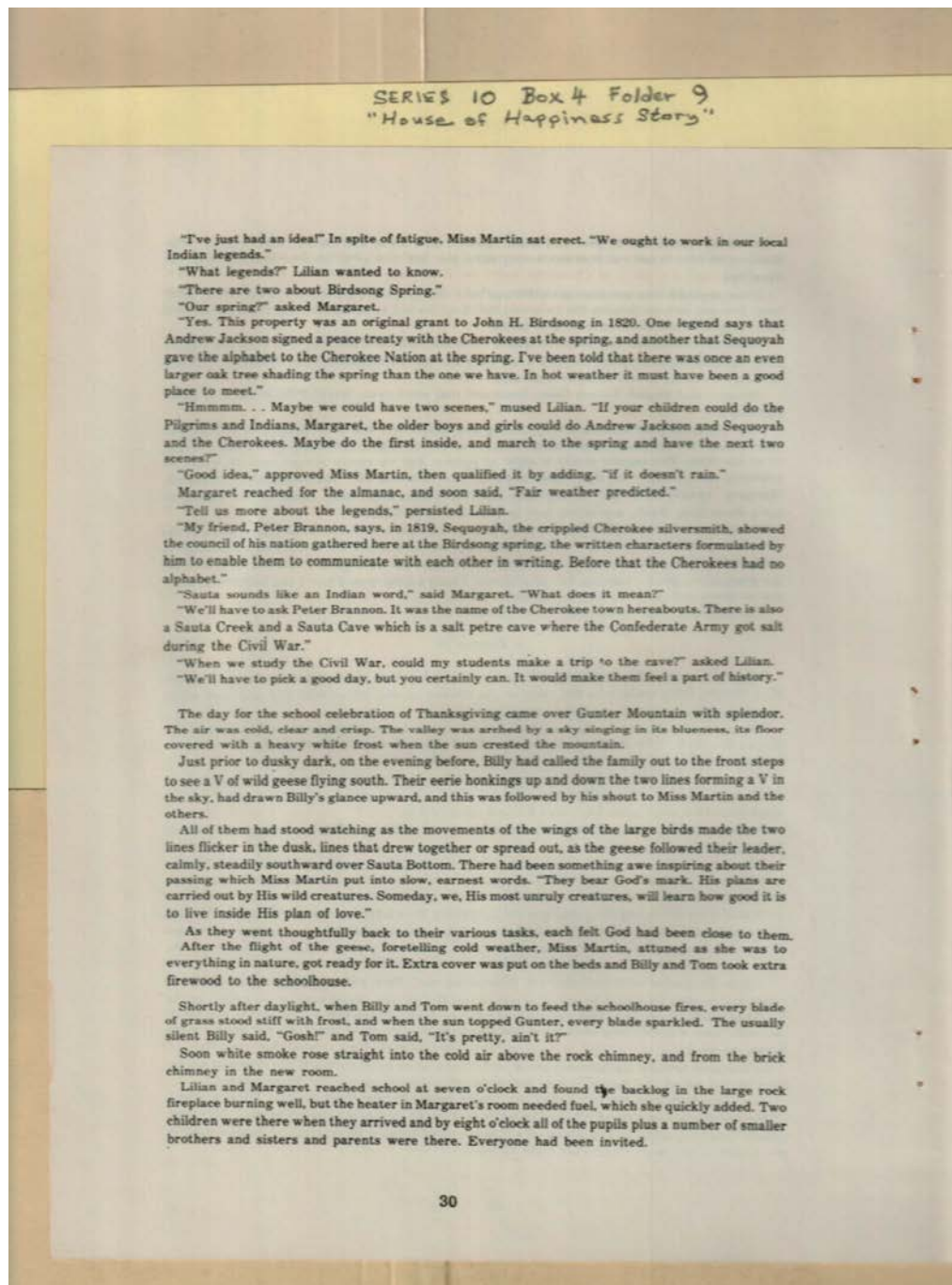
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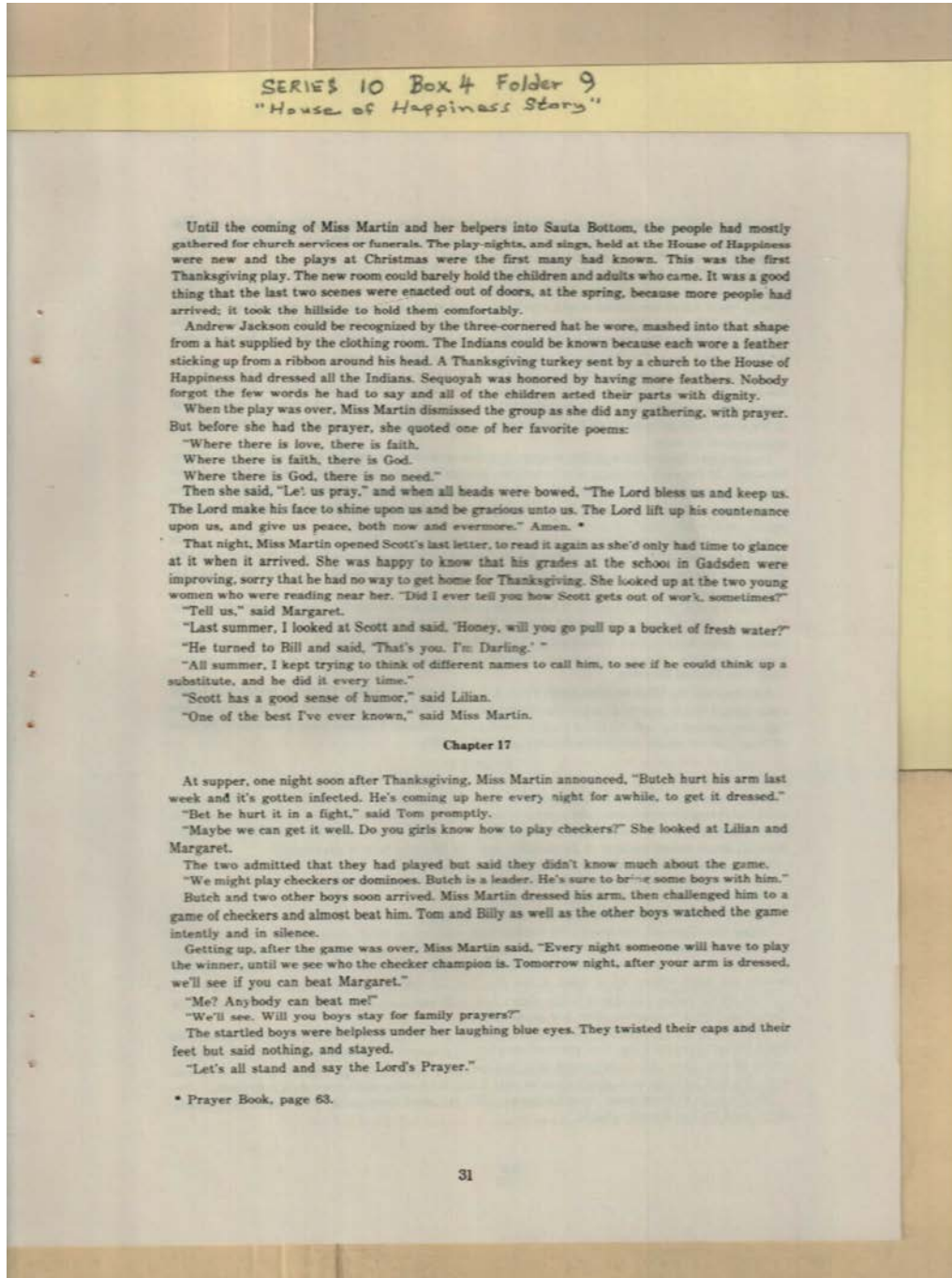
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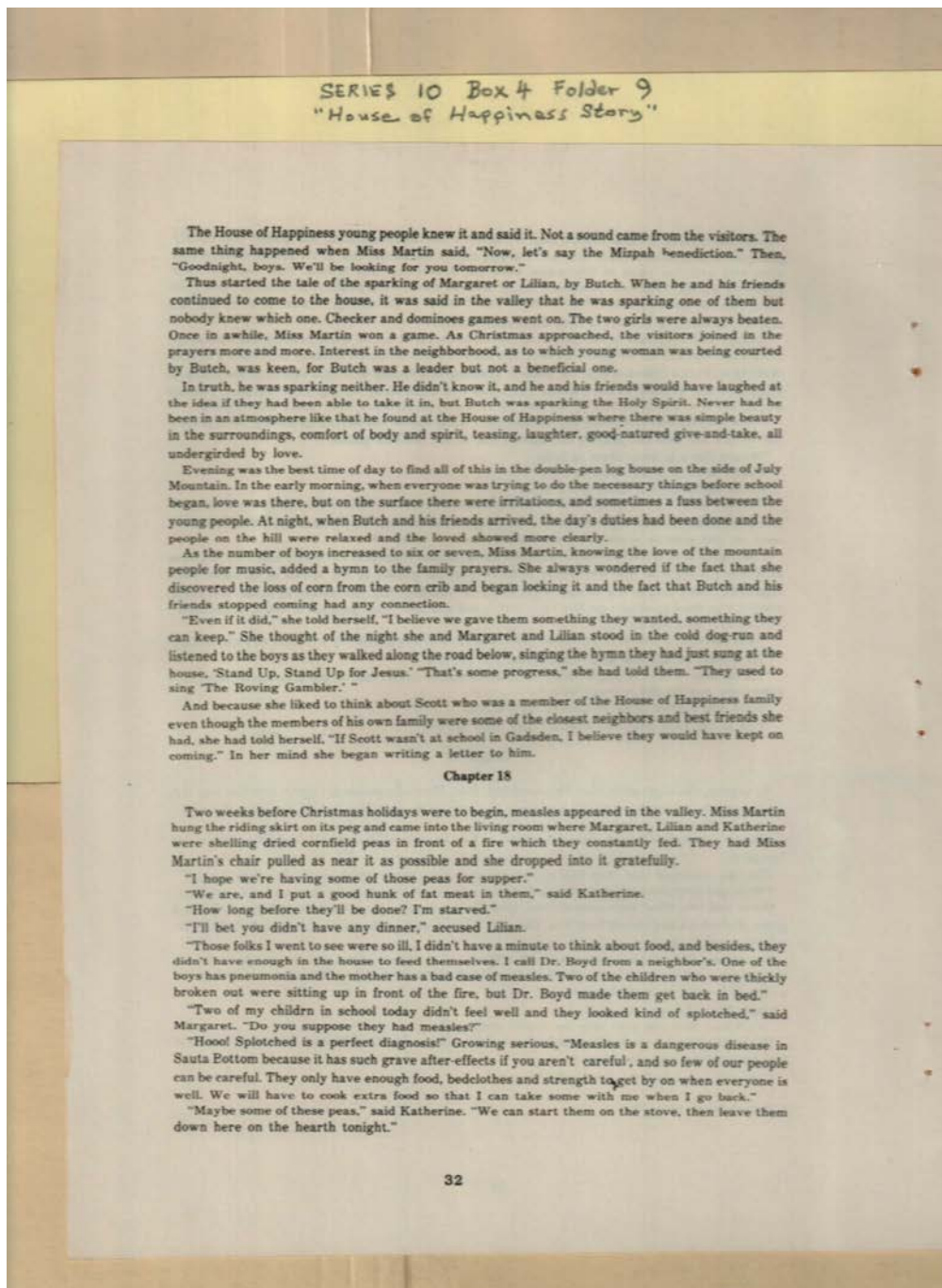
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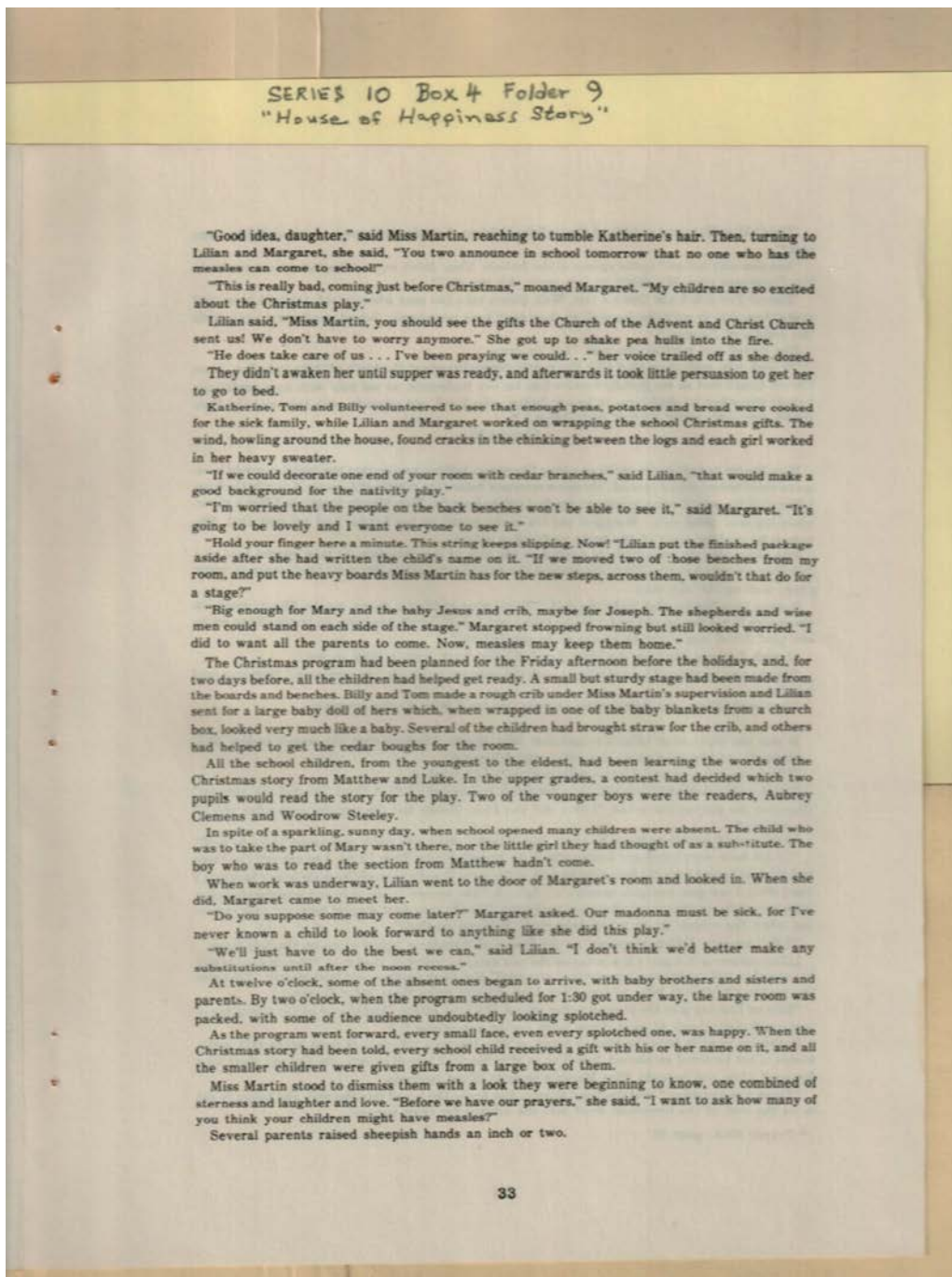
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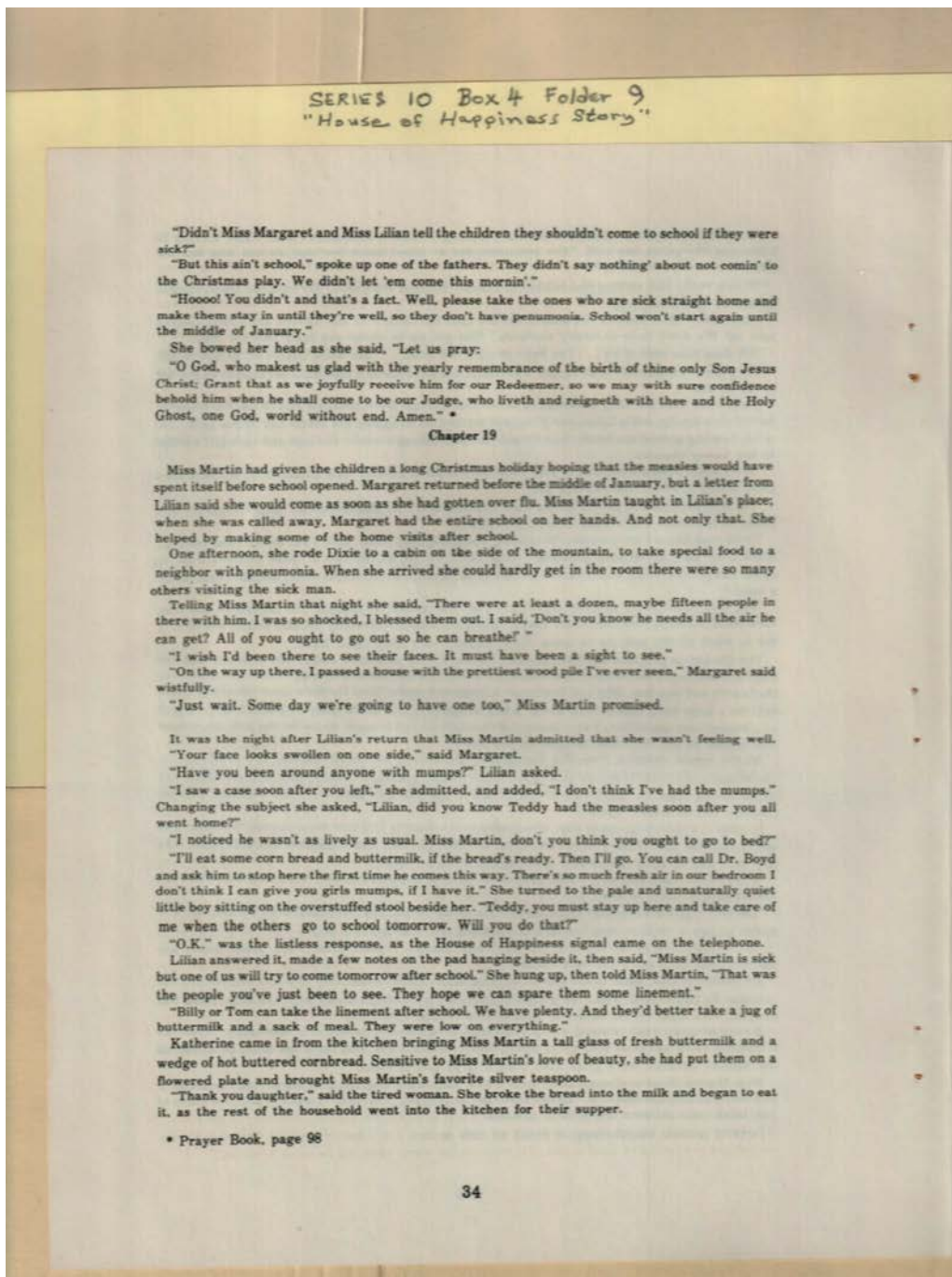
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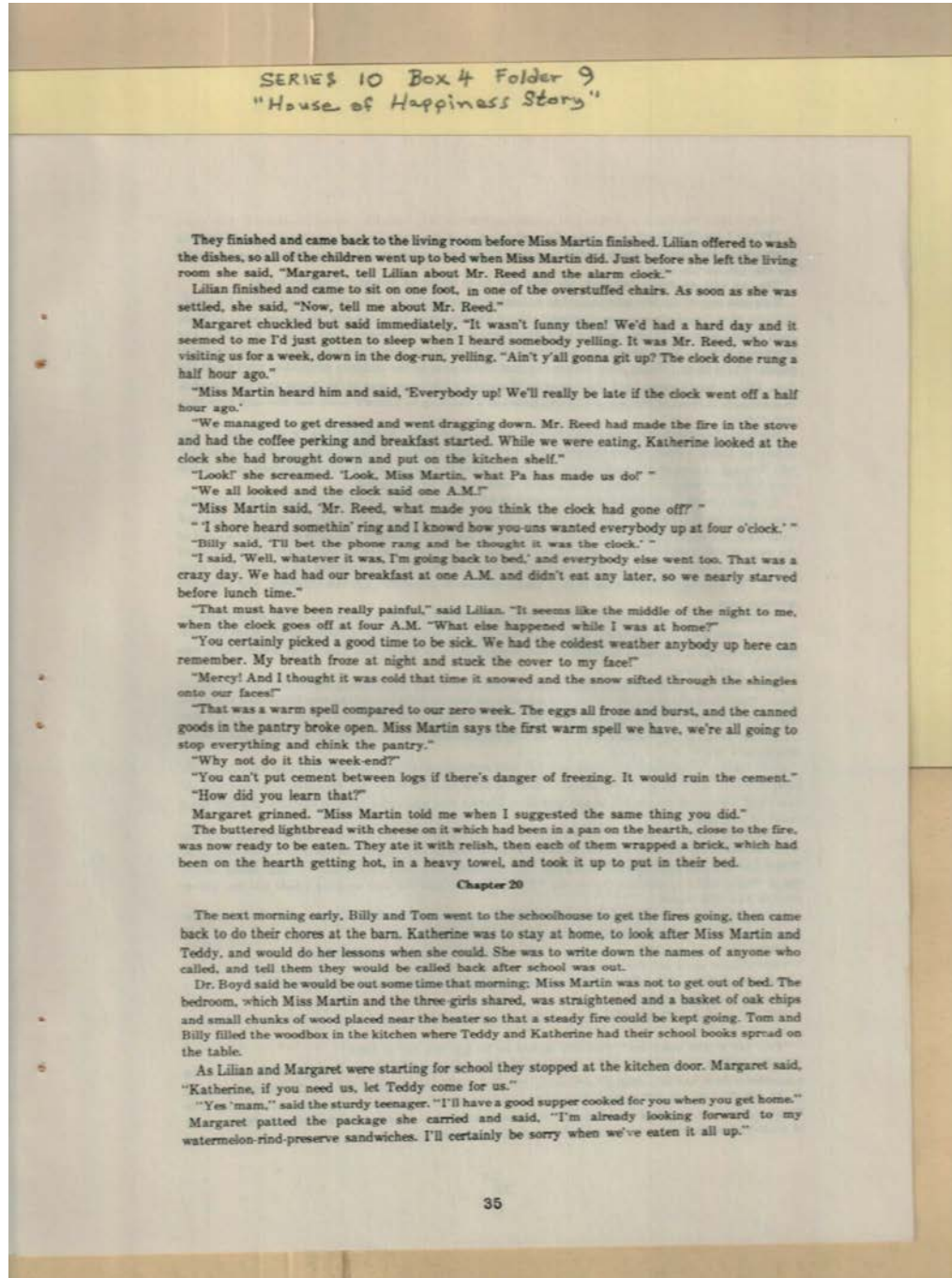
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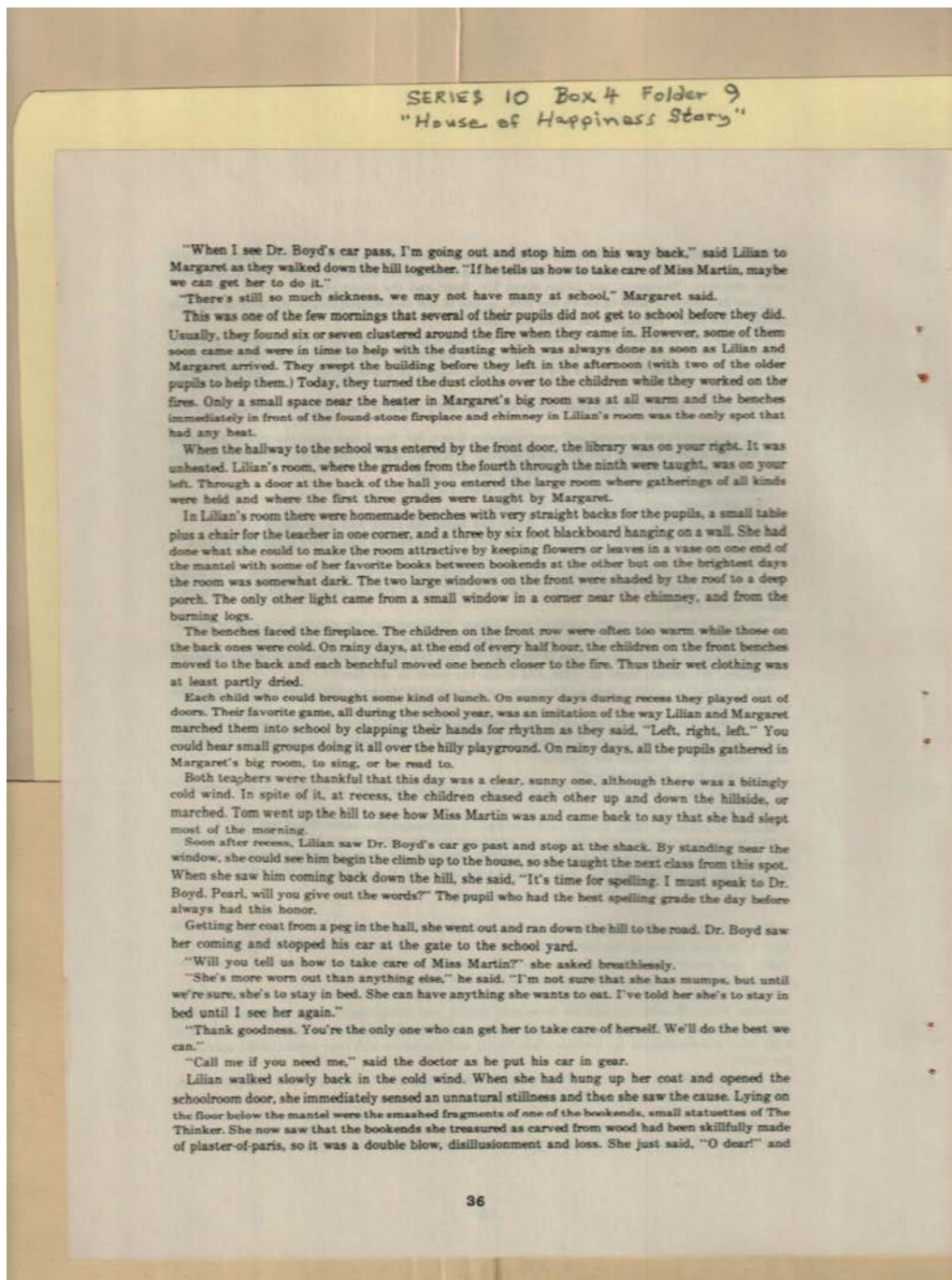
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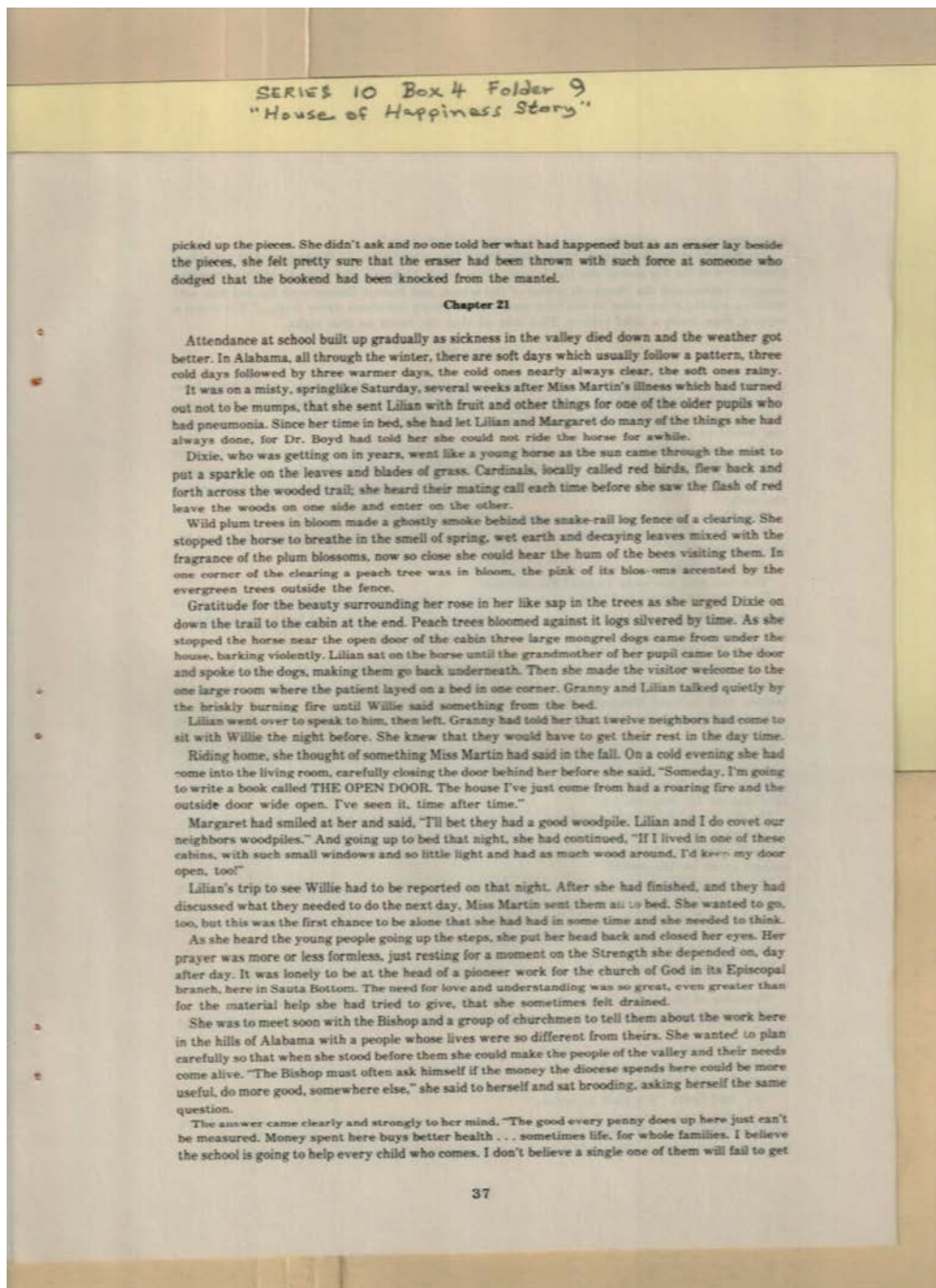
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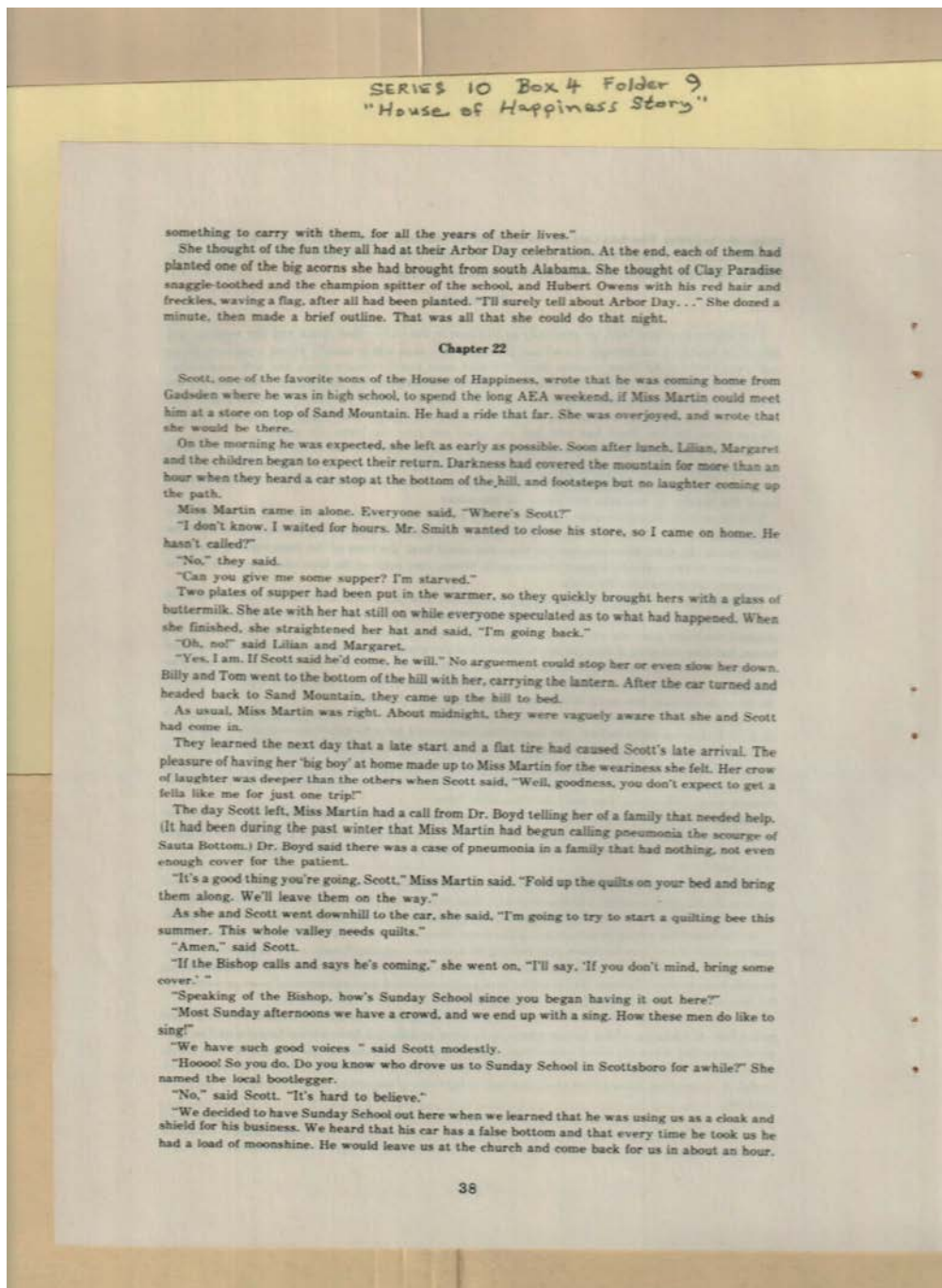
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, Margaret

