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MAGGIE H. BELL (1843-1907) POSTAL RECORDS

The collection includes an inventory of supplies and stamp sales records for Bell's Post Office, Bedford County, Virginia. Maggie H. BELL was the postmistress.

MARGARET HEWETT (LOCKE) BELL (1843-1907)

Margaret Hewett LOCKE, daughter of Dr. John and Rosalie E. LOCKE, was born April 1843 in Jefferson County, Virginia. She married 26 January 1865, perhaps in Jefferson County, Edwin Mathews BELL, son of William Lee BELL and Elizabeth LEFTWICH, of Bedford County.

Margaret H. BELL became postmistress of BELL's post office on 7 February 1882, succeeding James R. BOWER. She continued as postmistress until the post office was discontinued on 16 November 1906.

Margaret Hewett (LOCKE) BELL died 25 July 1907 and was buried in the "family burial ground at Timber Ridge [Baptist Church]."

[1850 Census, Jefferson County, VA, National Archives and Records Service (hereinafter NARS), M-432, Roll 953, p. 346, Dwelling 789, Family 802; 1860 Census, Jefferson County, VA, NARS, M-653, Roll 1355, p. 949, Dwelling 704, Family 691; 1870 Census, Bedford County, VA, NARS, M-593, Roll 1635, p. 286, Dwelling 7, Family 7; 1900 Census, Bedford County, VA, NARS, T-623, Roll 1701, p. 269, Dwelling 109, Family 109; Walter Lee Hopkins, *Leftwich-Turner Families of Virginia and Their Connections* (Richmond: J. W. Fergusson, 1931), p. 45; Record of Appointment of Postmasters (VA) 1832-30 September 1971, NARS, M-841, Roll 130, Target 18 (Bedford Co.), v.51 (ca.1877-1891), v.80 (ca.1891-1930); "Obituary of Maggie Hewett Locke Bell," *Lynchburg News*, 28 July 1907, p. 4 col. 4; "Obituary of Maggie Hewitt Bell," *Bedford Bulletin*, 1 August 1907, p. 8 col. 2.]