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Woods Family collection,  
1895-1943

Collection 153

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Creator/Corporate name:** Woods Family

**Inclusive Dates:** 1895-1943

**Physical Description:** 1 box, 1.1 linear feet

**Provenance:**

The Woods family collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

**Access:**

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

William Francis Woods, Sr. was born on July 16, 1876, in Farmer City, Ill., to Thomas and Catherine Kirk Woods. He attained a diploma from the Rice Collegiate Institute in Paxton, Ill. in 1895, a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in 1900, and a law degree from the University of Illinois in 1902, graduating at the top of his class. He was a prominent Champaign attorney, maintaining a private practice for 40 years. He also served as president of the Champaign County Bar Association. Woods married Mary Casserly in 1910 and had 4 children. He died on June 8, 1942.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains family photographs, legal and business documents pertaining to the law office of William Woods, along with personal materials, such as greeting cards, correspondence, newspaper clippings, exercise books, and programs, of related family members. Materials date from 1895 to 1943.

**Name Terms:**

BAR (Association)  
Champaign County Bar Association  
Woods, William Francis Sr.  
Woods, Thomas  
Woods, Catherine (Kirk)  
Woods, Mary (Casserly)

**Subject terms:**

Practice of law

**Inventory list:**

- 2 letterheads of the law office of William F. Woods in Champaign, undated
- Rice Collegiate Institute (Paxton, Ill.) diploma of William Woods, June 1895
- Family photographs, unidentified and undated



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- University of Illinois Ph.D. thesis of Paul Joseph Woods entitled, 'The G. A. R. and Civil Service', 1941
- Folder containing legal documents pertaining to the local improvement of the west part of Clark Street (Champaign), 1922
- Folder containing legal documents pertaining to alley local improvement number 3, 1925-1926
- Envelope containing greeting cards addressed to Mary Ellen Hill, postcards, Delta Theta Tau sorority programs, booklets, correspondence, and newspaper clippings, 1932-1943
- Envelope containing newspaper clippings, correspondence, programs, Knights of Columbus certificates of W. F. Woods, and greeting cards addressed to Mary Ellen Hill, 1911-1942
- Envelope containing pages from a diary with photographs, greeting cards addressed to Mary Ellen Hill, a touring guide of Ireland, and 2 exercise books, 1939-1942 and undated

**Box ID:** 80

**Annex shelf location:** 30

**Bib. Record No.:** 489622