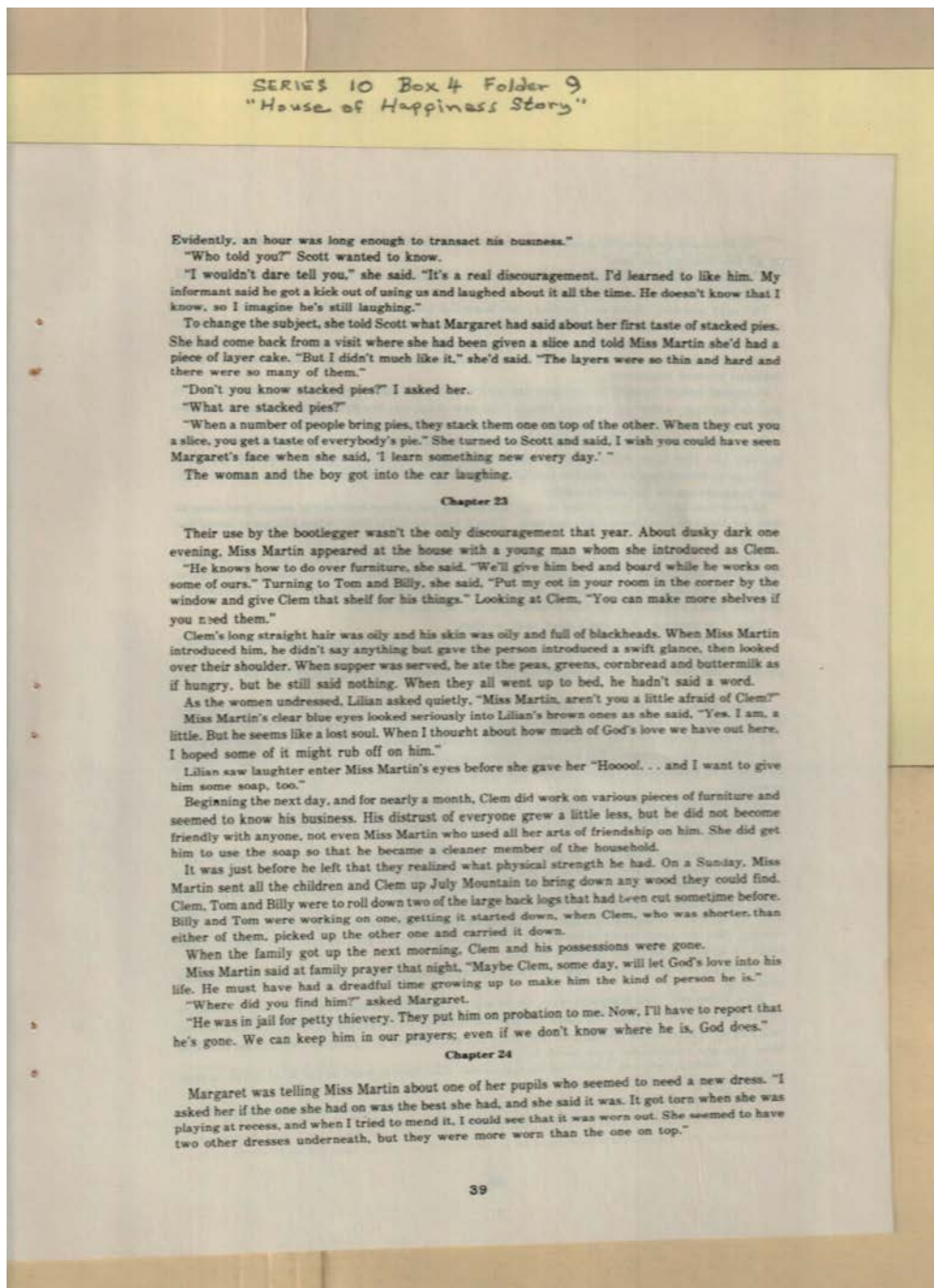
, Scott
, Tom
Boyd, Dr.

Martin, Miss
Owens, Hubert
Paradise, Clay

Smith,

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, Clem

, Lillian

, Margaret

, Scott

, Tom

Martin, Miss

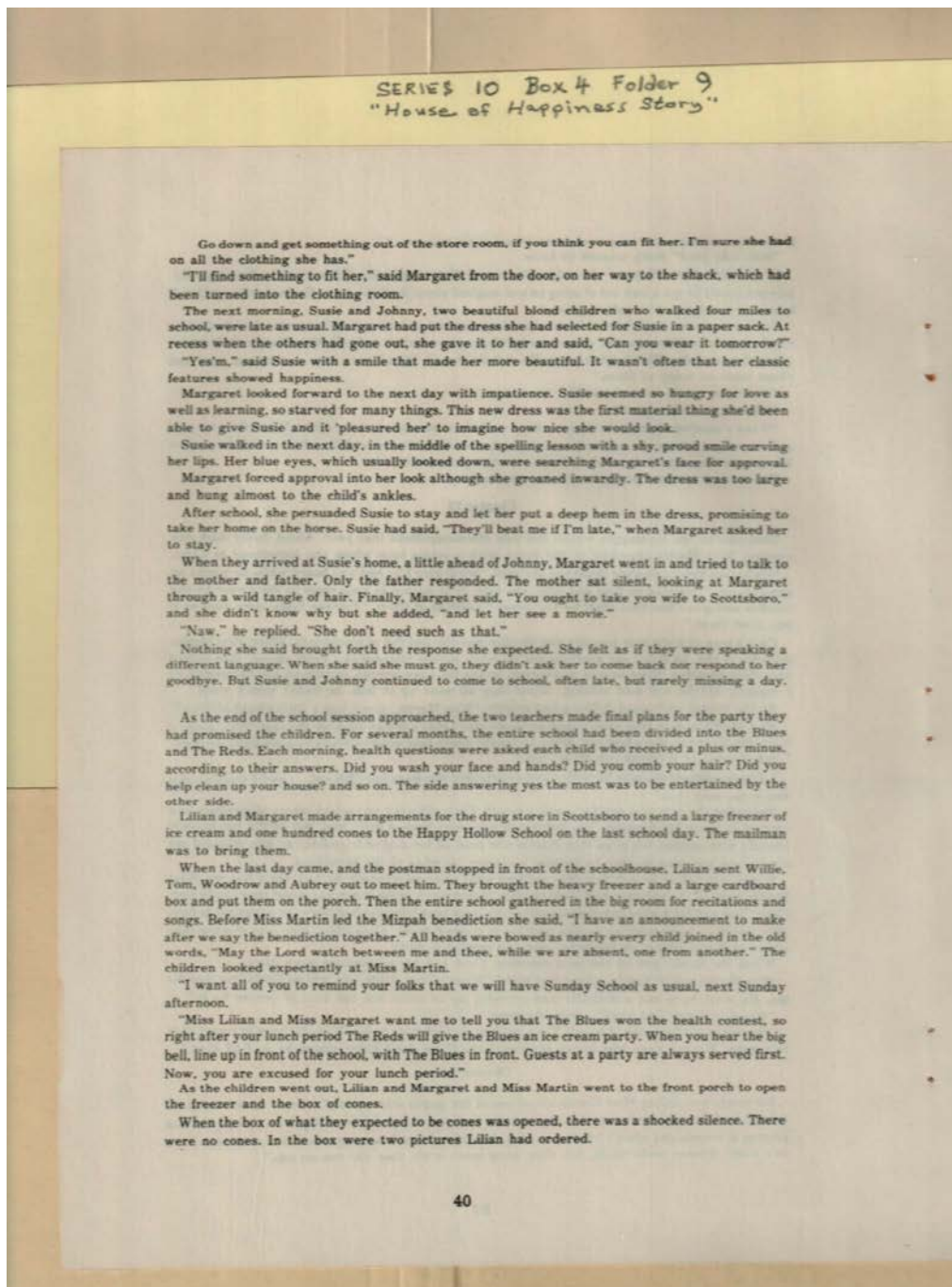
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, Aubrey

, Johnny

, Lilian

, Margaret

, Susie

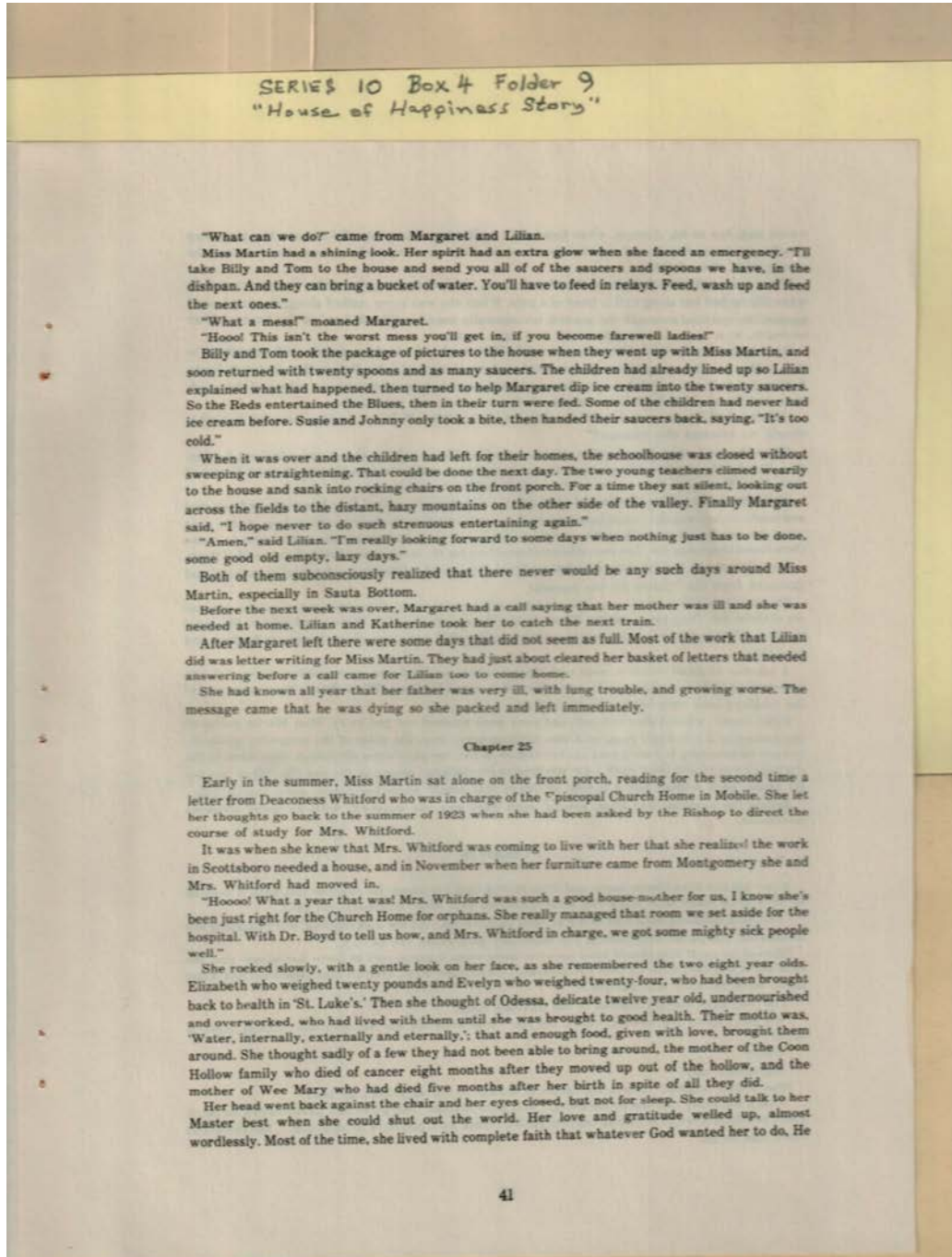
, Tom

, Woodrow

Martin, Miss

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, Elizabeth
, Evelyn
, Johnny

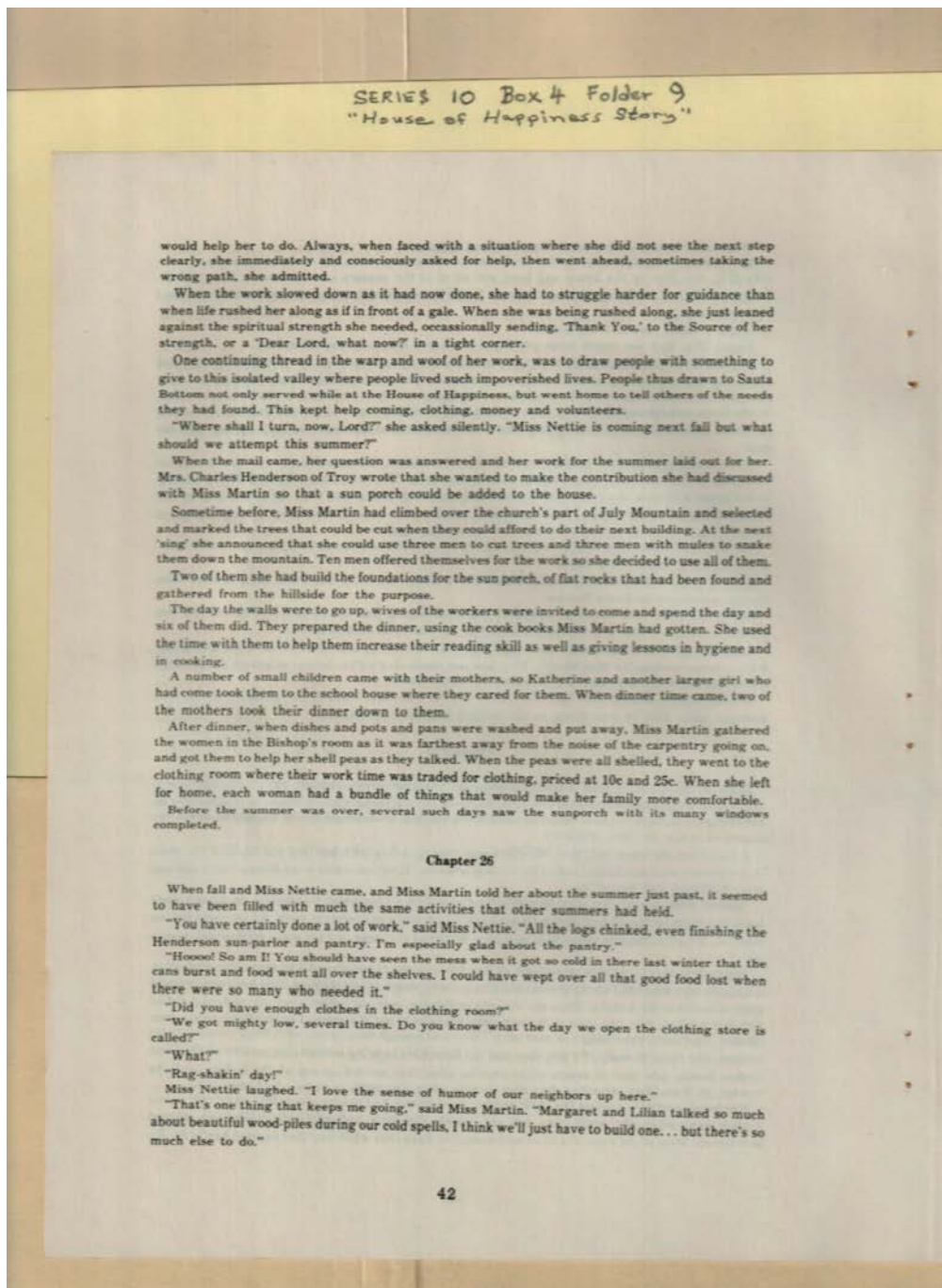
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, Lillian
, Margaret
, Mary

, Odessa
, Susie
, Tom
Boyd, Dr.

Martin, Miss
Whitford, Deaconess
Whitford, Mrs.

Types:

booklet



Names:

, Lilian
, Margaret

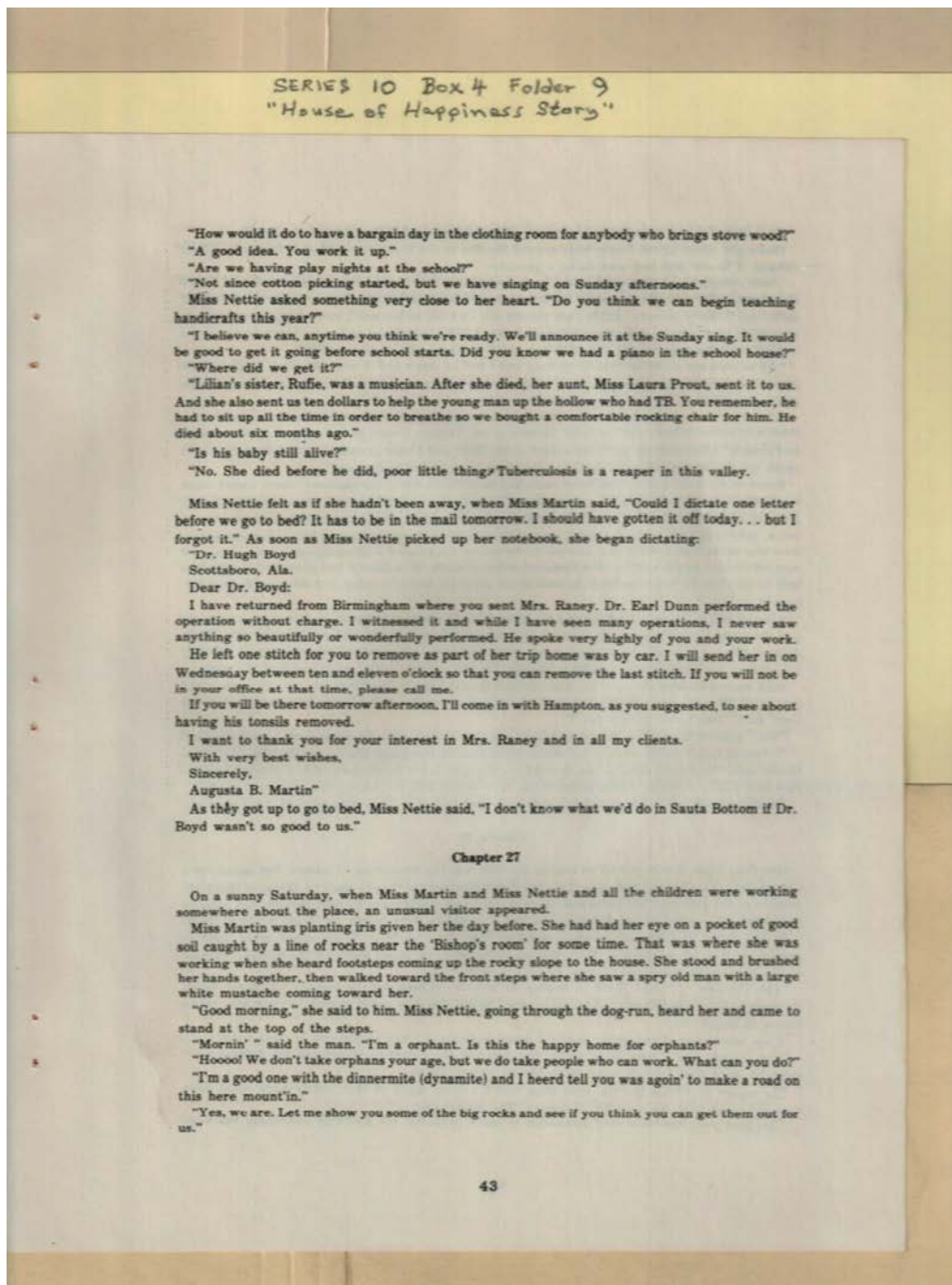
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Henderson, Charles,
Mrs.

