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Gerde Family collection,  
1916-1971

Collection 165

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Creator/Corporate name:** Gerde Family

**Inclusive Dates:** 1916-1971

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

**Provenance:**

The Gerde family collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives from the Julia Healy Gerde Estate.

**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:**

Veryl Healy Gerde (1904-1983) was a teacher at the Doctor Howard School in Champaign, Ill. and a resident of Champaign-Urbana for most of her life. Her mother was Julia Schwartzley Healy (1877-1971).

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains photographs, correspondence, and photograph albums of Veryl Healy Gerde and Julia Healy, ca. 1916-1971. Many of the loose photographs are of former students of Veryl during her time as a teacher at Doctor Howard School. The albums contain largely family and travel photographs.

The thick black album includes photos of travels to Milwaukee, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Kansas City, New York, Philadelphia. The black album with 'Post Cards' on the cover includes photos and postcards of travel to Oklahoma, Indiana, Milwaukee, New Orleans, New York, Florida, Tennessee, California, Wyoming, Vancouver, and the Bahamas.

**Inventory list:**

- National Grocer Company Recipe Notebook
- 6"x9" photograph of unidentified soldier (police officer?)
- Envelope containing photographs from the Dr. Howard School, some dated (1954-1959)
- Envelope containing correspondence of Veryl Healy (1940-1953)
- Envelope containing photographs, some identified and mostly undated (1953)
- Brown leather album containing photographs of farms, workers, and houses, undated
- Black leather album containing photographs, identified and mostly undated (1916)
- White leather memorial book for Julia S. Healy (1971)
- Wooden album with 'Snaps' on the cover containing family photographs, unidentified and undated
- Thick black album containing family and travel photographs and postcards, many identified and some dated (1923-1927)
- Green album containing family photographs, many identified and some dated (1927-1930)



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- Black leather album with 'Post Cards' on the cover containing family and travel photographs, postcards, ad news clippings (1939-1950)
- Photograph of the Os-ka-wa-was of Illinois, undated
- Small suede album containing family photographs, undated and mostly unidentified
- 3 small white envelopes containing student photos, identified and undated
- Large black album containing family photographs and greeting cards, mostly unidentified and undated

**Name Terms:**

Doctor Howard School (Champaign, Ill.)  
Gerde Family  
Gerde, Veryl Healy  
Healy, Julia S.  
Healy, Veryl  
National Grocer Company

**Box ID:** 151

**Annex shelf location:** 37

**Processing notes:** finding aid in process, tons of scrapbooks, rehouse material in envelopes, inventory looks good, archivist