



Parks Family
Records, 1826-1980

Collection 147

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate Name: Parks Family

Inclusive Dates: 1826-1980, bulk 1946-1980

Physical Description: 2 boxes, (0.75 linear ft.)

Provenance:

The Parks Family records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

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Biographical Note:

Garfield Parks was born in Fountain County, Indiana, near Covington on November 1, 1880. He was married to Mary Witherson Parks and their only child was Mabel E. Parks, who was born February 14, 1909 in Montgomery County, Indiana. The Parks family moved to Urbana around 1926; Garfield worked as a city employee and lived in Urbana for 16 years before his death on October 20, 1942.

On November 11, 1941, Mabel E. Parks married George W. Hart in St. Joseph, Missouri and they had two sons, Charles and Walter. Mabel was a member of the Webber Street Church of Christ in Urbana and passed away in Savoy on February 11, 1999.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains research files on members of the Parks family from throughout the United States conducted by Betty Northcutt, family letters, and photographs. A majority of the photographs are unidentified; however, some have identifying information written on them such as names, dates, or locations.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged alphabetically by material type.

Related Materials:

Champaign County Probate Court Records: Estate Papers of Garfield Parks of Urbana

Subject Terms:

Family history

Genealogy

Clendenen family

Park family

Parke family



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Name Terms:

Banghard, Anna
Casterline, C.L.
Darnell, Goldie
Hart, George W.
Hart, Mabel E.
Kennedy, William Robert Coats
Lange, Lester A.
Lohman, Joseph
Northcutt, Betty
Parks, Eliza Jane
Parks, Garfield
Parks, Mabel E.
Parks, Mary
Witherson, Mary
Zimmerman, Mary

Container List

Box 1

Folder 1: Parks Family File #1 by Betty Northcutt, undated
Folder 2: Parks Family File #2 by Betty Northcutt, circa 1860-1973
Folder 3: Parks Family File #3 by Betty Northcutt, 1946-1948
Folder 4: Parks Family File #4 by Betty Northcutt, 1948-1950
Folder 5: Parks Family File #5 by Betty Northcutt, 1952-1956
Folder 6: Parks Family File #6 by Betty Northcutt, 1956-1980
Folder 7: Parks Family Letters, circa 1826-1962
Folder 8: Photographs with Identifying Information, circa 1912-1926 and undated
Folder 9: Scrapbook Photographs (possibly belonging to George W. Hart), circa 1912-1925 and undated
Folder 10: Unidentified Photographs #1, undated
Folder 11: Unidentified Photographs #2, undated

Box 2:

Folder 1: Unidentified Photographs #3, undated
Folder 2: Parks Family Obituaries, 1942-1999