Martin, Miss

Types:

booklet



Names:

, Hampton
, Lilian
, Nettie, Miss

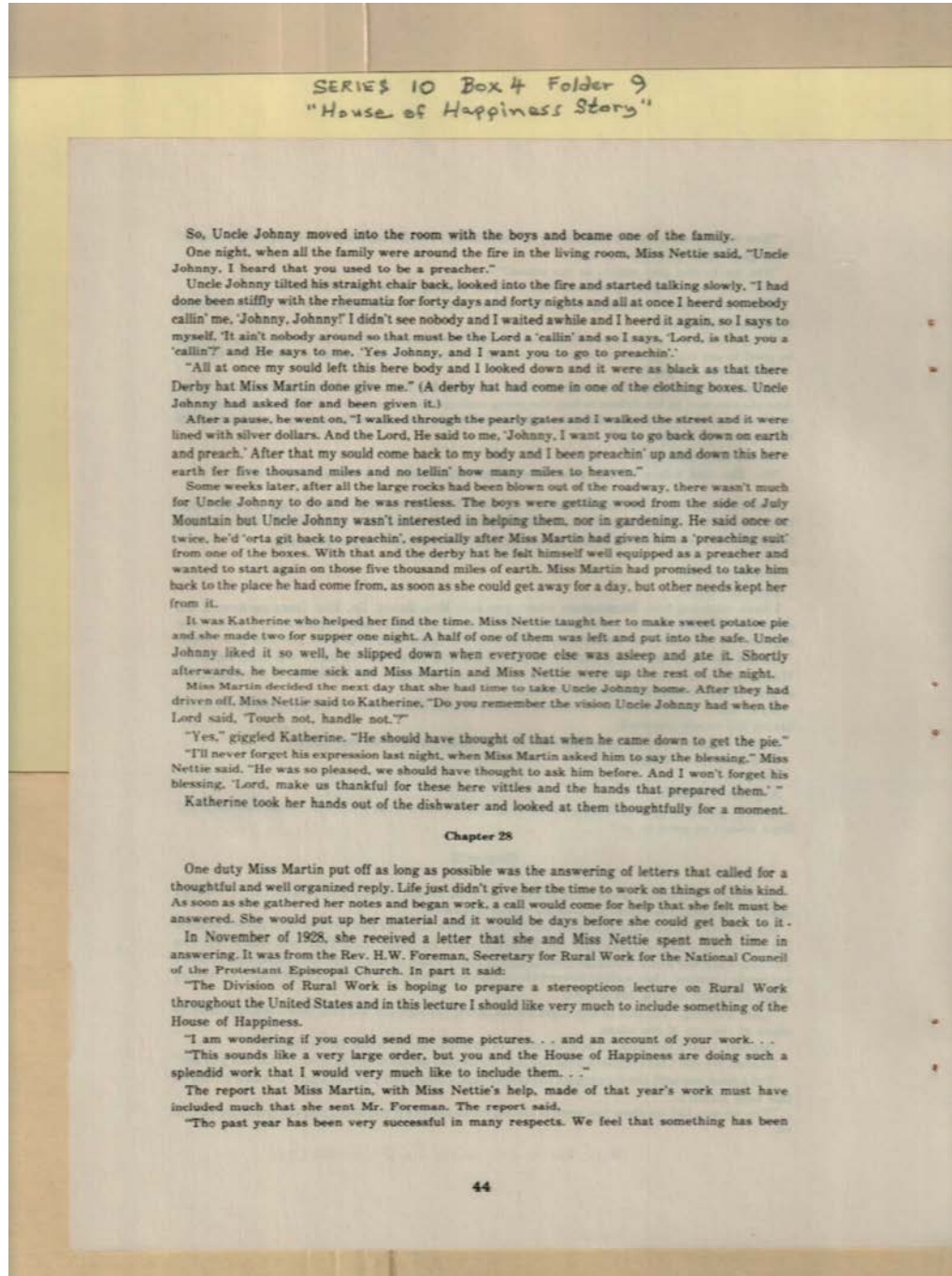
, Rufie
Boyd, Hugh, Dr.
Dunn, Earl, Dr.

Martin, Augusta B.
Martin, Miss
Prout, Laura, Miss

Raney, Mrs.

Types:

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Names:

, Johnny, Uncle
, Katherine

, Nettie, Miss
Foreman, H. W., Rev.

Martin, Miss

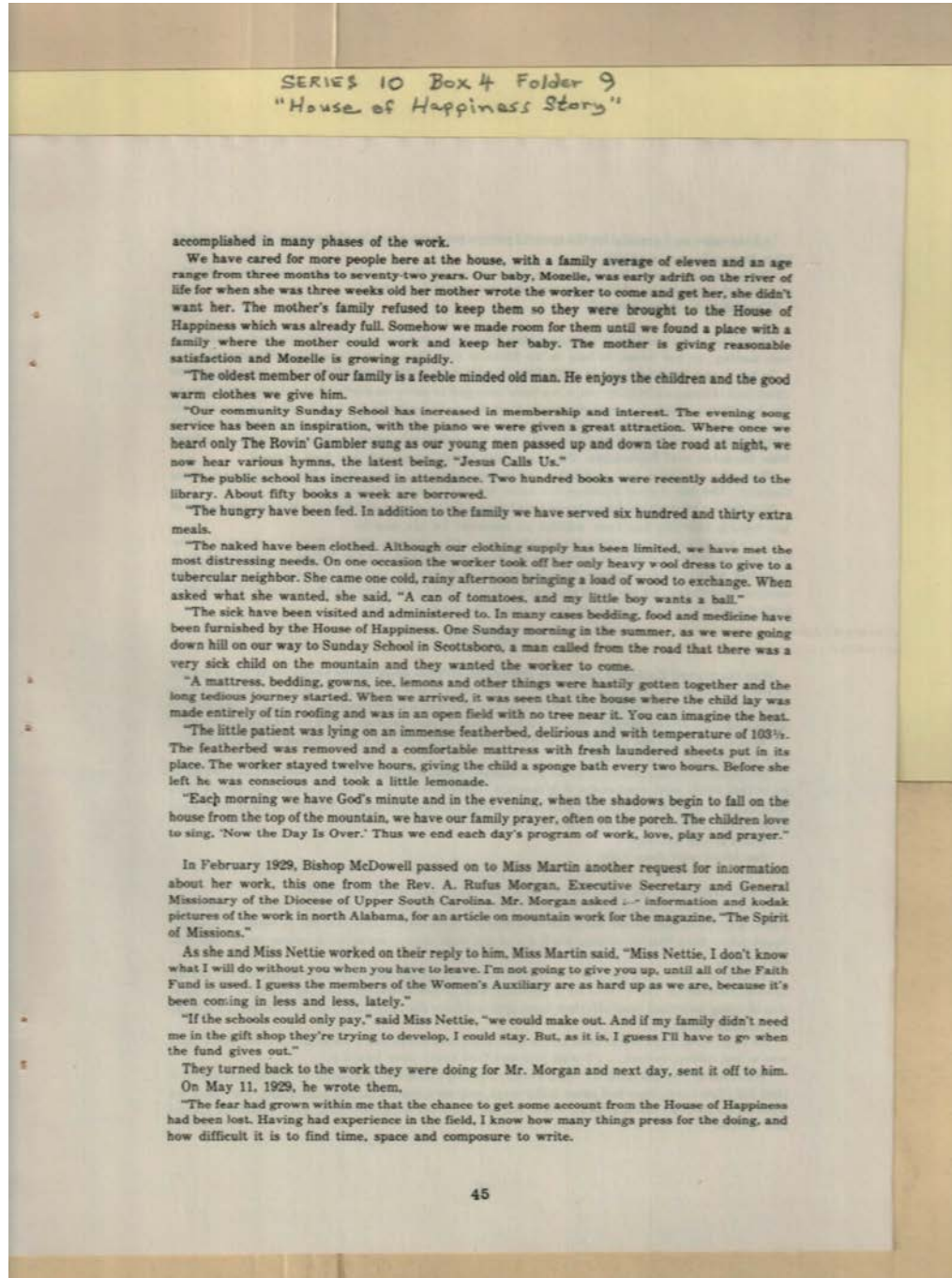
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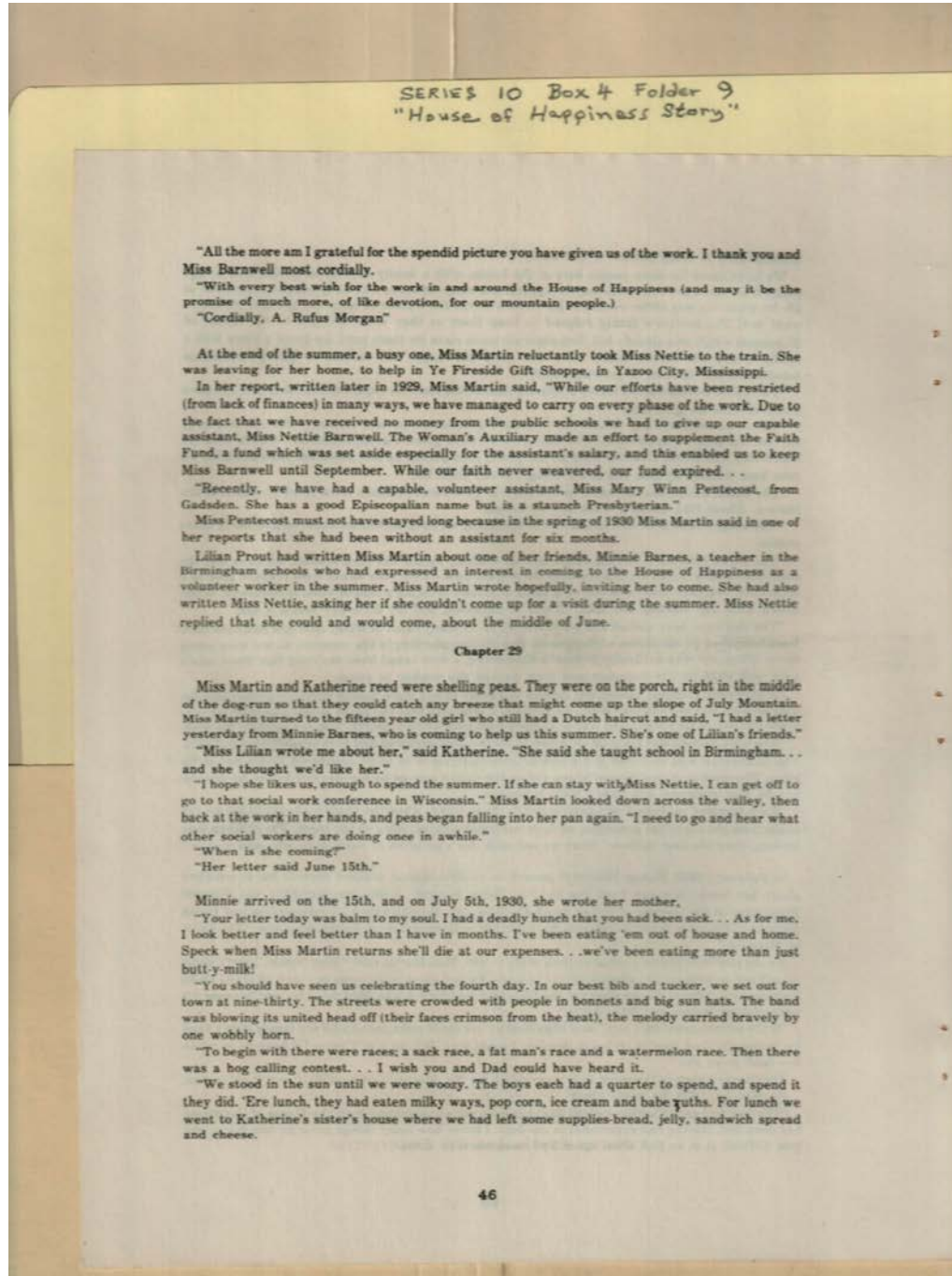
, Mozelle
, Nettie, Miss

Martin, Miss
McDowell, Bishop

Morgan, A. Rufus,
Rev.

Types:

booklet



Names:

, Lilian
, Nettie, Miss
Barnes, Minnie
Barnwell, Miss

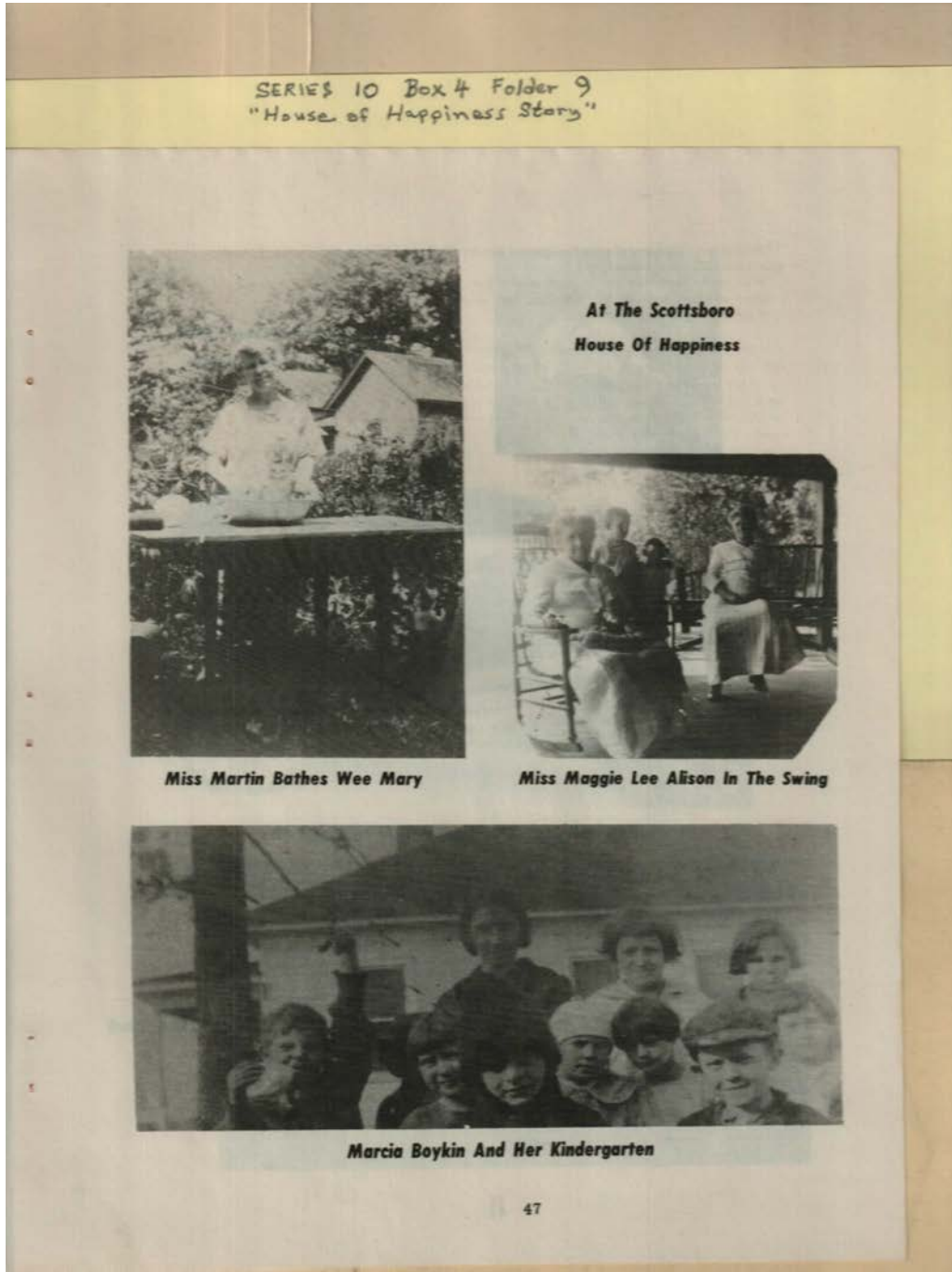
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Miss
Martin, Miss

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Rev.
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Winn, Miss

Prout, Lilian
Reed, Katherine

Types:

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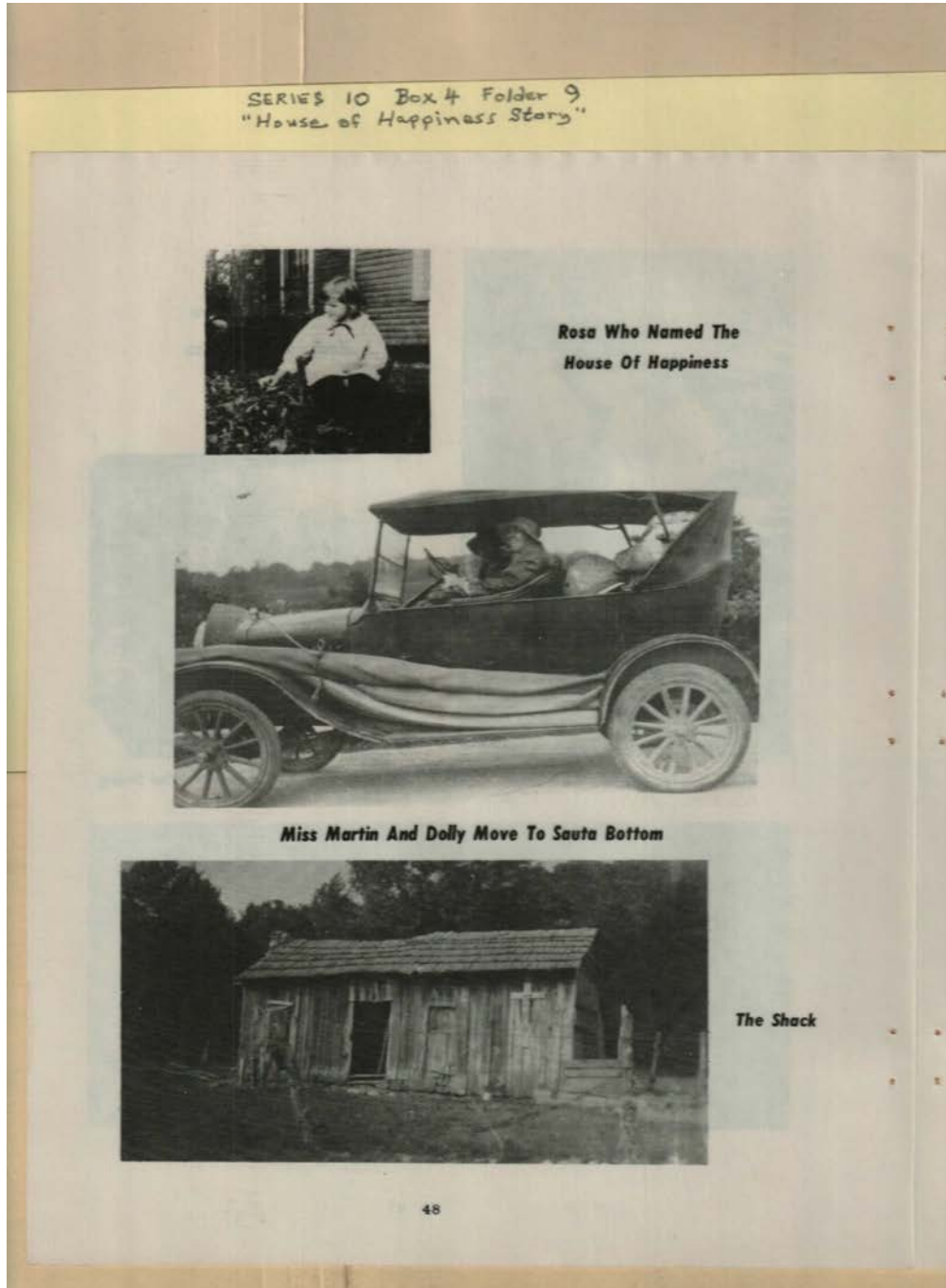
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Alison, Maggie Lee,
Miss

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Martin, Miss

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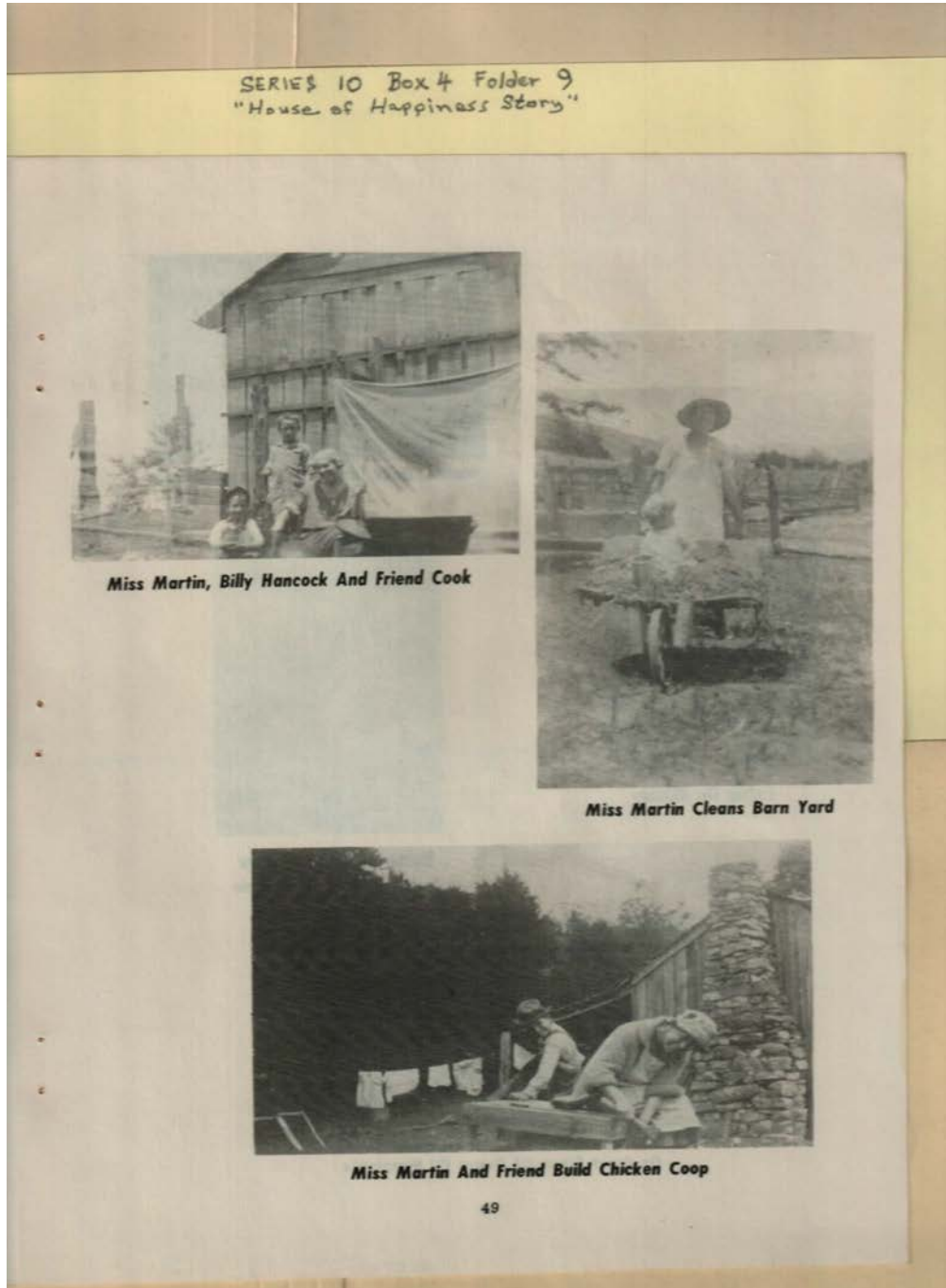
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, Rosa

Martin, Miss

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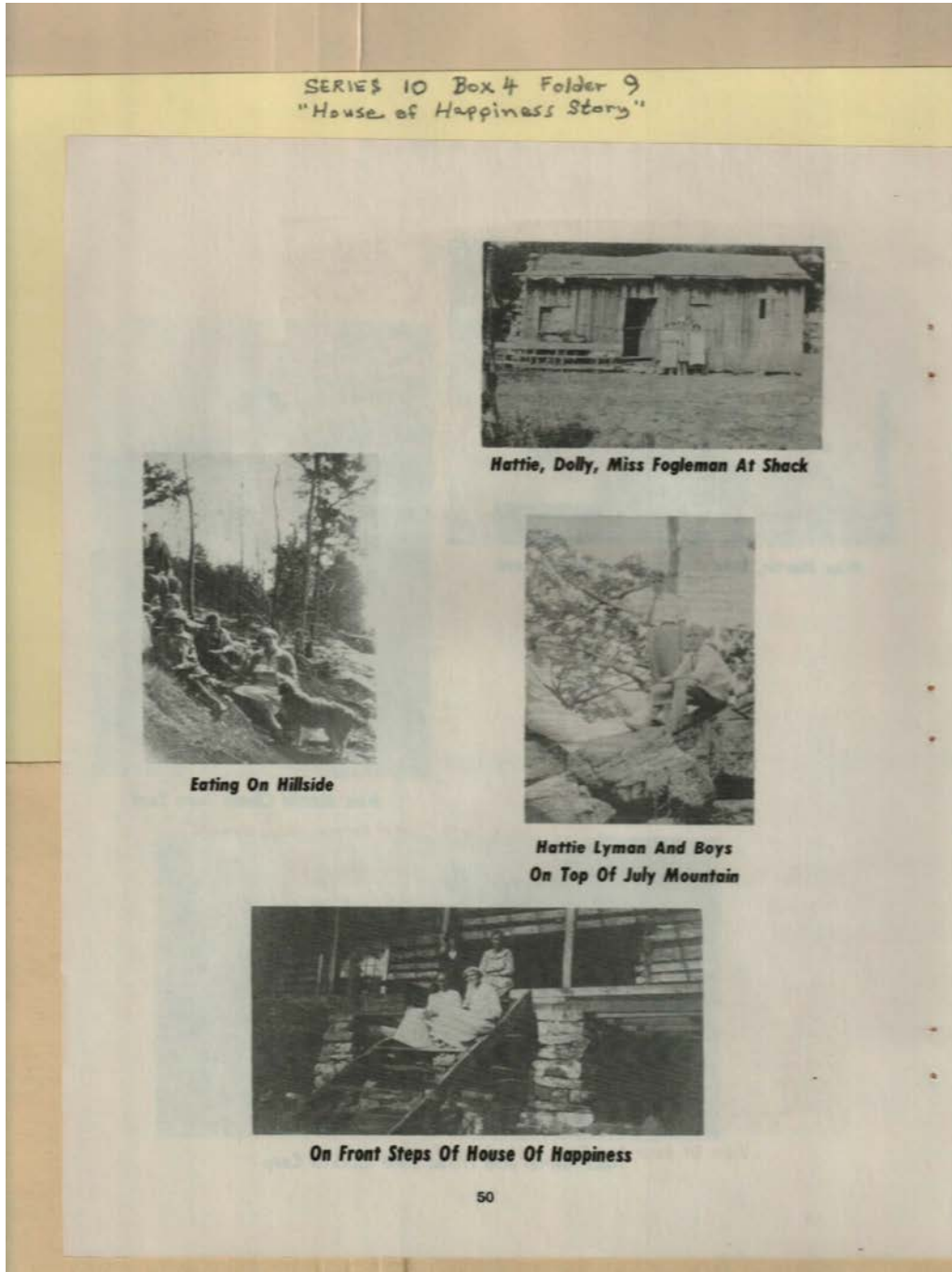
Cook, Friend

Hancock, Billy

Martin, Miss

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Names:

, Dolly

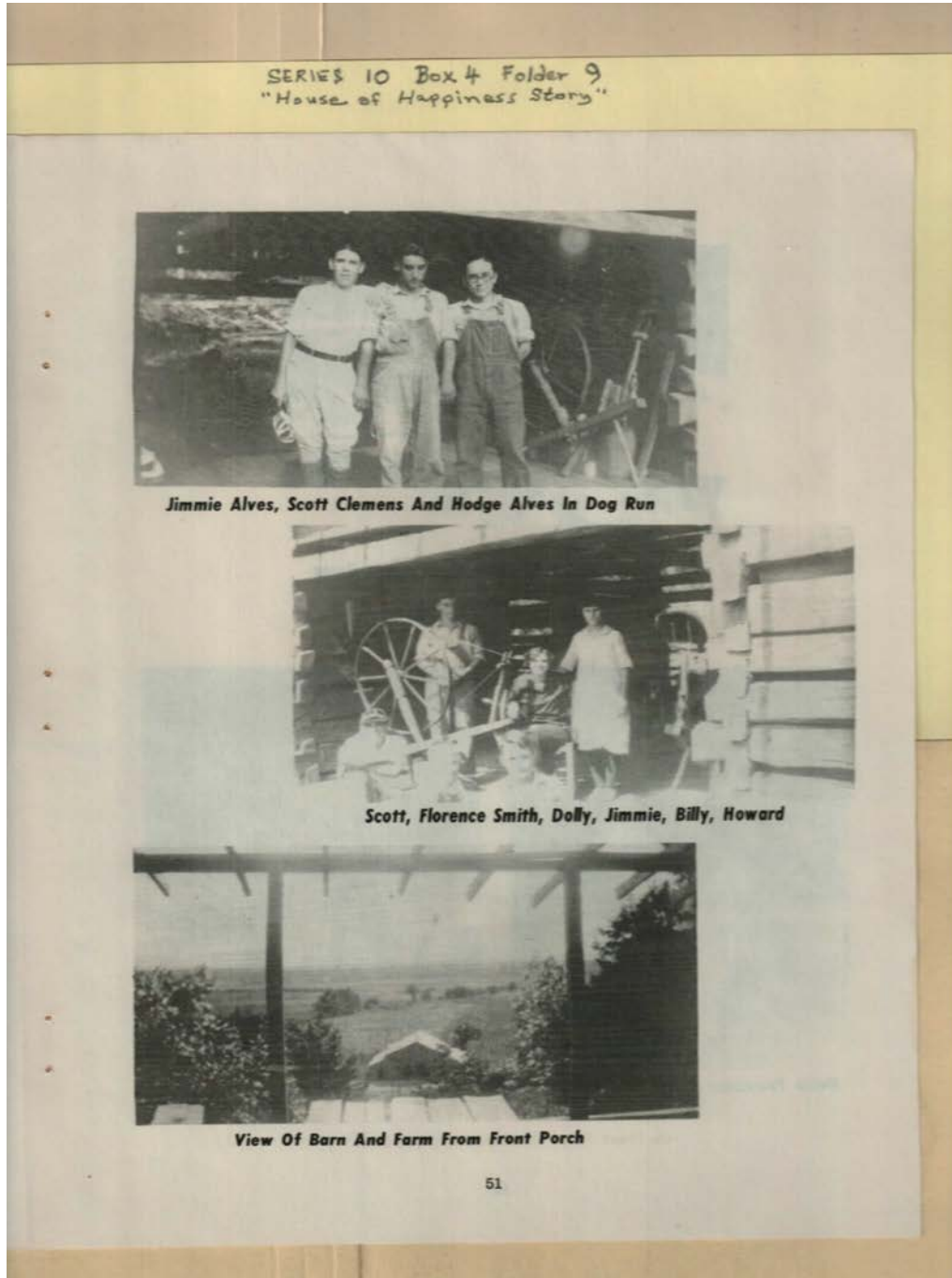
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Fogleman, Miss

Lyman, Hattie

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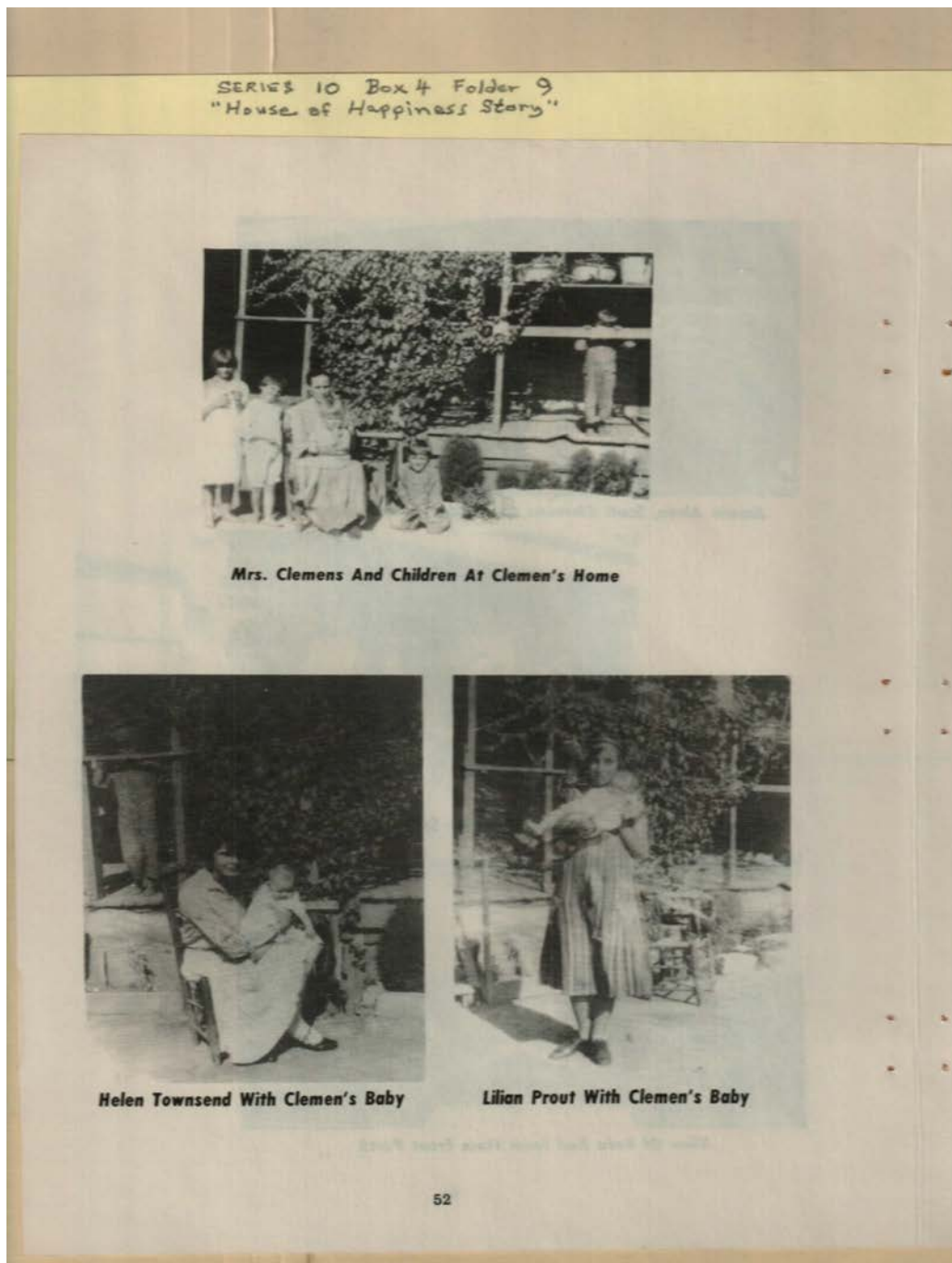
, Billy
, Dolly
, Howard

, Jimmie
, Scott
Alves, Hodge

Alves, Jimmie
Clemens, Scott
Smith, Florence

Types:

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Names:

Clemens, Mrs.

Prout, Lilian

Townsend, Helen

Types:

photograph



Names:

, Howard
, Mount
Clemens, Aubrey
Clemens, Nora
Clemens, Pearl

Clemens, Veta
Coffee, Mrs.
Hancock, Bill
Hancock, Dave
Lindsay, Margaret

Paradise, Veta
Phillips, Dolly
Phillips, Doly
Smith, Beatric
Smith, Beatrice

Smith, Mamie
Steeley, Effe
Steeley, Gordon
Steeley, Woodrow
Steeley, Virgil

Types:

photograph



Names:

Barnwell, Nettie,
Miss

Martin, Miss

Types:

photograph

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"House of Happiness Story"



From Shack To Log Cabin Up The Mountain



The Way The Cabin Looked When We Moved In



After The Chimney Was Added

Names:

The Cabin

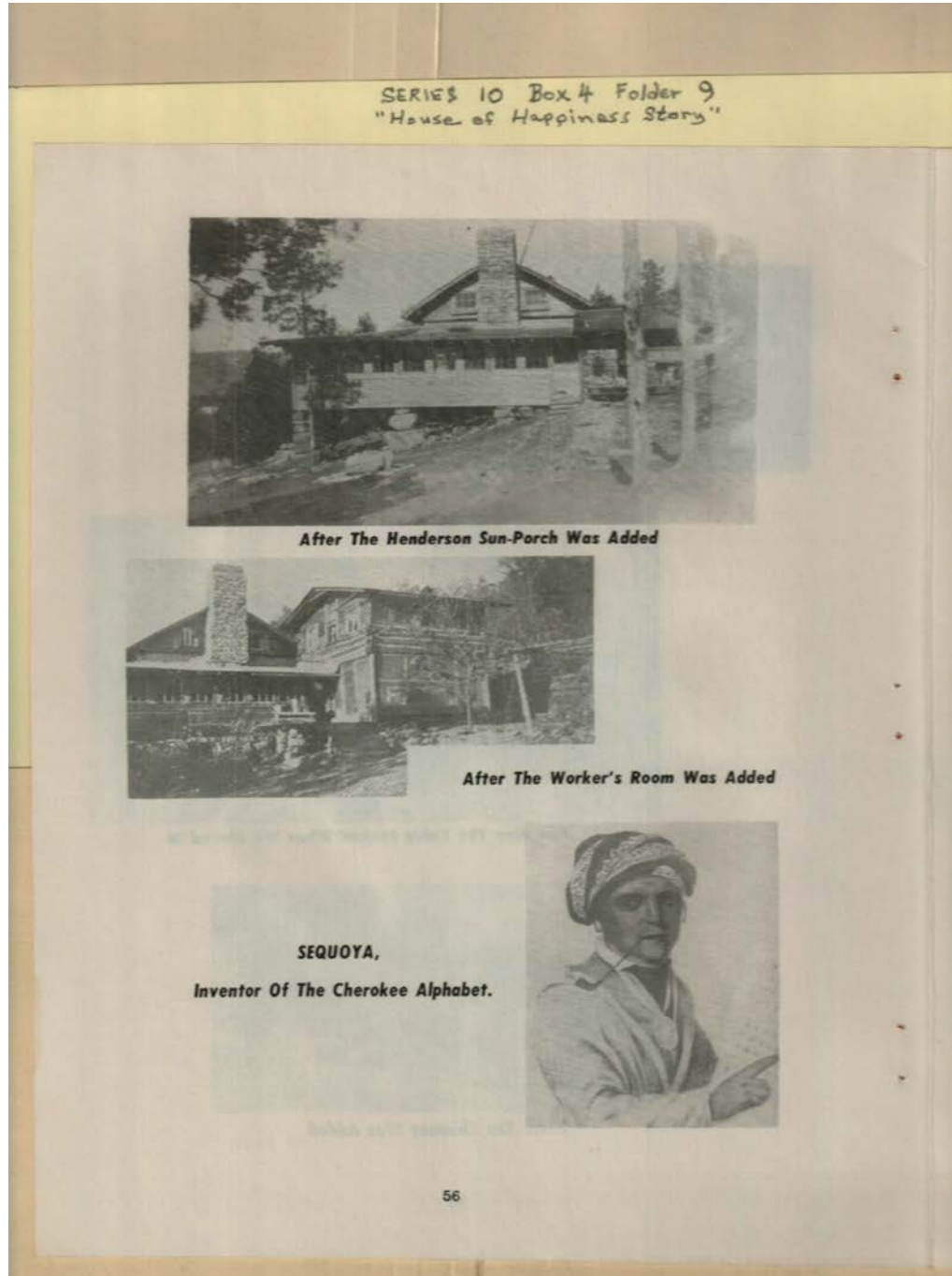
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Sequoyah

Types:
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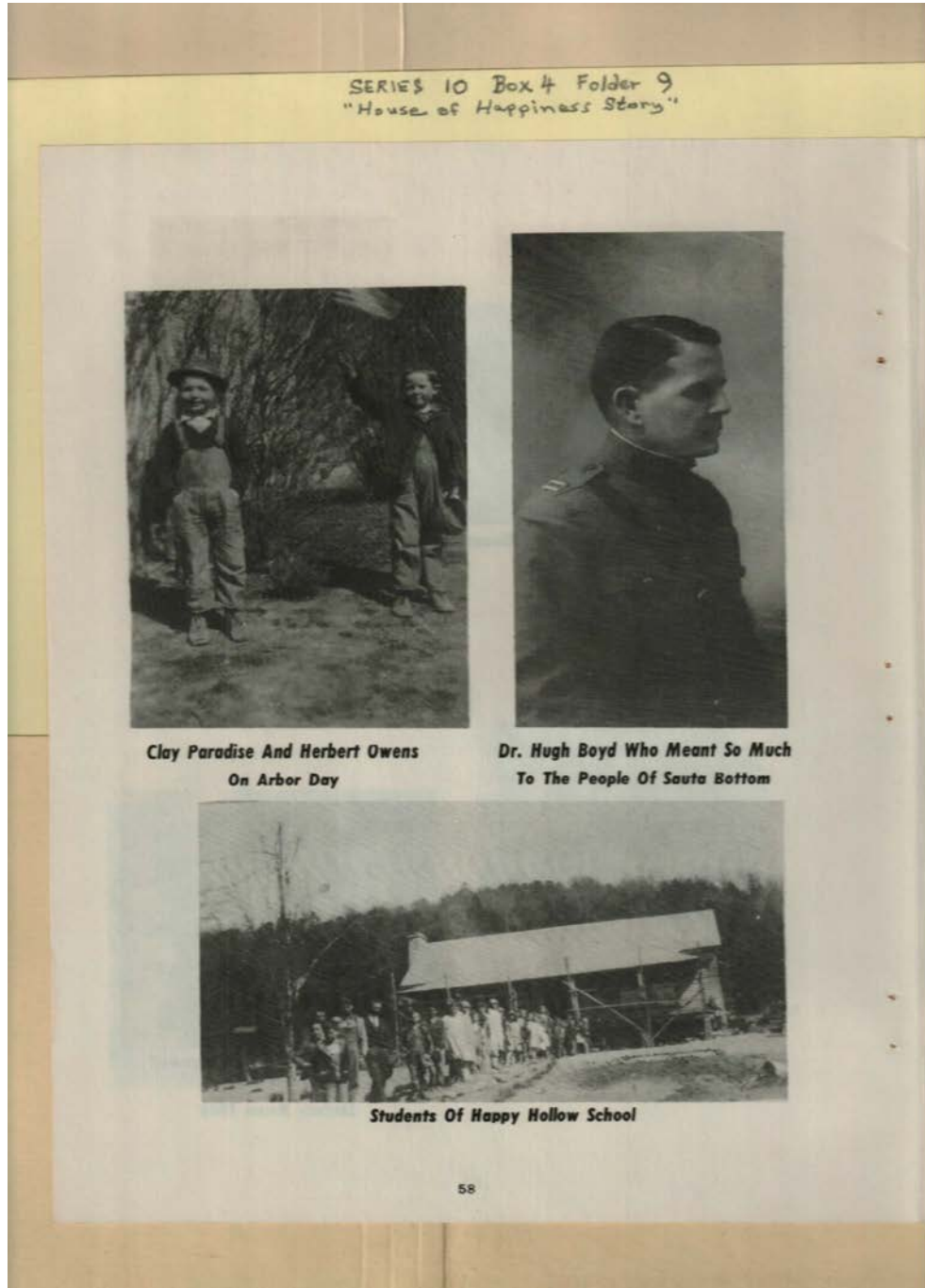


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Types:

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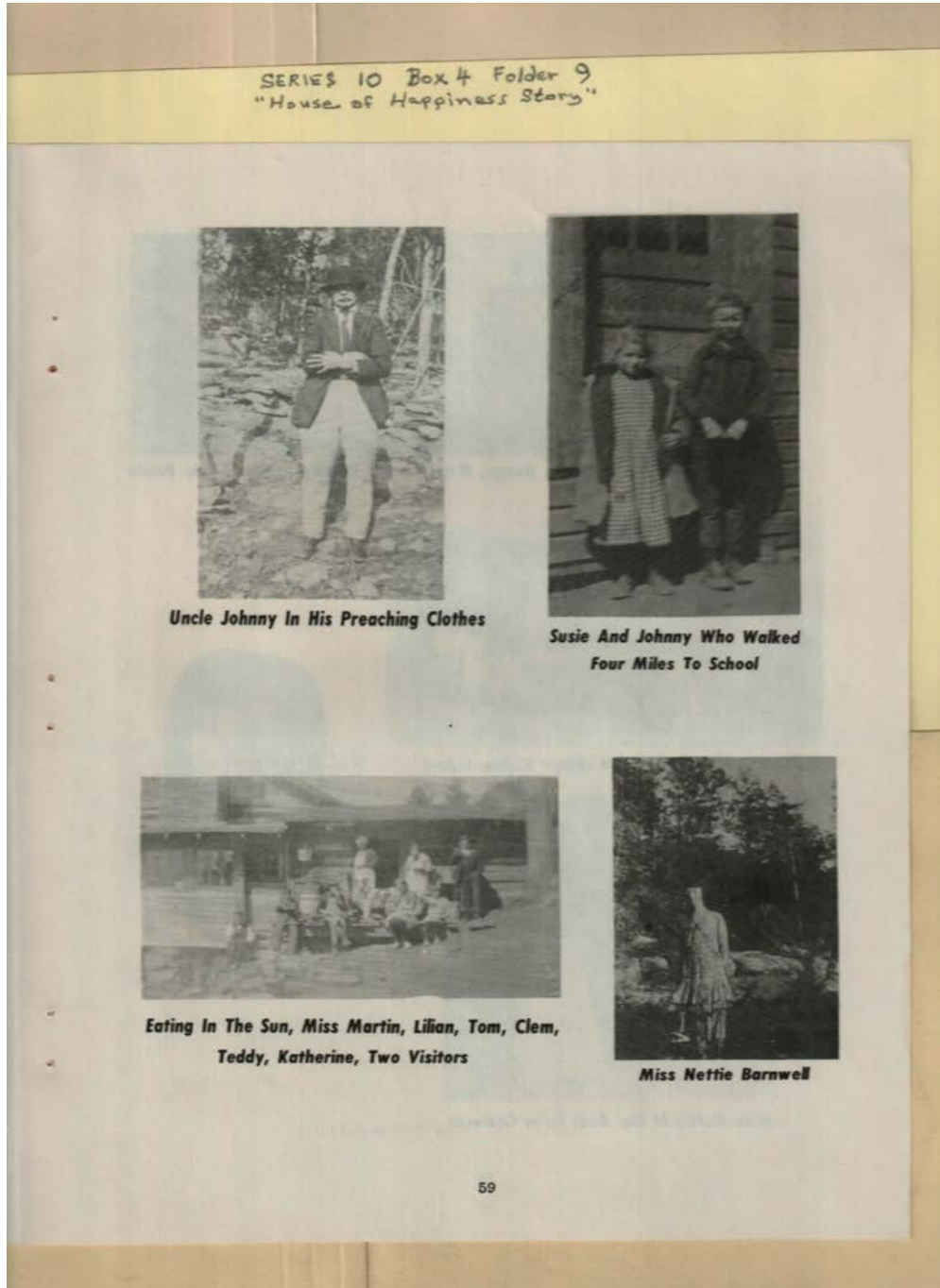
Boyd, Hugh, Dr.

Owens, Herbert

Paradise, Clay

Types:

photograph



Names:

, Clem
, Johnnie
, Johnnie, Uncle

, Katherine
, Lilian
, Susie

, Tom
, teddy

Barnwell, Nettie,
Miss
Martin, Miss

Types:

photograph



Names:

, Billy
, Hodge

, Nettie, Miss
Barnes, Minnie

Bowie, Dwain
Martin, Miss

Pruitt, Virginia

Types:

photograph

SERIES 10 Box 4 Folder 9
"House of Happiness Story"



Lassie And Her Puppies On Porch



The Found Stone Chimney



Captain And Mrs. Charles Leslie Conder



Milk and training in rural work are supplied by Bess to CA trainees.



Capt. Conder wheeling boxes of food for needy.

Names:

Conder, Charles
Leslie, Captain &

Mrs.

Types:

photograph

SERIES 10 Box 4 Folder 9
"House of Happiness Story"



Captain Wheat



A school bus rented by the House of Happiness brings together over 100 scattered Church people for church school and services.



Church Army worker taking wood to bedridden woman.



Superintendent of the Sunday school picking cotton on the mission farm with his family.

A group of Church Army students are introduced to the mission wash day.



Names:

Wheat, Captain

Types:

photograph



Names:

Bishop Visits

Types:

photograph



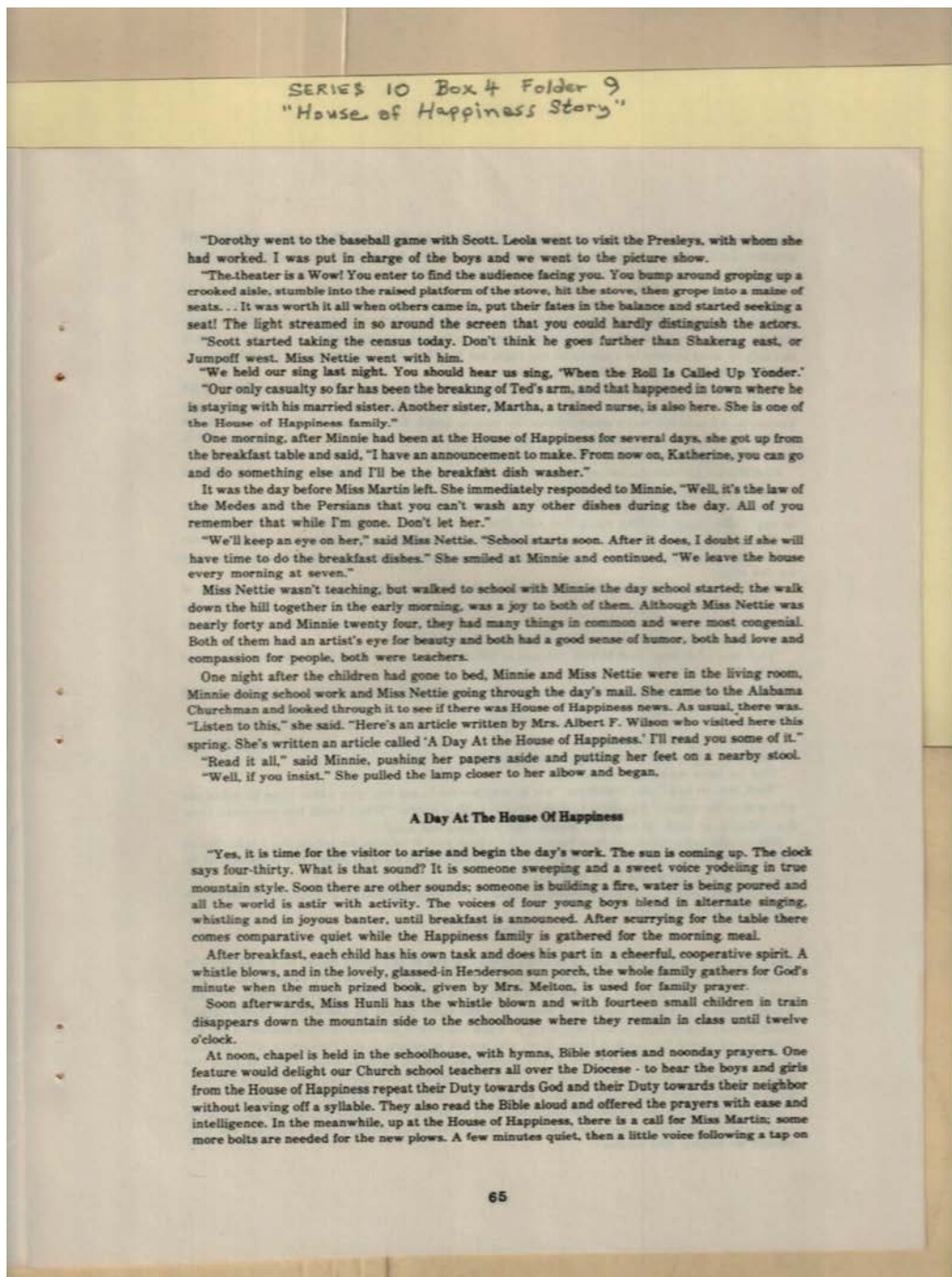
Names:

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Miss

Clemens, Scott
Martin, Miss

Types:

photograph



Names:

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, Katherine
, Leola
, Martha

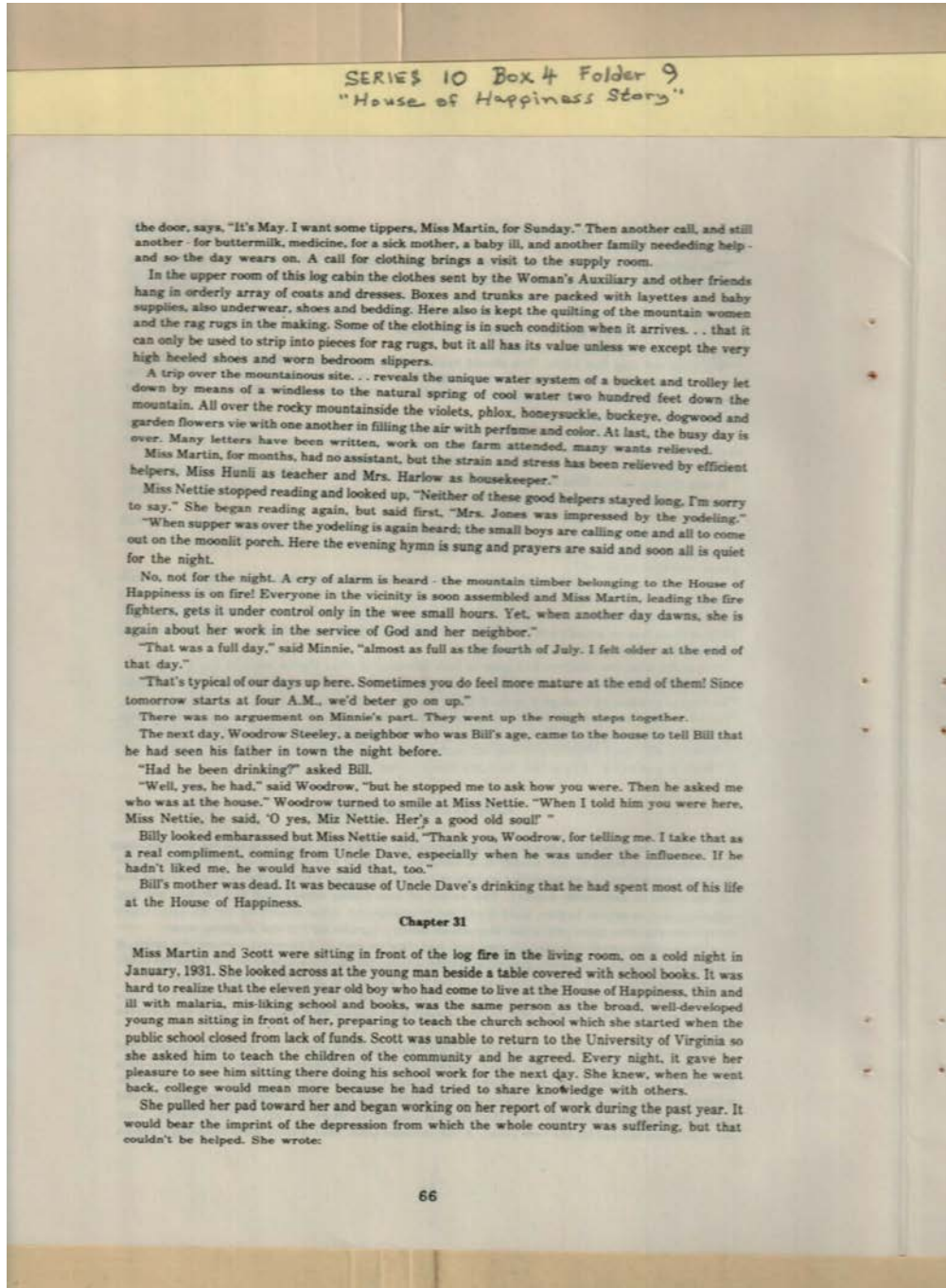
, Minnie
, Nettie, Miss
, Scott
, Ted

Hunli, Miss
Melton, Mrs.
Presley,

Wilson, Albert F.,
Mrs.

Types:

booklet



Names:

, Dave, Uncle
, Minnie
, Nettie, Miss

, Scott
, Bil
Harlow, Mrs.

Hunli, Miss
Jones, Mrs.
Martin, Miss

Steeley, Woodrow

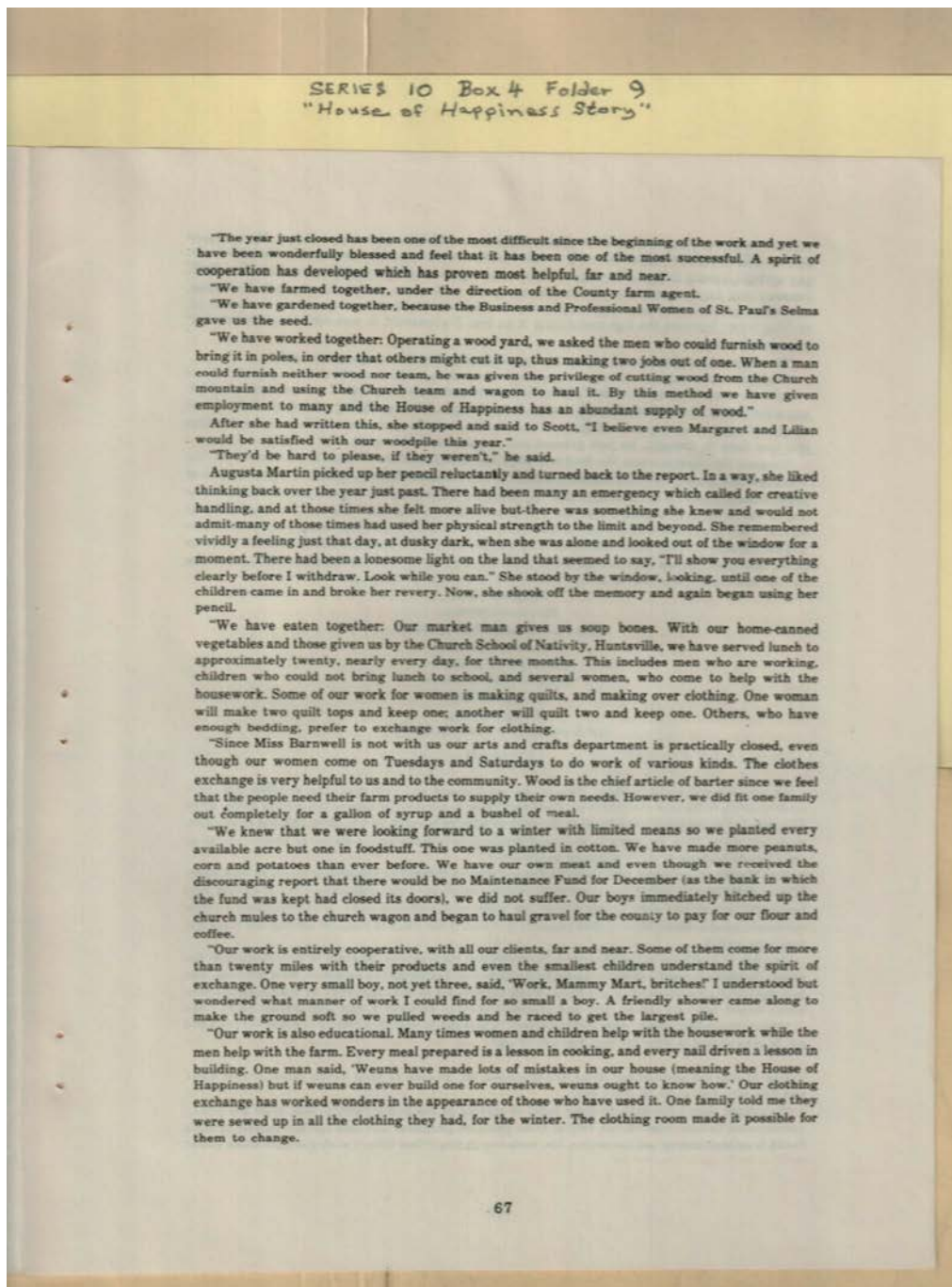
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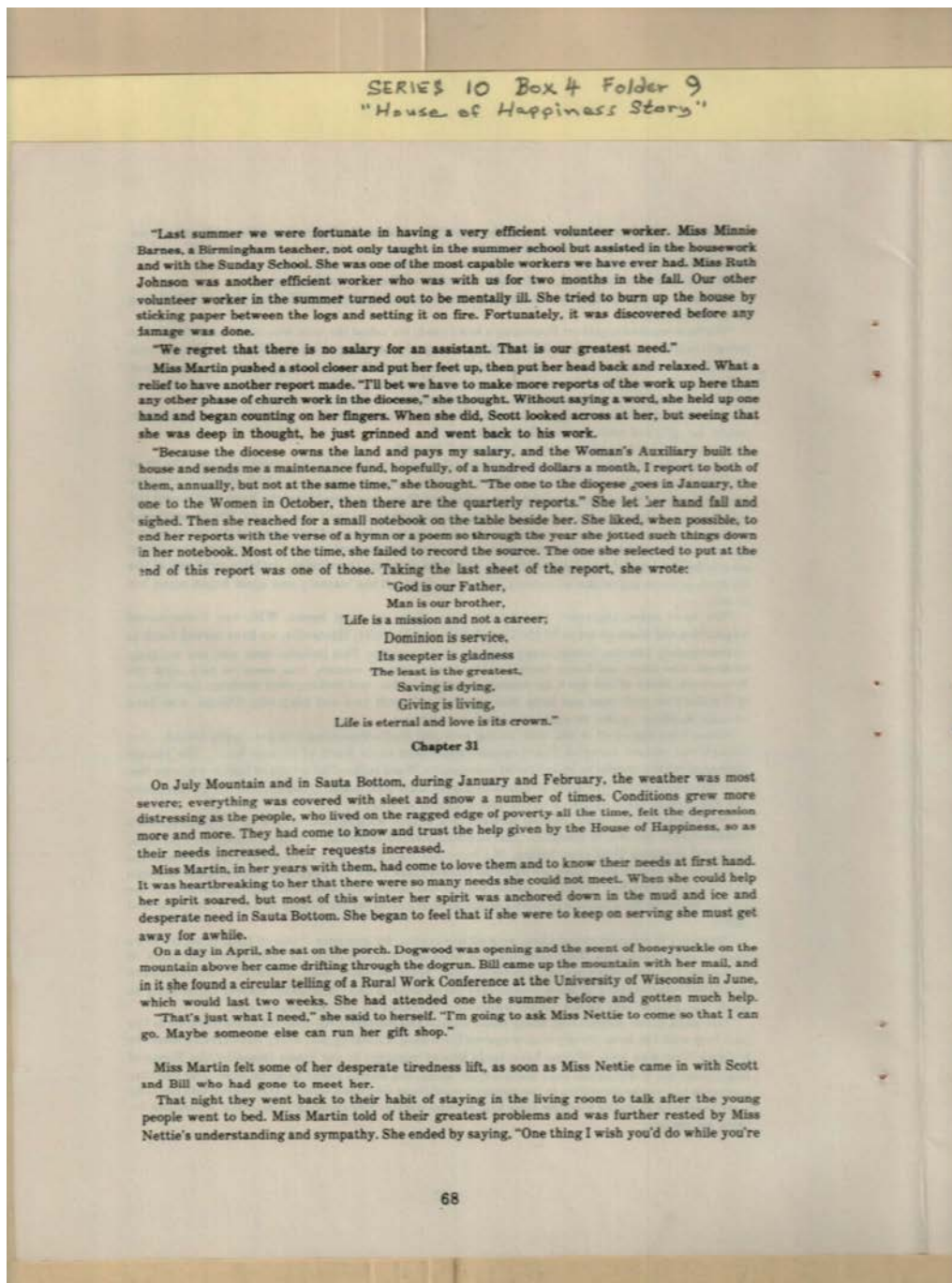
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, Margaret

, Scott
Barnwell, Miss

Martin, Augusta

Types:

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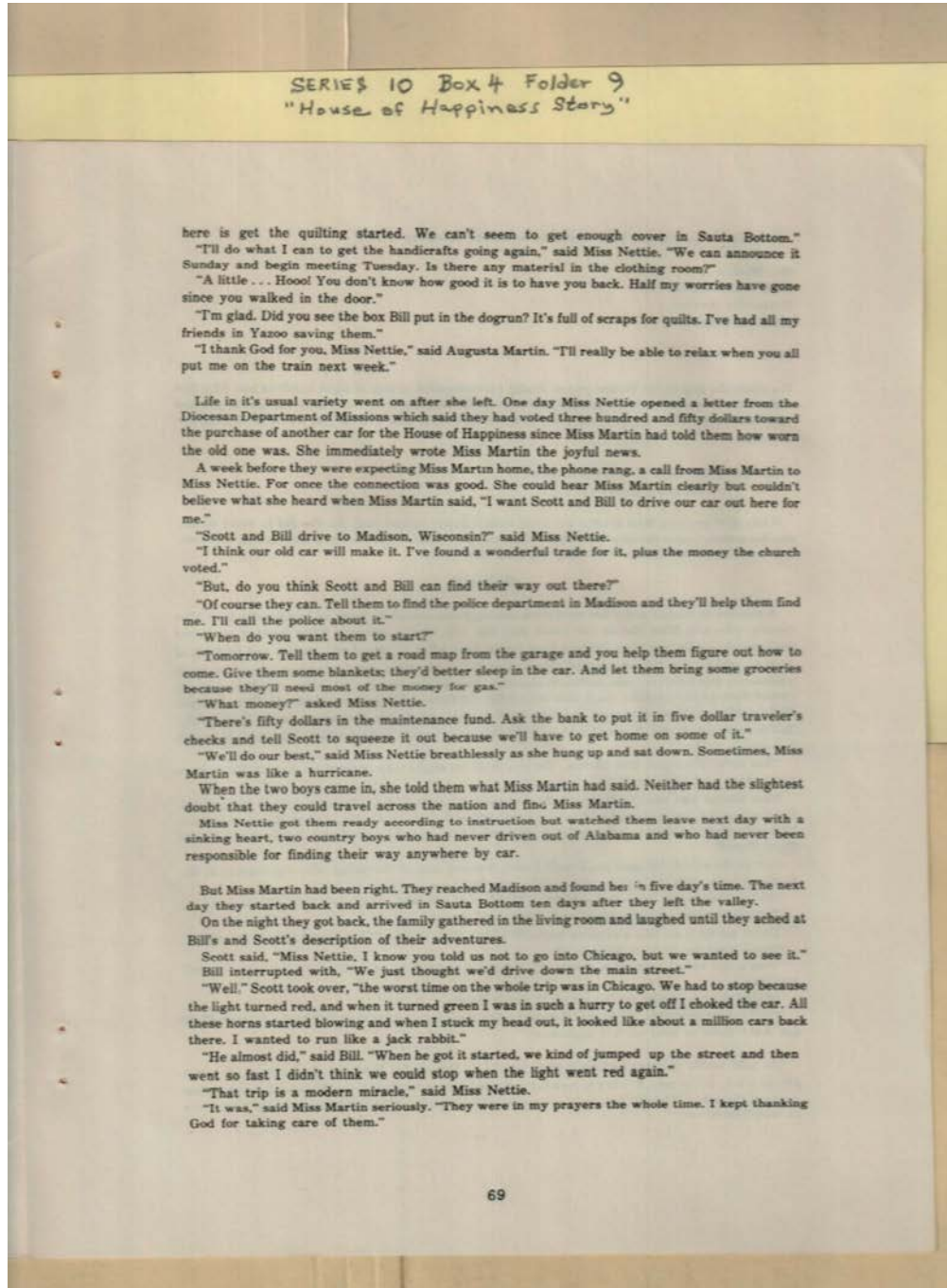
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, Nettie, Miss

, Scott
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Johnson, Ruth, Miss
Martin, Miss

Types:

booklet



Names:

, Bill

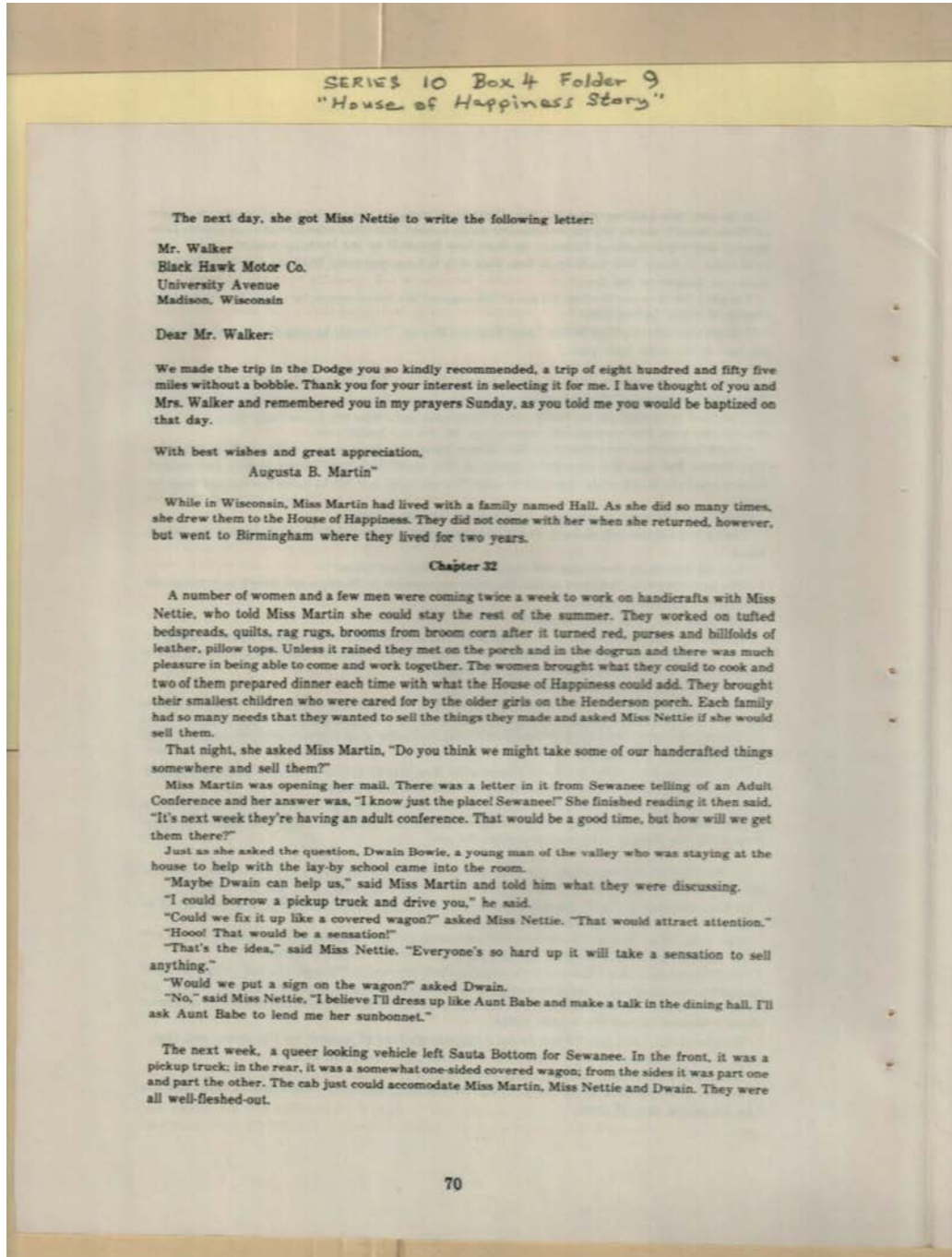
, Nettie, Miss

, Scott

Martin, Augusta

Types:

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Names:

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Bowie, Dwain

Hall,
Martin, Augusta B.

Martin, Miss
Walker, Mr. & Mrs.

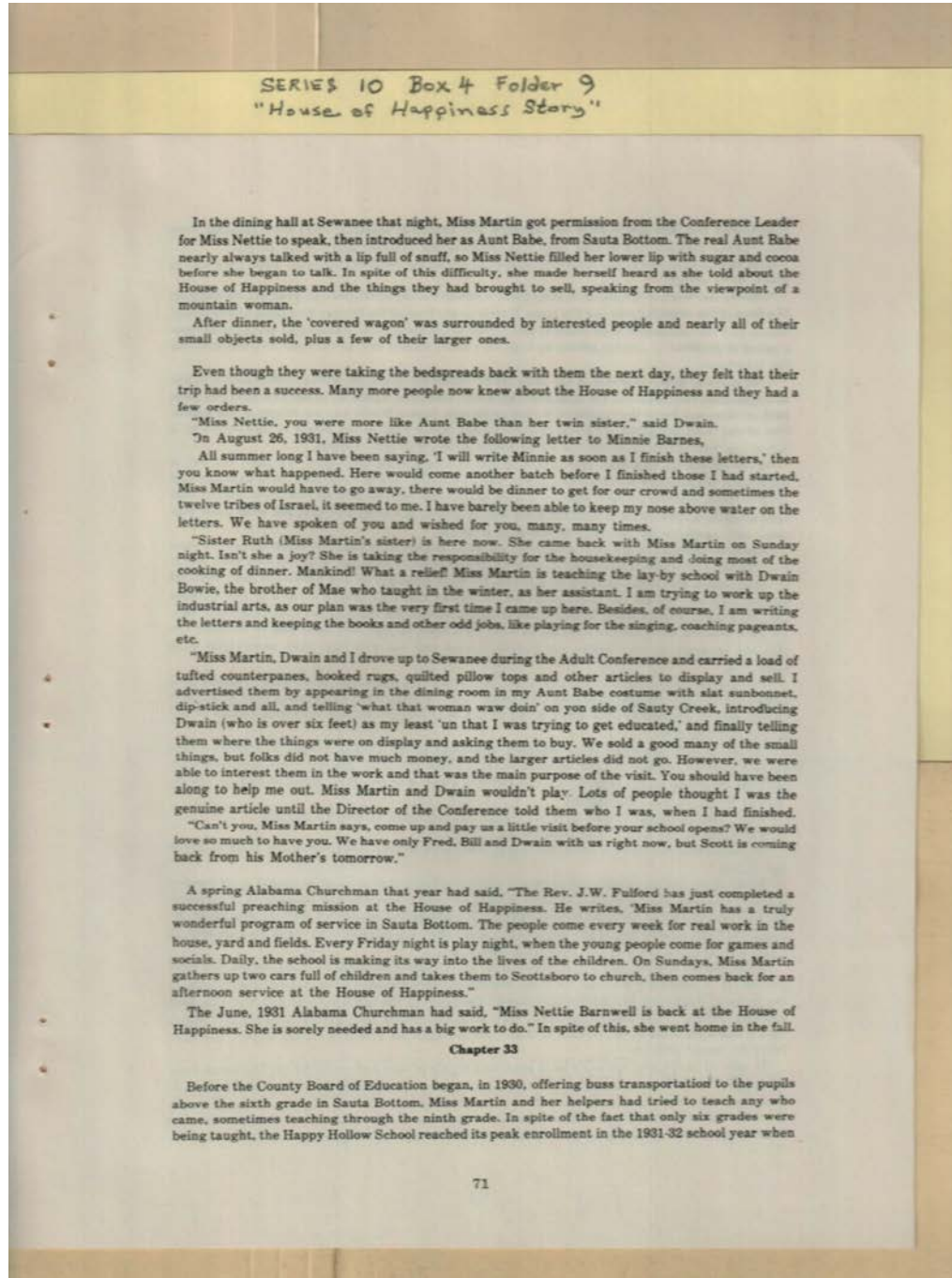
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Names:

, Babe, Aunt
, Bill
, Dwain
, Fred

, Nettie, Miss
, Ruth
, Scott
Barnes, Minnie

Barnwell, Nettie,
Miss
Fulford, J. W., Rev.
Martin, Miss

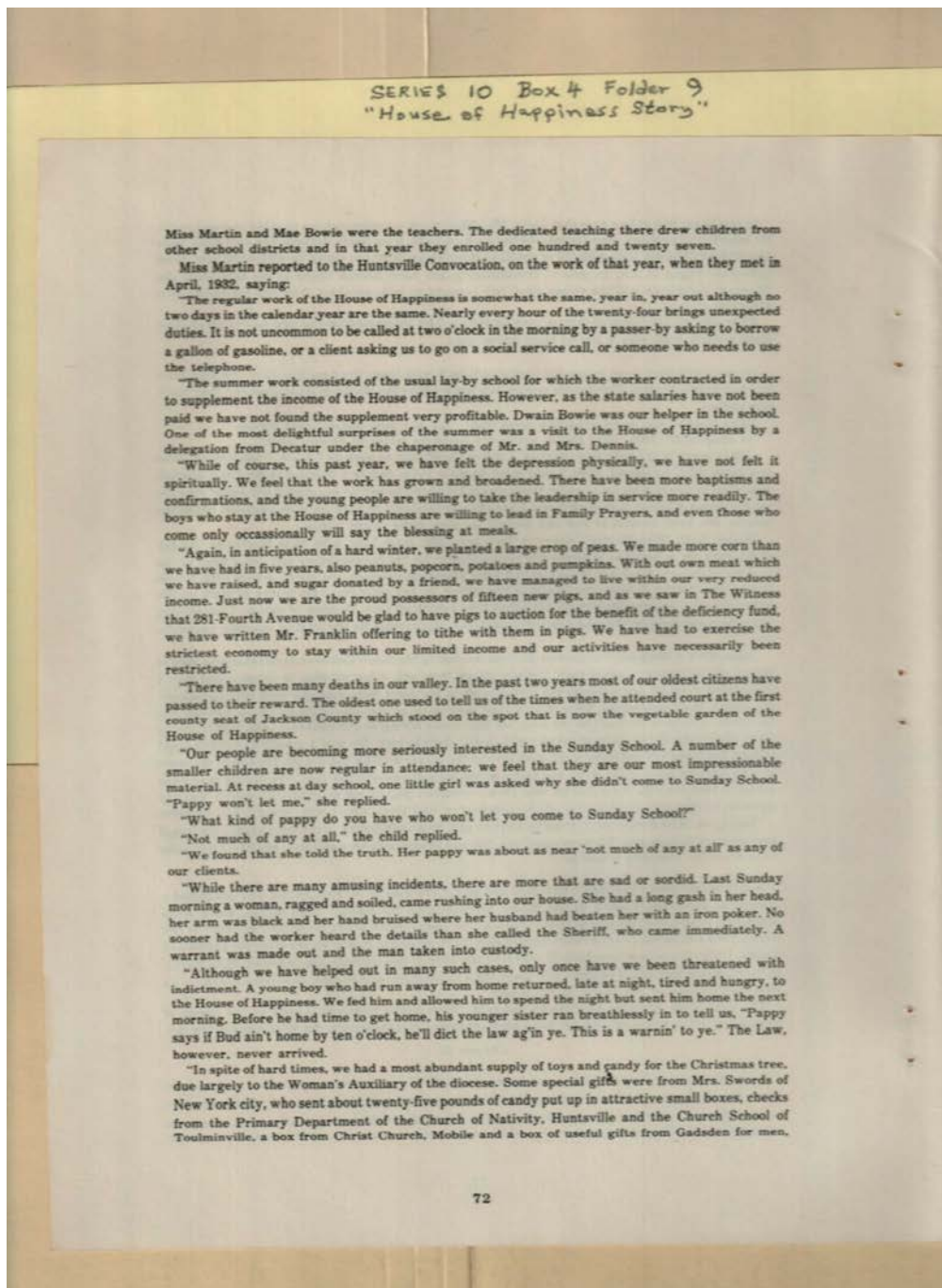
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Long, Cambell, "House of Happiness Story," 1973

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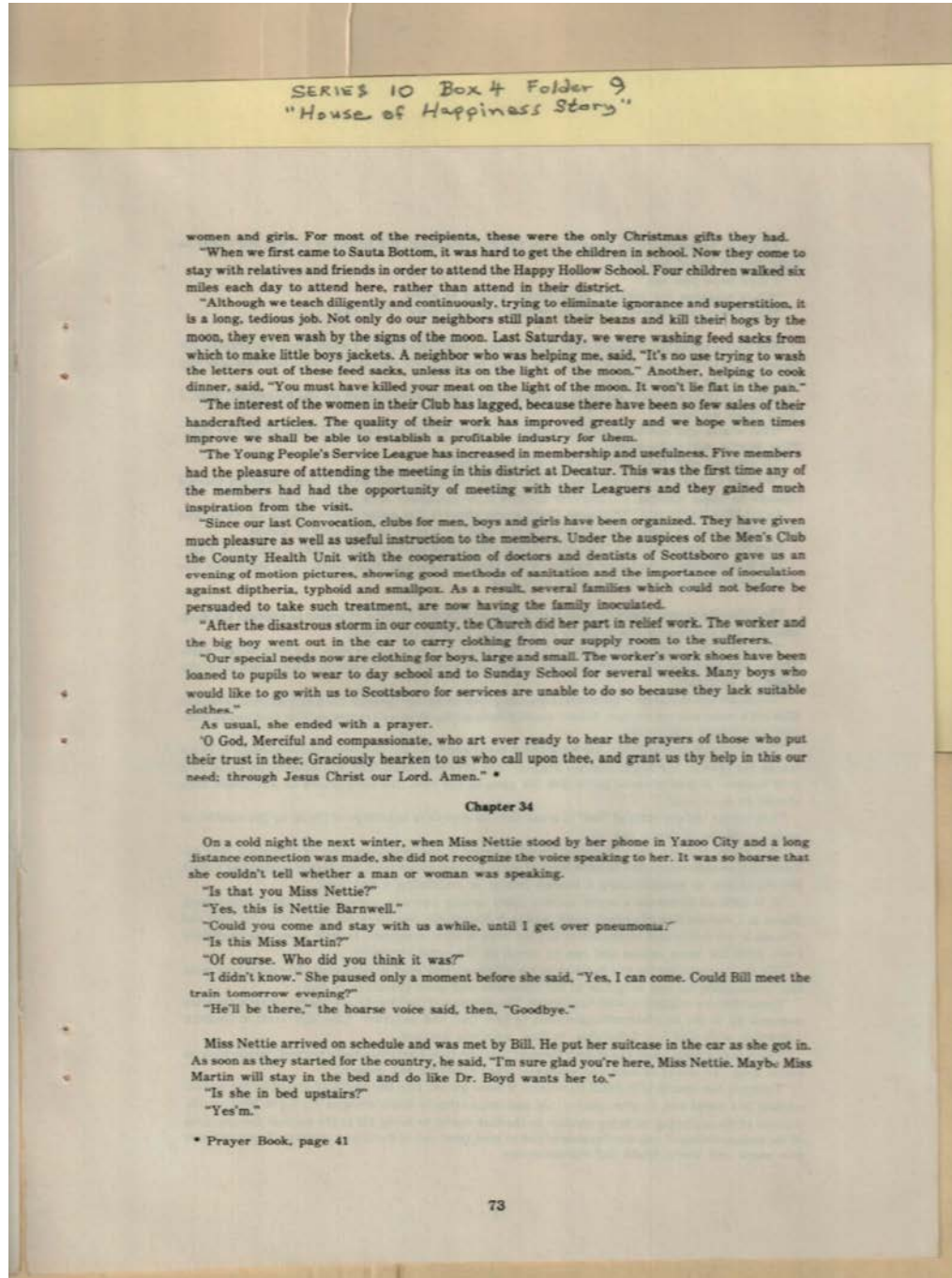
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Bowie, Mae

Dennis, Mr. & Mrs.
Franklin,

Martin, Miss
Swords, Mrs.

Types:

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Names:

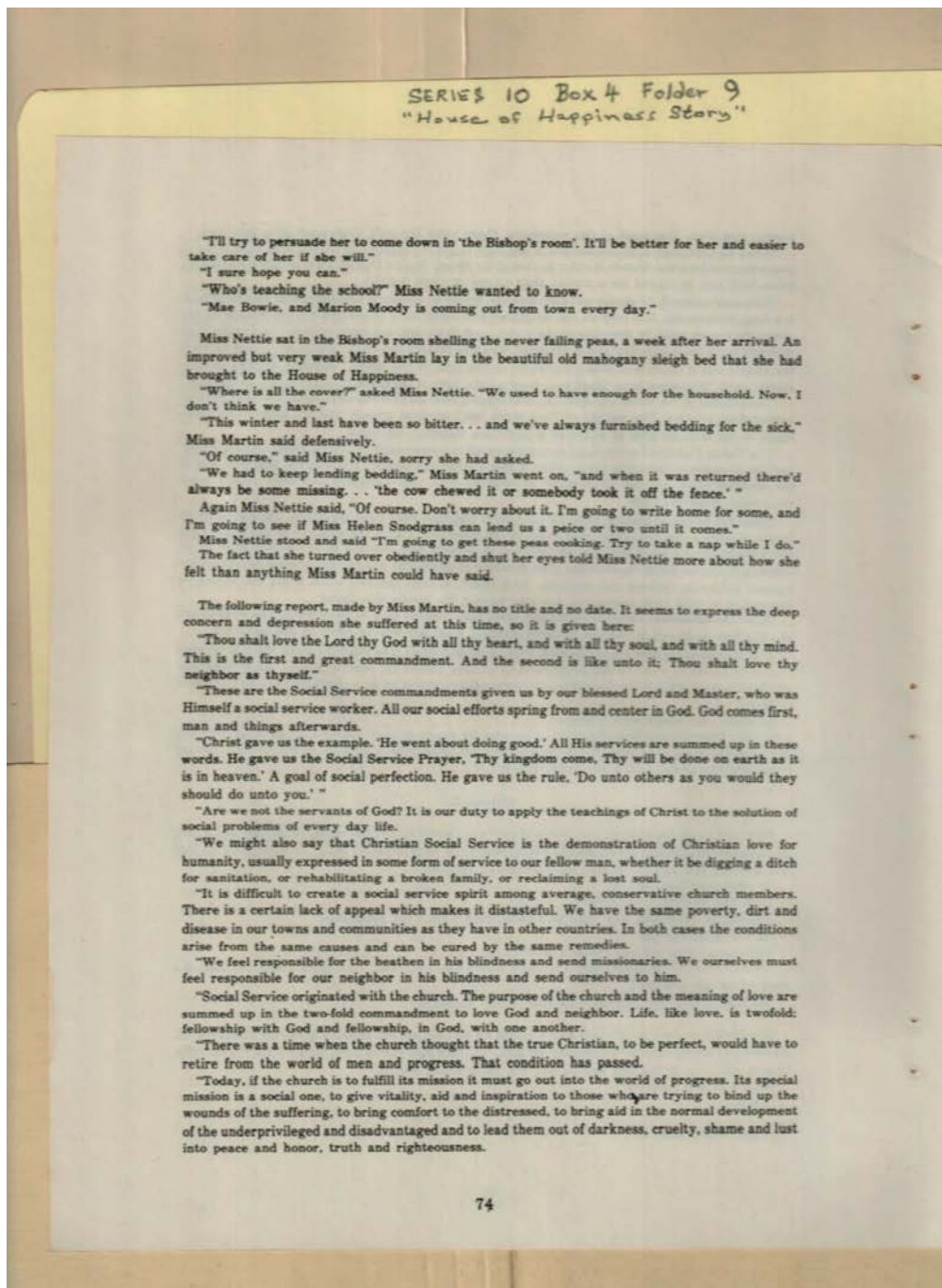
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, Nettie, Miss

Barnwell, Nettie
Boyd, Dr.

Martin, Miss

Types:

booklet



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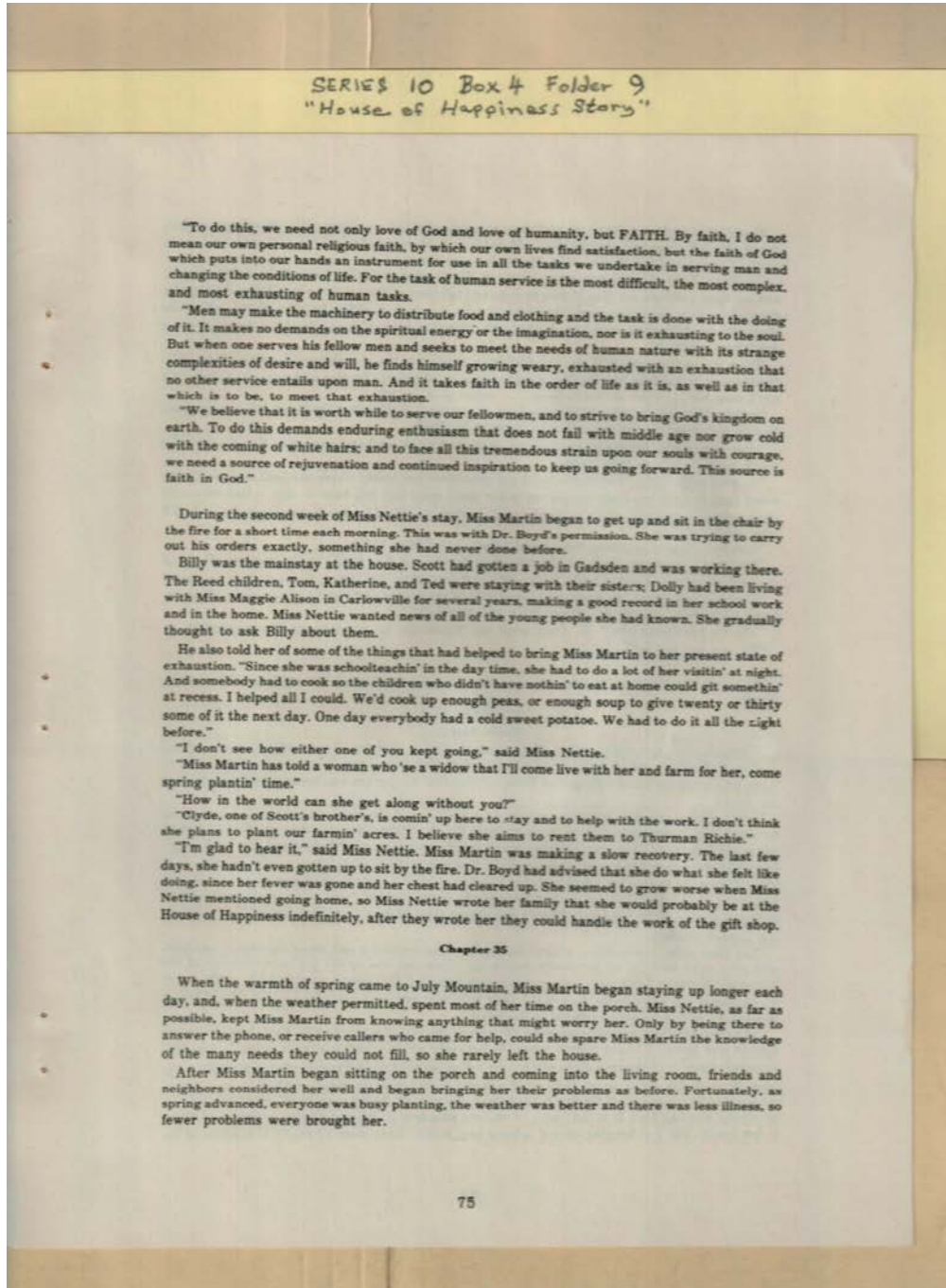
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Martin, Miss
Moody, Marion

Snodgrass, Helen,
Miss

Types:

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Names:

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, Clyde
, Dollie

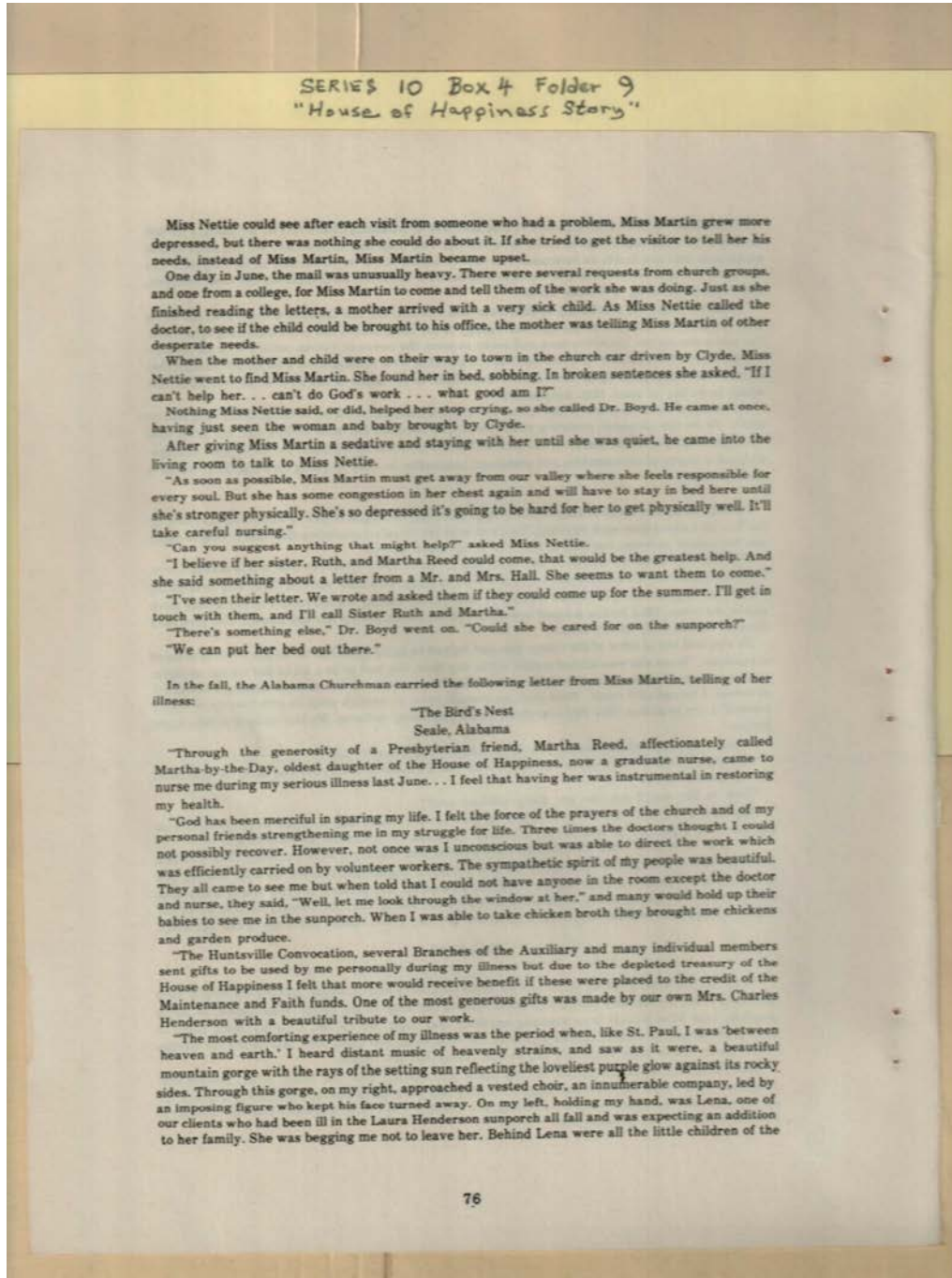
, Nettie, Miss
, Scott
Alison, Maggie, Miss

Boyd, Dr.
Martin, Miss
Reed, Katherine

Reed, Ted
Reed, Tom
Richie, Thurman

Types:

booklet



Names:

, Clyde
, Lena
, Nettie, Miss

, Ruth
Boyd, Dr.
Hall, Mr. & Mrs.

Henderson, Charles,
Mrs.
Henderson, Laura

Martin, Miss
Reed, Martha

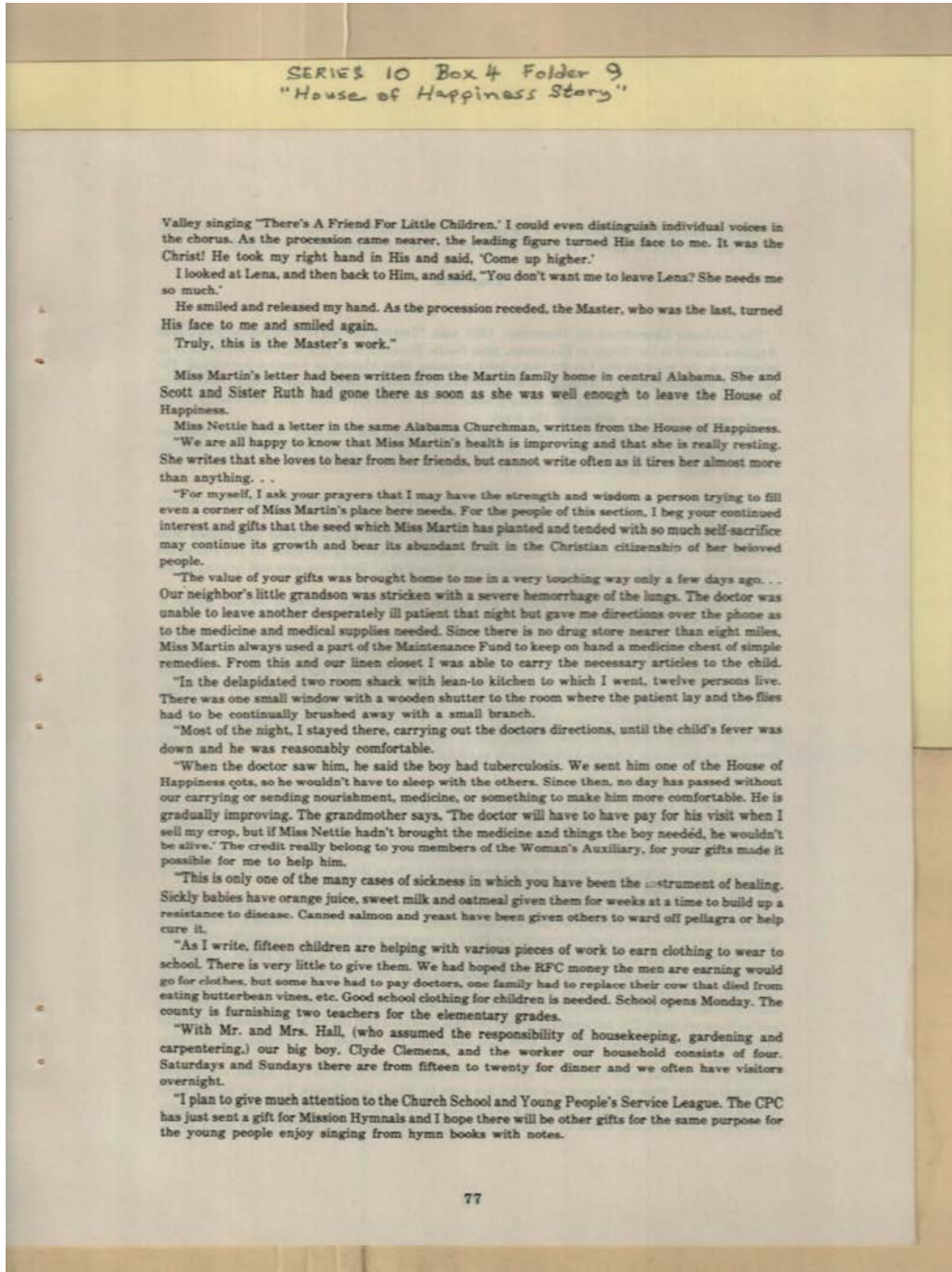
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, Nettie, Miss

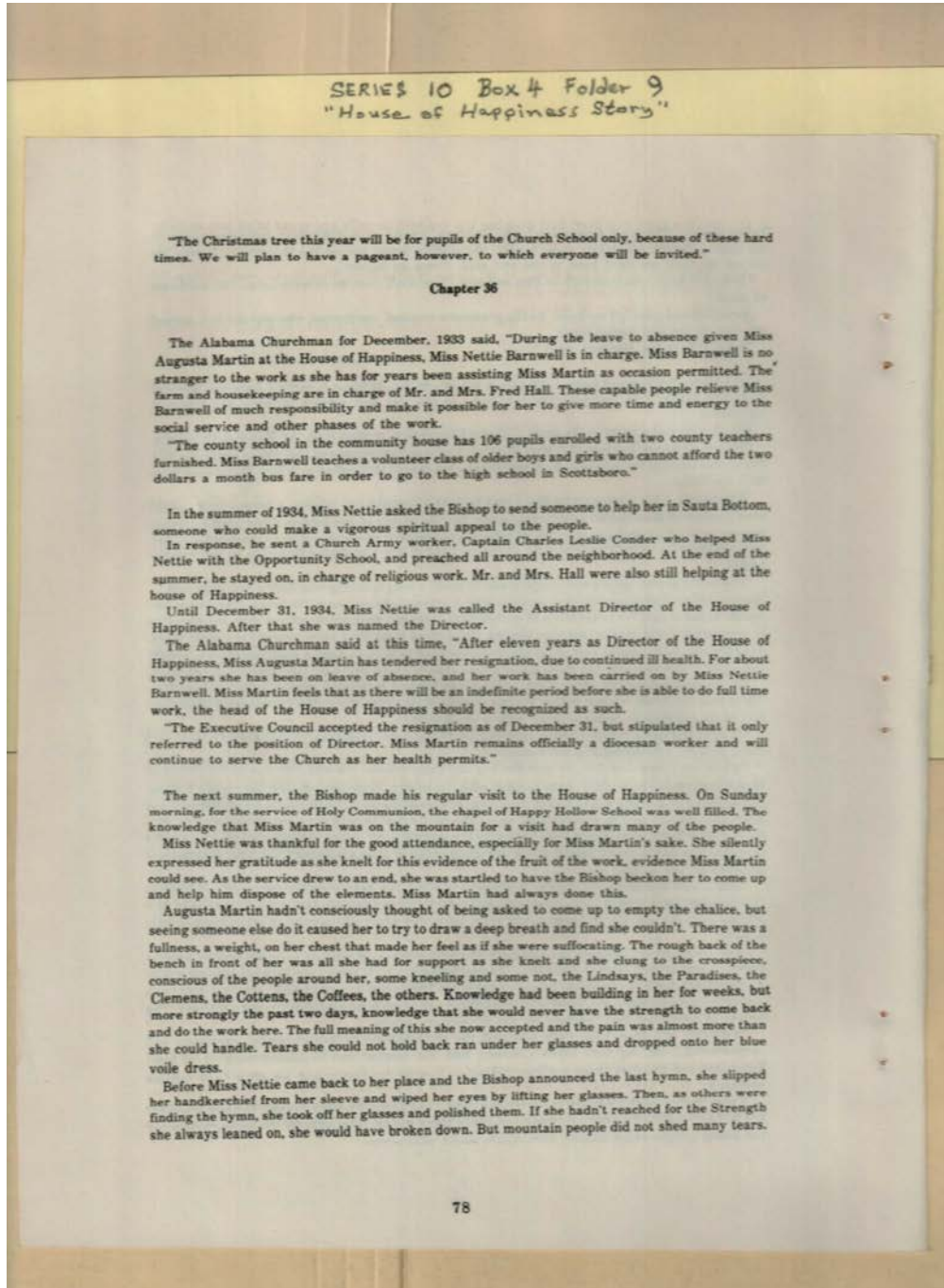
, Ruth
, Scott

Clemens, Clyde
Hall, Mr. & Mrs.

Martin, Miss

Types:

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Names:

, Nettie, Miss
Barnwell, Nettie,
Miss

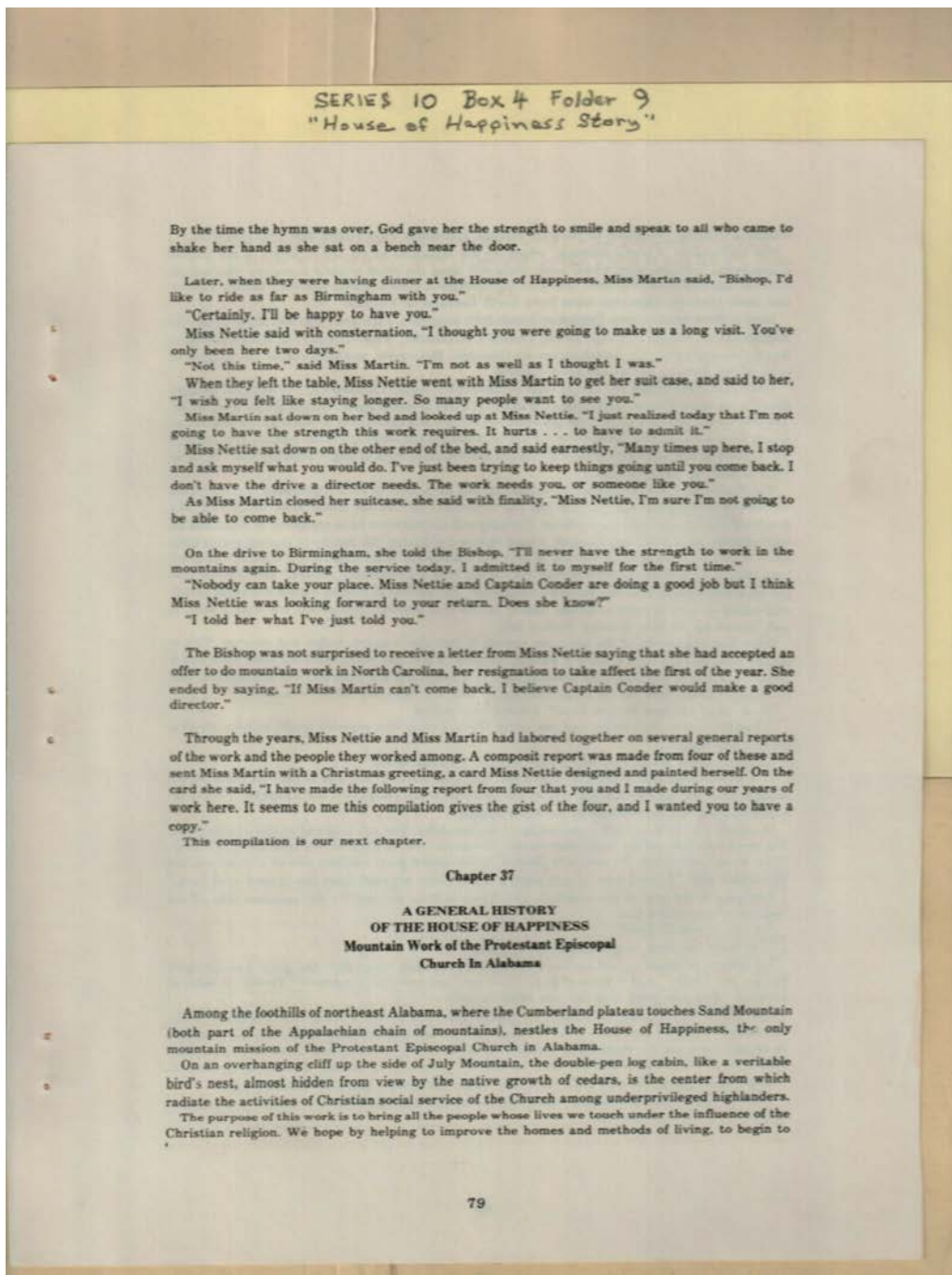
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Coffee,
Cotton,

Hall, Fred, Mr. &
Mrs.
Lindsay,

Martin, Augusta,
Miss
Paradise,

Types:

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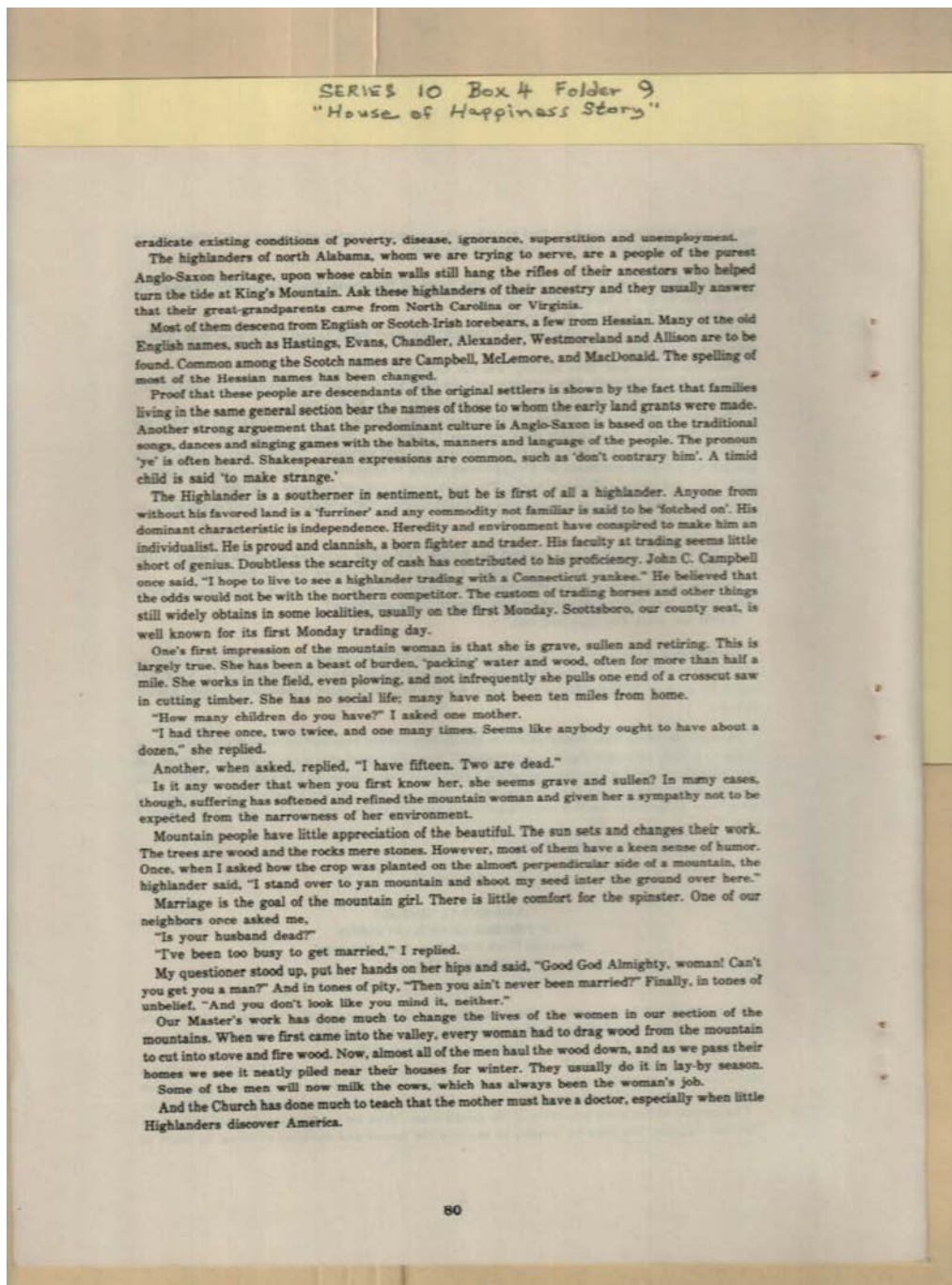
, Nettie, Miss

Conder, Captain

Martin, Miss

Types:

booklet



Names:

Alexander,
Allison,
Campbell,

Campbell, John C.
Chandler,
Evans,

Hastings,
MacDonald,
McLemore,

Westmoreland,

Types:

booklet

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"House of Happiness Story"

The steep hills and bad roads (sometimes no road, just a trail) have isolated these people, and made their lives different. When the brown earth is warm and soft underfoot after the winter freezes, and the air is mellow, the women and children come tumbling from their dark little cabins (like children let loose from school) to play at work on the hillsides and by the water courses. The time for planting is when the oak leaves are as big as a squirrel's paw. They follow this, and when it is time to hoe, that is done by the entire family. It is no unusual sight to see six or eight members of a family chopping, each taking one of the rows curving around the steep hillside. The fastest hand leads while the baby lies on a quilt under some convenient bush and the other small children play around. Little wonder that much of the work is not well done and the yield so disappointing.

Their small acreage of tillable land and lack of transportation, have limited their production resources. Moonshining is one result. Corn is the principle crop. It is much easier to convert corn into liquid and transport it in jugs tied to a rope and thrown across a mule than to haul this same amount of corn to market by wagon and team, if they had a wagon and team and a road to drive them on. The price of the condensed product is from five to six times the amount they would get for it in bulk. The practice of moonshining was not unknown to the ancestors of our highland people, even before they came to this country. The moonshiner has inherited the feeling that he has a right to distill his corn and sell it. He has little regard for laws that affect his personal rights.

It is only by education and persuasion that he will be induced to give up the making of it. Three of our neighbors have come of their own accord to say that they had quit; that they never expected to make another 'drap.'

Like the ballad, moonshining has survived in the mountains because conditions have been suitable for survival.

Due to limited acquaintance with sanitation, infectious and contagious diseases are prevalent among mountain people. Typhoid fever and tuberculosis are the principle ones in Sauta Bottom. The use of the common drinking cup, and the custom of 'setting up' with the sick have contributed largely to the spread of disease. Then, too, the cabins have no windows, only solid wooden shutters. Lack of ventilation and limited sleeping space have caused whole families to contract a disease.

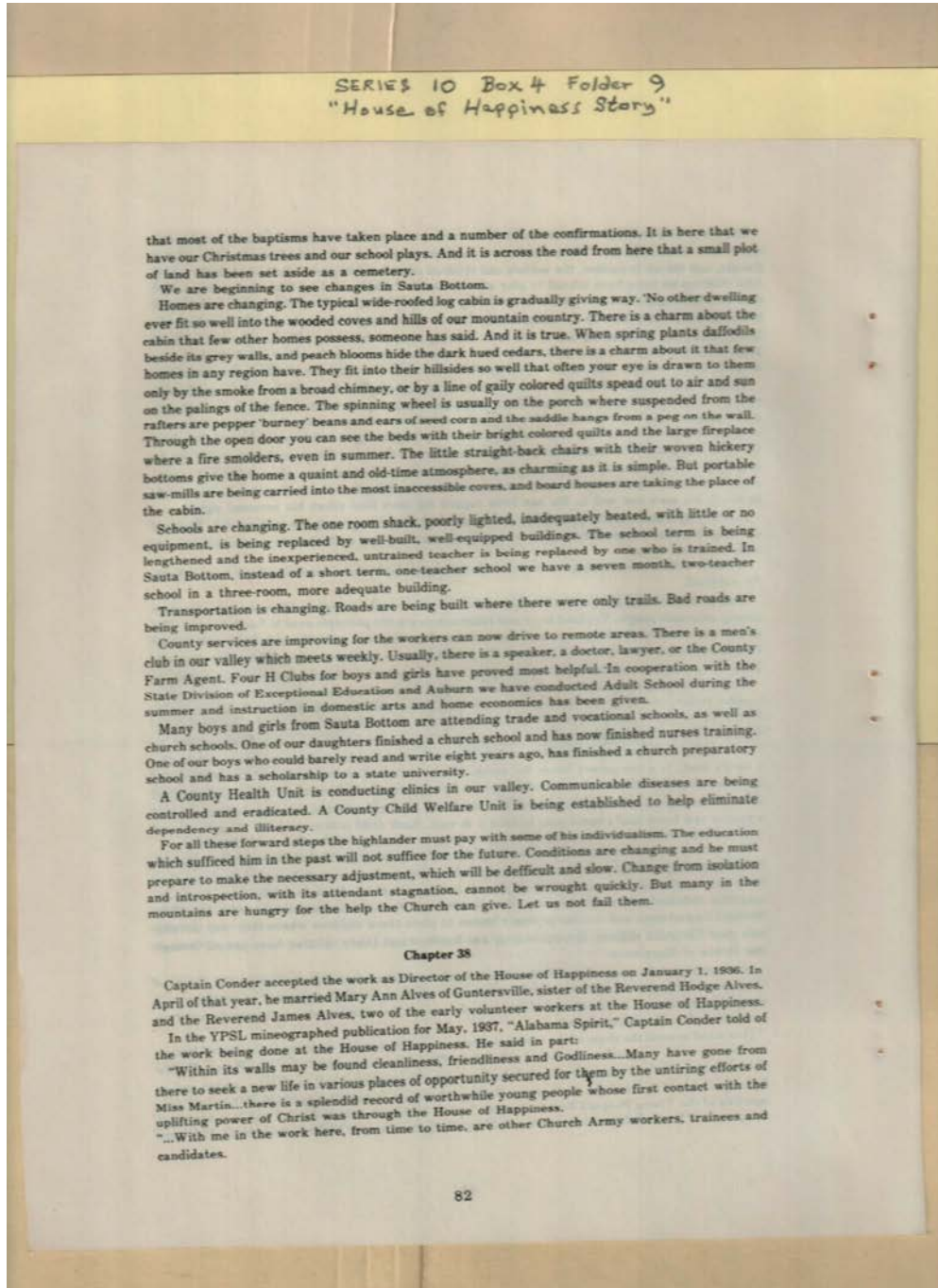
Limited sleeping space and lack of sufficient clothing and bedding necessitates crowding together in order to keep warm by the close contact of bodies. This condition is most unwholesome and it is often the cause of immoral, or unmoral, relations between brother and sister, or father and daughter. Mental retardation is due to the intermarriage of close relatives, or their interrelations.

This house that the Church has built on July Mountain, in the midst of these mountain people, like a bird's nest, is a temporary home for many. Here, neglected, delinquent, undernourished and underprivileged children are sheltered and cared for as their needs demand. It is here that many of them are brought under the influence of Christian home life for the first time; many have never said a prayer and know God's name only to take it in vain. Each child is taught to say his prayers and take part in morning and evening worship as long as they are in the House of Happiness.

We are not an institution, but care for the children temporarily, until their lives can be adjusted. Sometimes they need to be built up physically before they go back to their homes. Sometimes they have been neglected or deserted by their parents and need to have a home ground for them. Some are mentally deficient and need the care of an institution. We work in cooperation with the Child Welfare Department and various orphan's homes to place these children where they may develop into good Christian citizens. Approximately one hundred and thirty children have passed through the House of Happiness.

We had hoped, in this location, to be able to conform to the original plan of using the House of Happiness solely as a center for social service. But we have found it necessary to continue as a temporary institution for the care of children, and some adults whose needs are desperate, until we can make plans for them elsewhere.

Down and around the slope of the mountain from our doublepen log dwelling is the 'board house'. At the worker's suggestion the County Board of Education borrowed it for the Happy Hollow School. After a large room was added, it became also a recreational hall on Friday nights and an Episcopal chapel on Sundays. In it, every Sunday afternoon, is held Sunday School, followed by a meeting of the Young People's Service League, which, in turn, is followed by a Sing. It is here that our people of Sauta Bottom come when one of our clergymen, or our Bishop comes to us. It is here



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Alves, James, Rev.

Alves, Mary Ann

Conder, Captain

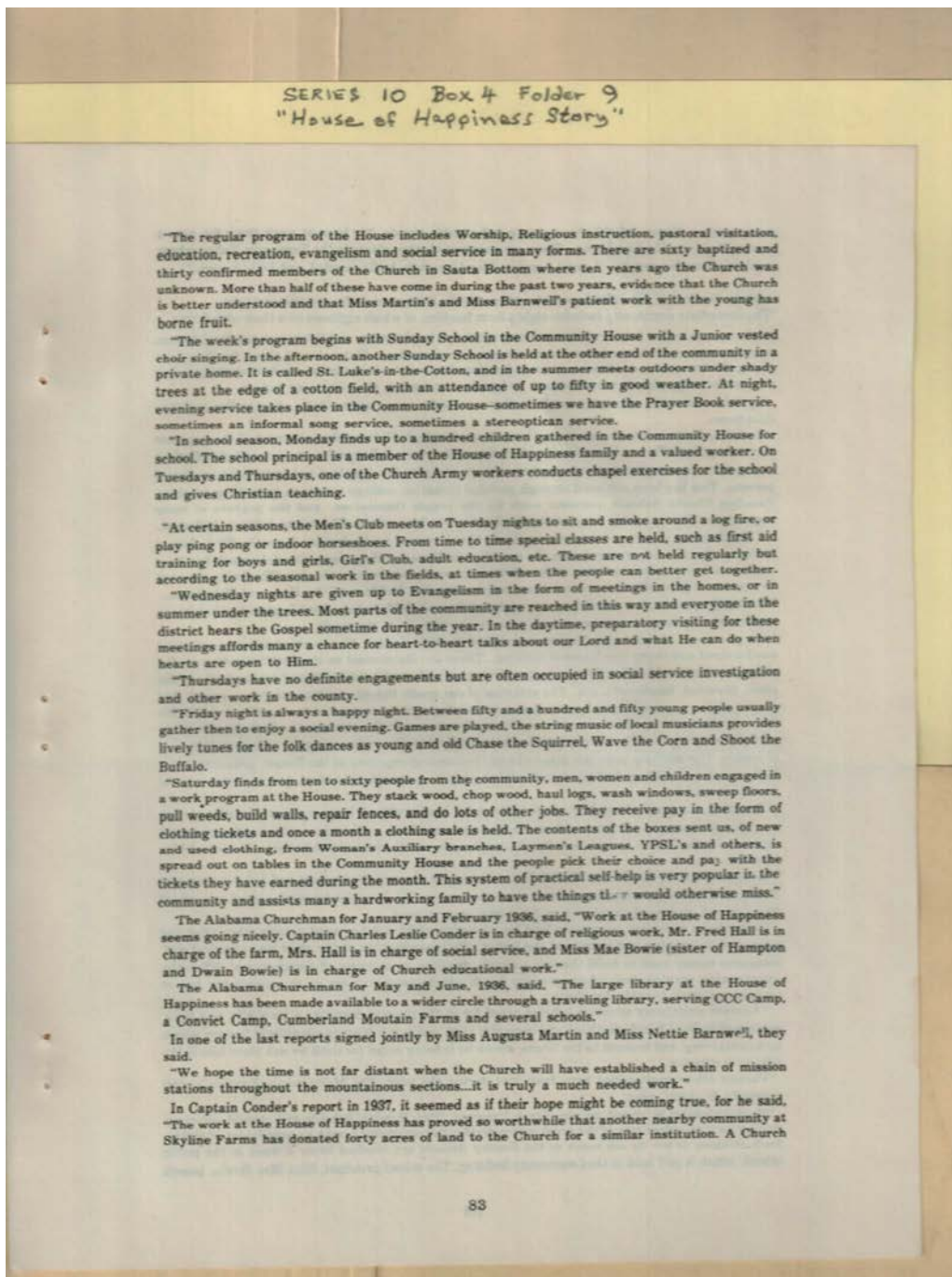
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Names:

Barnwell, Miss
Barnwell, Nettie,
Miss
Bowie, Dwain

Bowie, Hampton
Bowie, Mae, Miss
Conder, Charles
Leslie, Captain

Hall, Fred, Mr. &
Mrs.
Martin, Augusta,
Miss

Martin, Miss

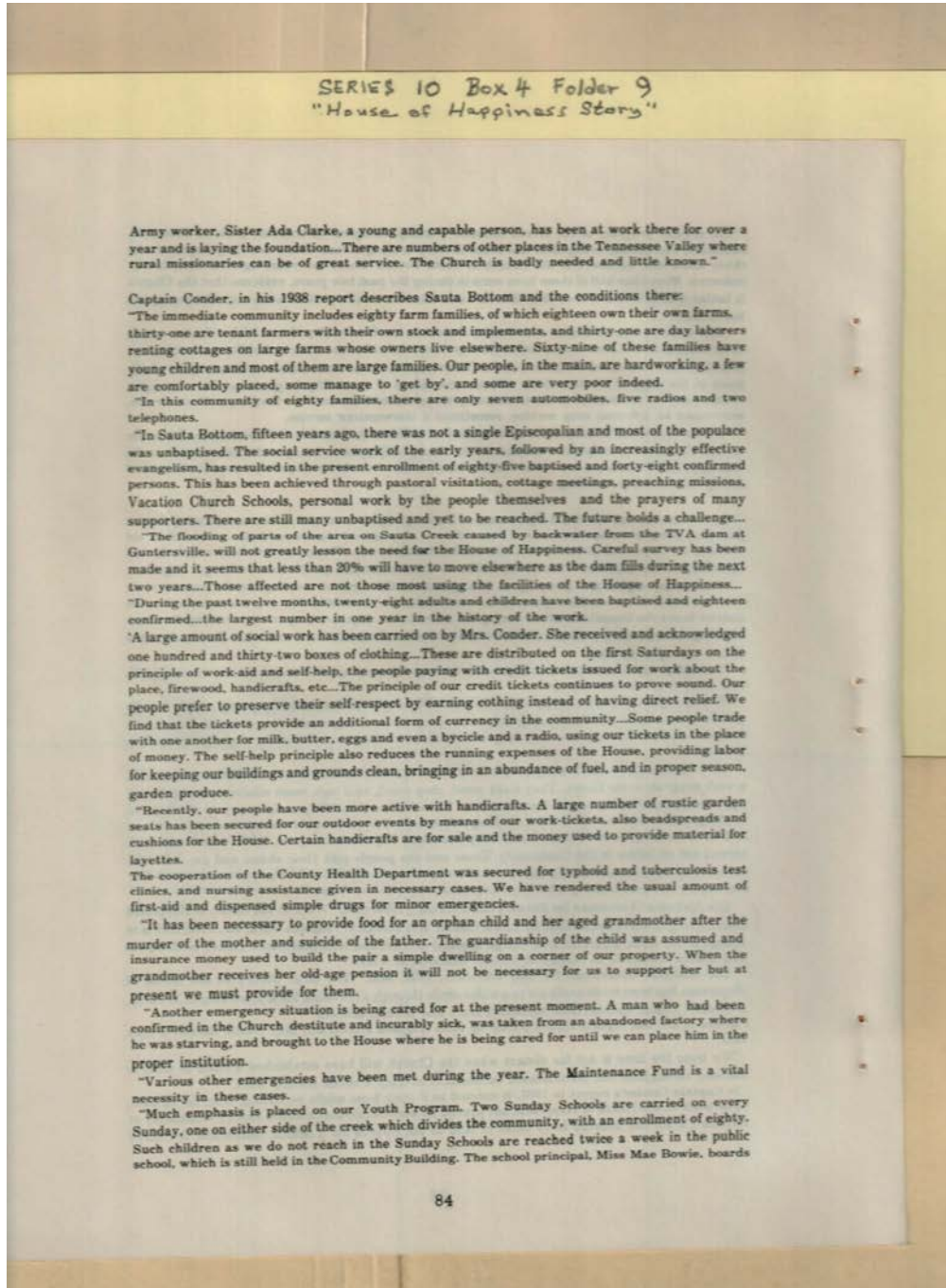
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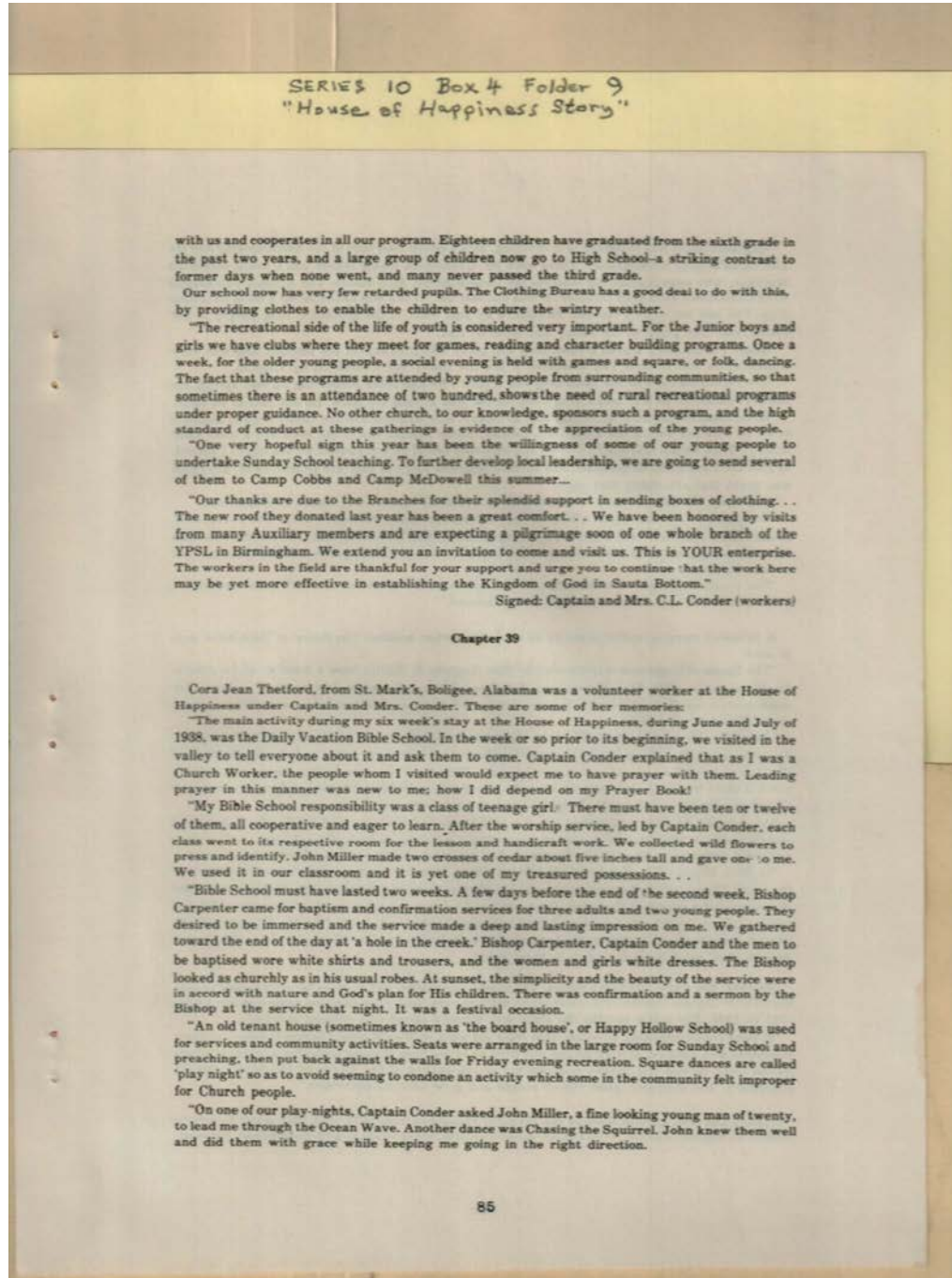
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Conder, Captain

Conder, Mrs.

Types:

booklet



Names:

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Conder, Charles
Leslie, Captain &

Mrs.
Miller, John

Thetford, Cora Jean

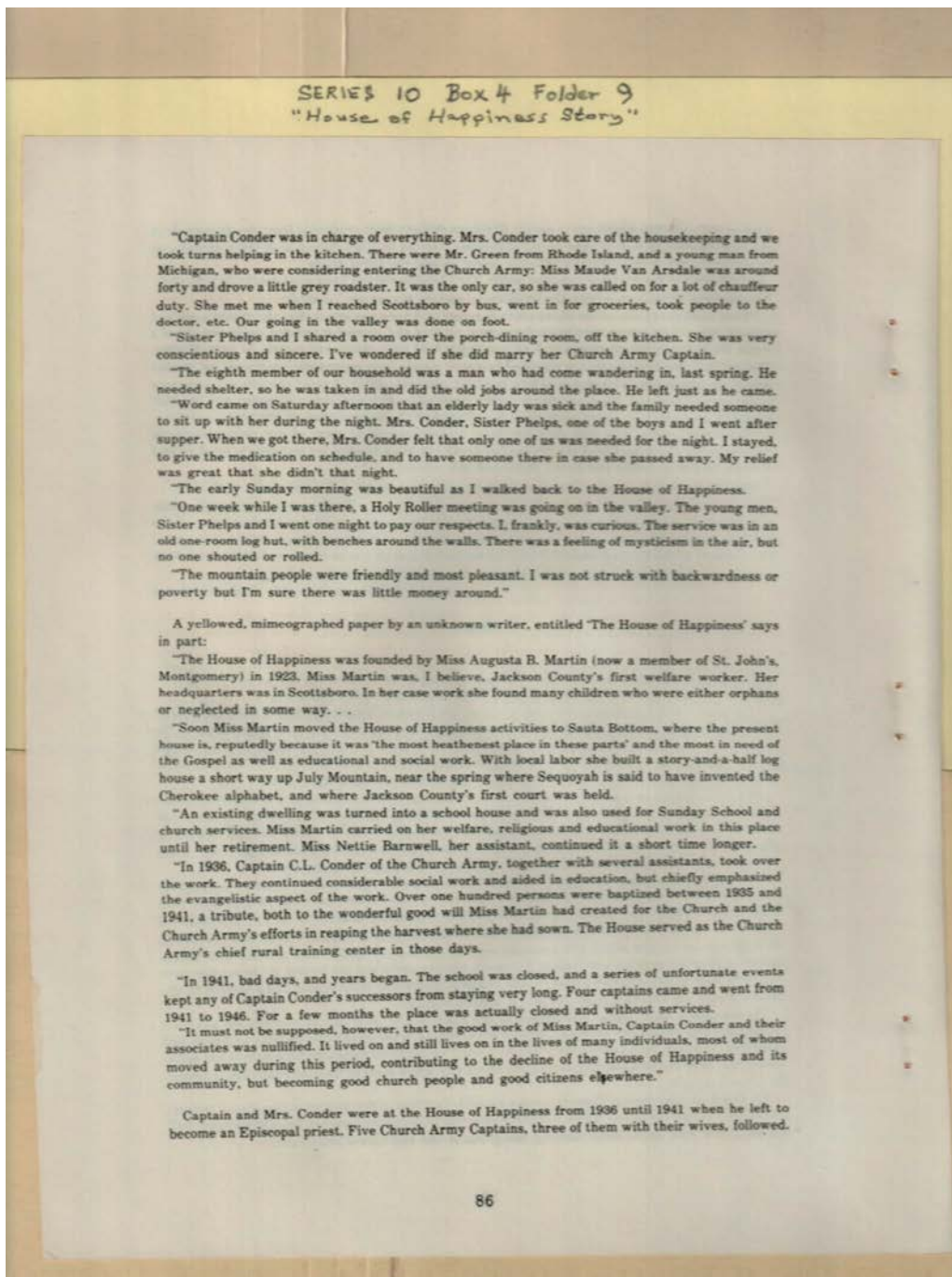
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Miss
Conder, Charles
Leslie, Captain

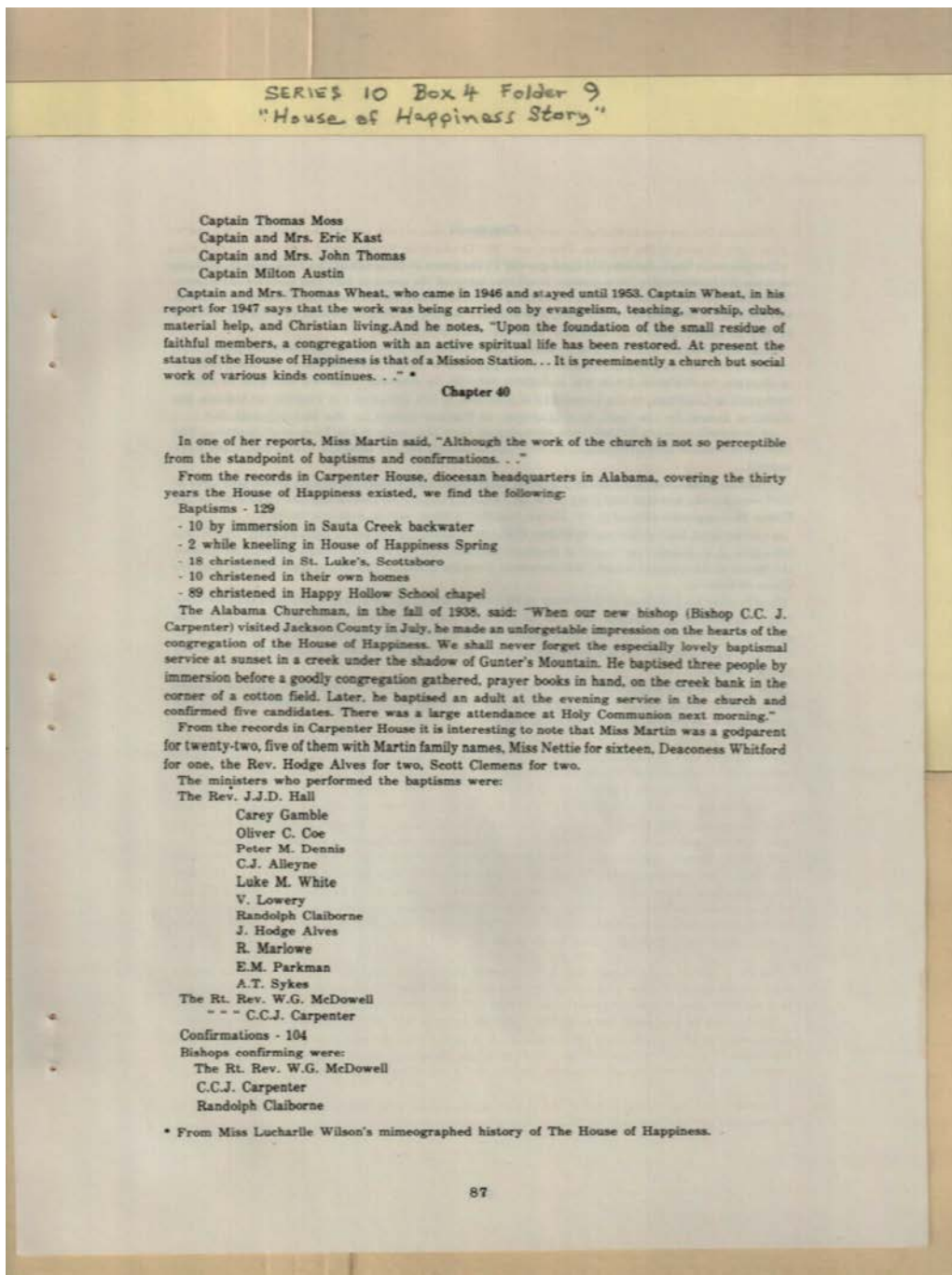
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Leslie, Captain &
Mrs.
Green,

Martin, Augusta B.,
Miss
Phelps, Sister

Van Arsdale, Maude,
Miss

Types:

booklet



Names:

, Nettie, Miss
Alleyne, C. J., Rev.
Alves, Hodges, Rev.
Alves, J. Hodge, Rev.
Austin, Milton,
Captain
Carpenter, C. C. J.,
Bishop
Claiborne, Randolph,
Rev.

Clemens, Scott
Coe, Oliver C., Rev.
Dennis, Peter M.,
Rev.
Gambel, Cary, Rev.
Hall, J. J. D., Rev.
Kast, Eric, Captain
and Mrs.
Lowery, V., Rev.
Marlowe, R., Rev.

Martin, Miss
McDowell, W. G.,
Rev.
Moss, Thomas,
Captain
Parkman, E. M., Rev.
Sykes, A. T., Rev.
Thomas, John,
Captain and Mrs.

Wheat, Thomas,
Captain and Mrs.
White, Luke M., Rev.
Whitford, Deaconess
Wilson, Lucharile,
Miss

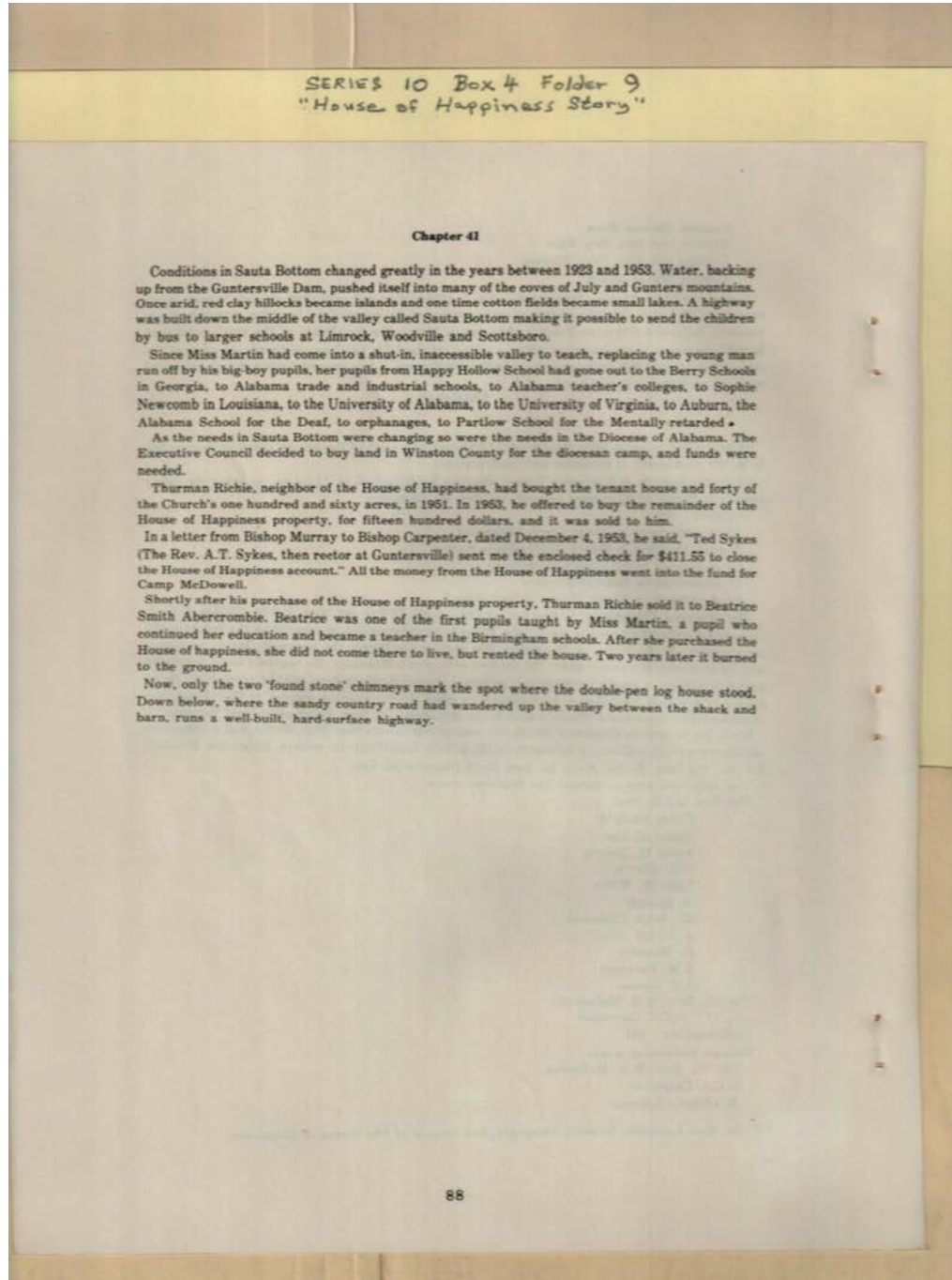
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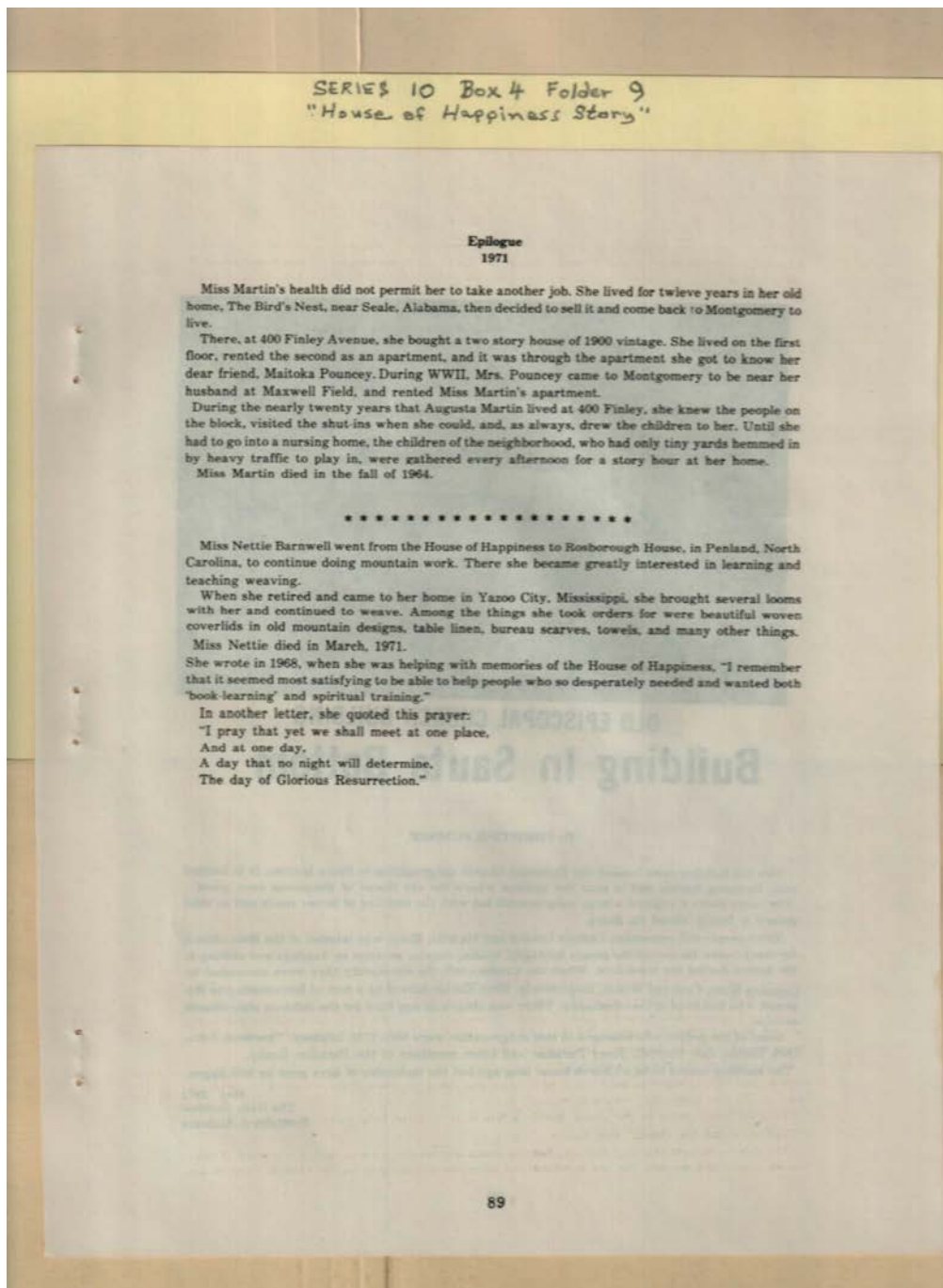
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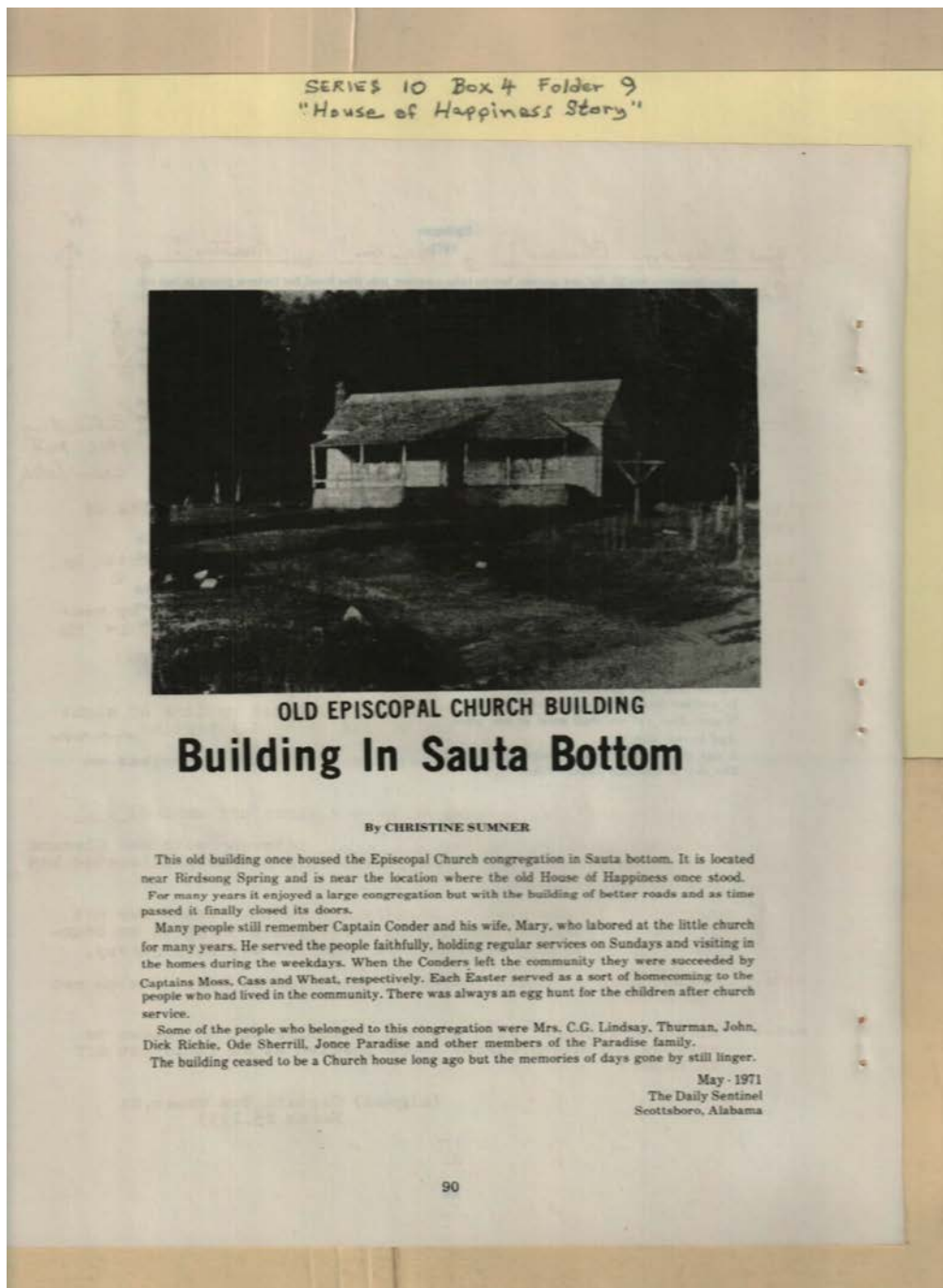
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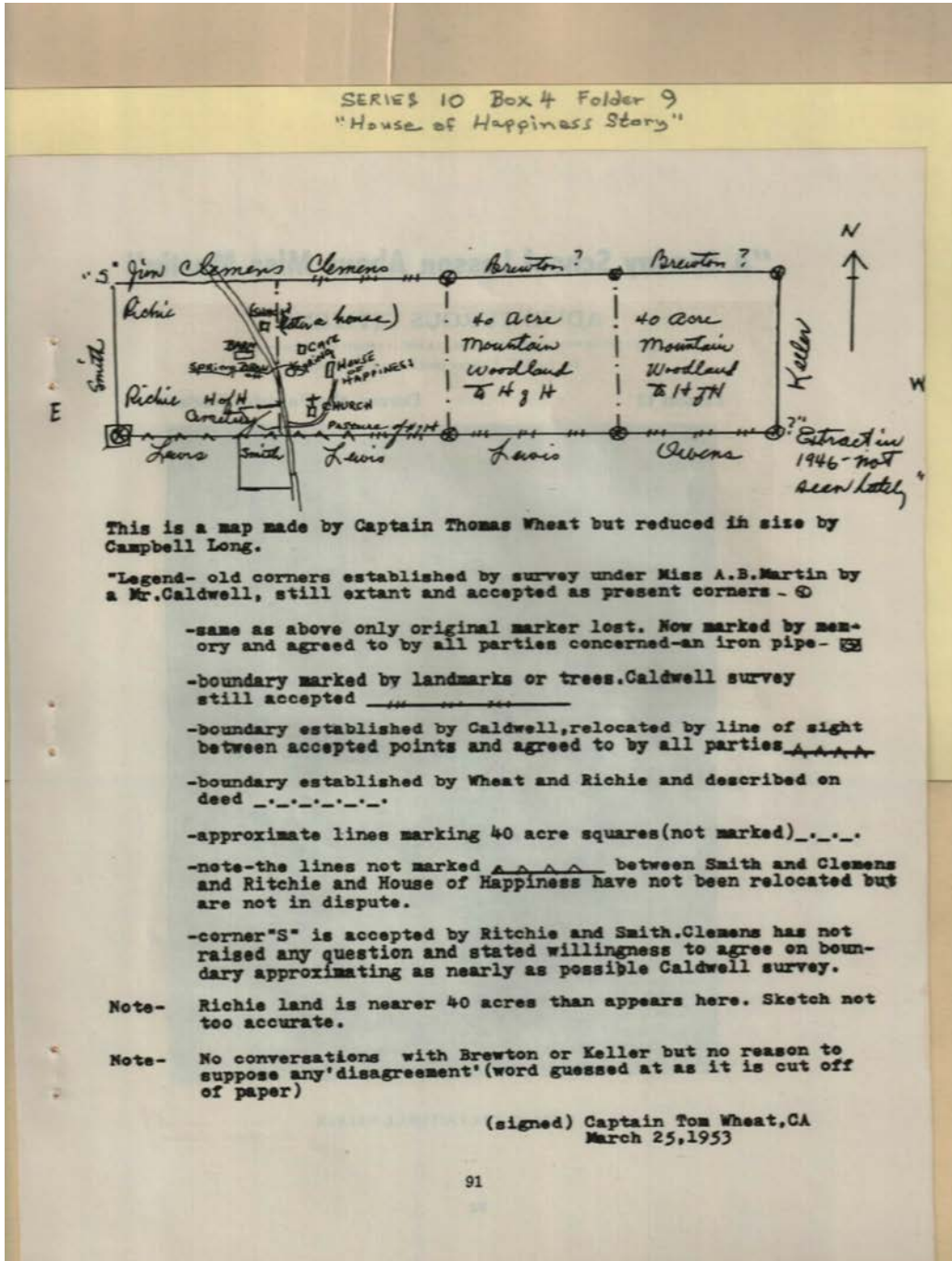
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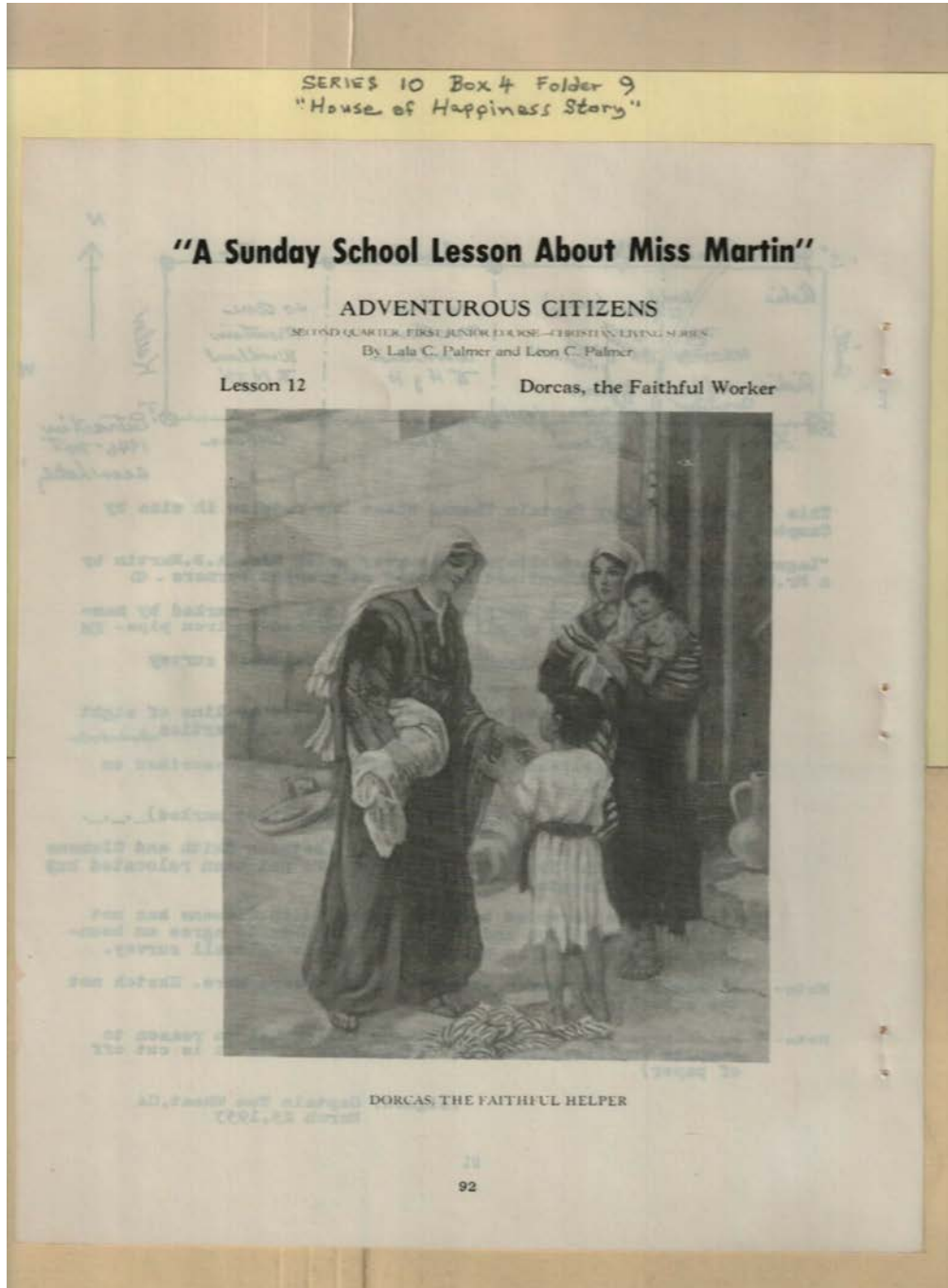
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DORCAS, THE FAITHFUL WORKER



FEW YEARS ago a woman in Alabama named Augusta Martin decided that she would give her whole time to helping the Church bring in the Kingdom of God. She had spent many years getting a good education and had had much experience in teaching and working with children; and she wanted to use this training to help others. When she told the Bishop of her desire to help, he said:

"There is much work to be done and we need many leaders, but there is no one to explain to you the special kind of work I wish you to take over. I would like to have you go up into Jackson county and find out how you can best help the people in that mountain country of North Alabama; but I must leave it largely to you as to just what to do and how to do it."

Fortunately, Miss Martin had many ideas of her own, and she was sure that God would help her and show her what needed to be done. So she went up into the mountain country of North Alabama, and, far out in the country, at the foot of a mountain, she found an old abandoned farm with a little tenant house on it which was about to fall down for lack of repairs. Then she went out among the Church people nearby and asked them to help her buy this old farm and the little old house on it. After they did this she went to work to make the place as pleasant and attractive, and as much like Heaven as she could.

Now God had done His part by making this section of the country very beautiful; the land was rich, the woods were filled with bright flowers, the air was cool and refreshing, there was a cold, sparkling spring on the farm, and, still more unusual, there was a blowing cave under the mountain where milk and butter could be kept as in a refrigerator. First Miss Martin repaired the old tenant house so that it could be used as a school building, for the children had no school. Then she built a house which she called the "House of Happiness," and in this house she took to live with her many children who did not have any fathers or mothers. She made a happy home for them, took care of them when they were sick, mended their clothes and made other clothes for them, and was a friend to all. Each week she would invite the children from all the surrounding country to come to the House of Happiness for games and play with the children.

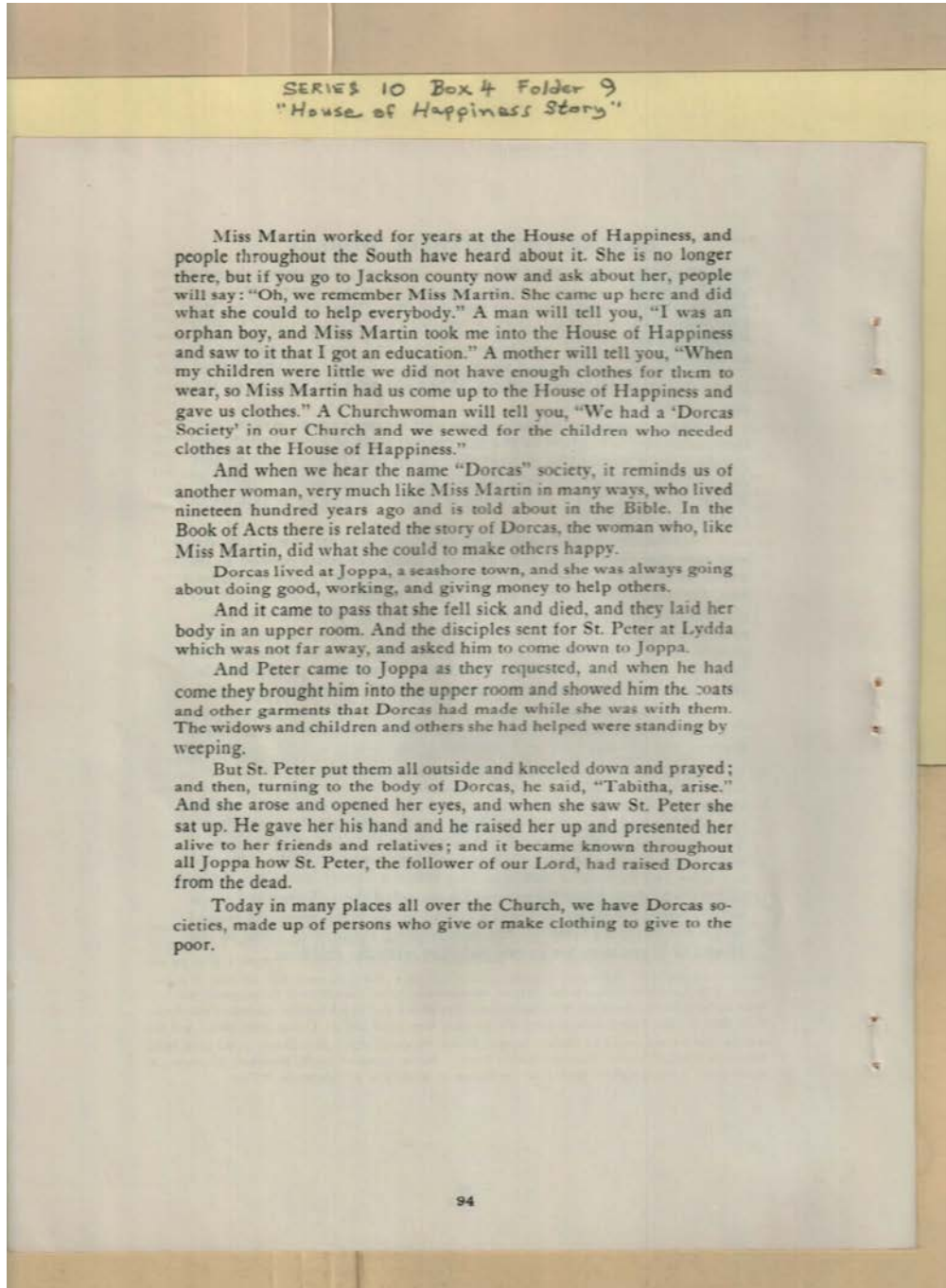
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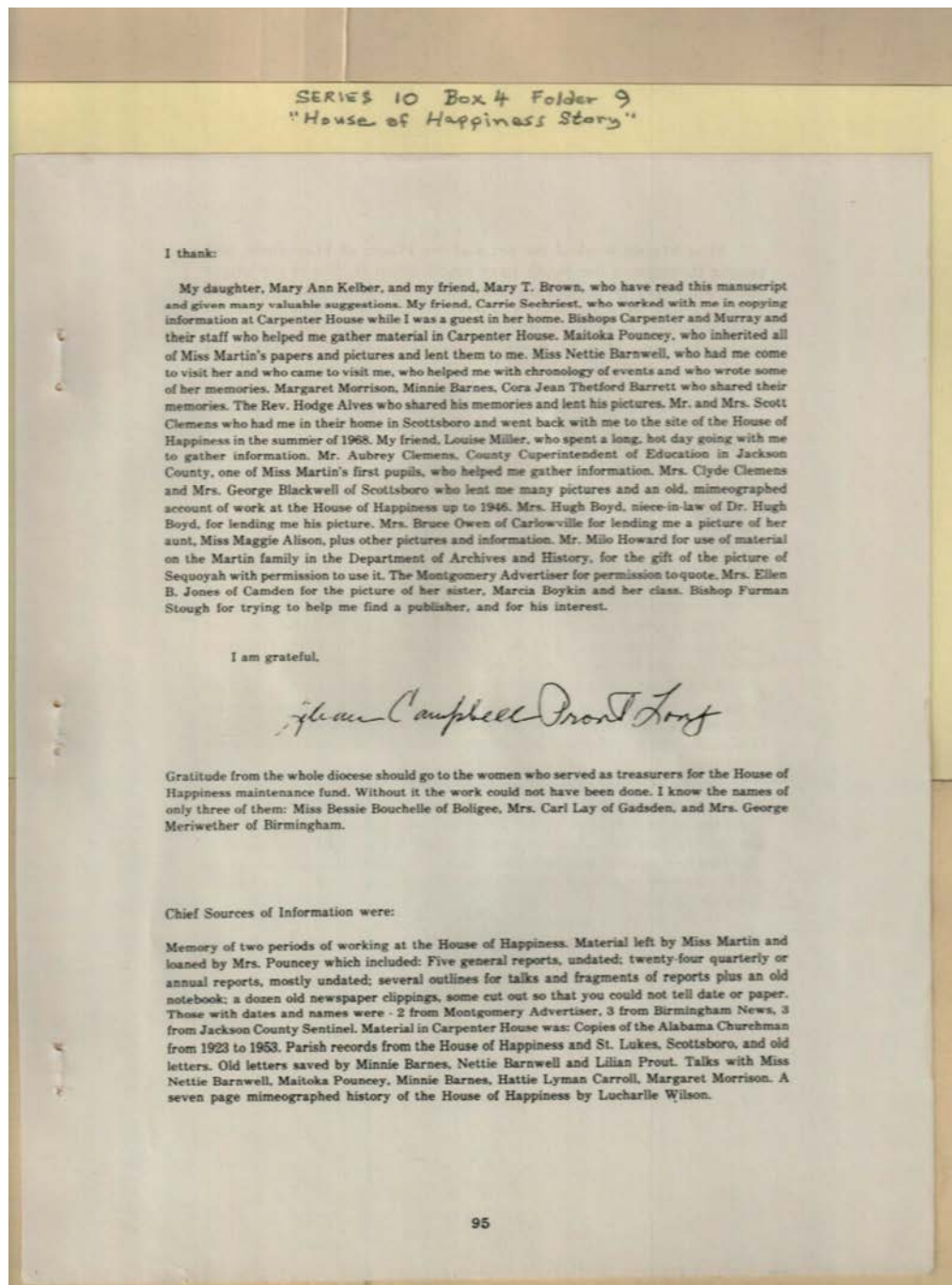
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Mrs.

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Miss
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Clemens, Aubrey
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Clemens, Scott, Mr.
& Mrs.
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