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Ruth Thomas Weinard  
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## Champaign County Historical Archives

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**Creator/Corporate Name:** Ruth Thomas Weinard

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**Biographical Note:**

Ruth Thomas Weinard (August 5, 1908 – February 28, 2004) was a dedicated educator and lifelong learner. She earned degrees from Illinois Women's College and the University of Chicago, and went on to teach at several institutions, including the University of Illinois. In addition to her teaching career, Weinard served as a secretary and counselor. She was active in numerous organizations, including the Eastern Star, the American Psychological Association, and the University of Illinois Alumni Association. She was a devoted member of First Baptist Church in Mahomet for over 72 years. In July 1953, she married Dr. Fred F. Weinard. Later in life, at 68, Ruth developed a strong interest in genealogy, early American history, and American Indian affairs.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains genealogical research materials compiled by Ruth Thomas Weinard, including family charts, correspondence, historical records, and society documents. The materials focus on multiple interrelated families, particularly the Cresap, Pinkston, Thomas, and Todd lines. The contents include documents dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries.

**Arrangement:**

This collection is arranged in alphabetical order.



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**Subject Terms:**

Cresap Family  
Genealogy  
Family History  
Pinkston Family  
Ravenscroft Family  
Savage Family  
Thomas Family  
Todd Family  
Vangundy Family  
Van Swearingen Family

**Name Terms:**

Abbott, Susan Pinkston  
Cresap, B.F. (Capt.)  
Cresap, Daniel  
Cresap, Edward Otho  
Cresap, Mary  
Cresap Society  
Cresap, Thomas  
Early American Museum (Mahomet, Ill.)  
Frame, Mattie  
Henson, Elizabeth  
Museum of the Grand Prairie (Mahomet, Ill.)  
Pinkston, Amy Tate  
Pinkston, Basil Lee  
Pinkston, John Wesley Jr.  
Thomas, Benjamin Franklin, Jr.  
Thomas, Benjamin Franklin, Sr.  
Thomas, Charles Daniel  
Thomas, Charles Todd  
Thomas, Frank Hubert  
Thomas, Joseph  
Thwing, Thomas Line  
Todd, Adaline Pinkston  
Todd, Durwood "Dee"  
Todd, George B.  
Todd, Lillie May  
Todd, Oscar L.



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Weinard, Frederick Francis  
Weinard, Ruth Thomas

## Container List

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- Folder 2: Bullard – Thwing – Thomas Charts (1630-1950) Made by Elizabeth Henson for Ruth Thomas Weinard, 1978
- Folder 3: Cornelison, 1775-1979
- Folder 4: Cresap, B.F. (Capt.), 1913
- Folder 5: Cresap, Daniel, 1870-1984
- Folder 6: Cresap, Edward Otho, 1865
- Folder 7: Cresap, Mary, 1860-1979
- Folder 8: Cresap, Michael (Capt.), 1826
- Folder 9: Cresap, Thomas, 1937-1976
- Folders 10-12: Cresap Genealogy (3 folders), 1975-1986
- Folders 13-14: Cresap Society (2 folders), 1836-1994
- Folder 15: Cresap – Ravenscroft Family, 1954-1984
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- Folder 17: Parham, 1984
- Folder 18: Pinkston Family, 1875-1989
- Folder 19: Pinkston, John Wesley, Jr., 1840
- Folder 20: Pinkston, Amy Tate, 1896
- Folder 21: Pinkston, Basil Lee, 1974-1980
- Folder 22: Savage Family, 1984
- Folder 23: Thomas family, 1907-1989
- Folder 24: Thomas, Benjamin Franklin Jr., 1922-1959
- Folder 25: Thomas, Benjamin Franklin, Sr., 1882-1984
- Folder 26: Thomas, Charles Daniel, 1887-1990
- Folder 27: Thomas, Frank Hubert (1901-1963), 1909-1963
- Folder 28: Thomas, Joseph, 1989
- Folder 29: Thwing – Thomas Line, 1881-1993
- Folder 30: Todd, Adaline Pinkston, 1867
- Folder 31: Todd, Durwood (married Mattie Frame), 1959-1964
- Folder 32: Todd, George B., 1890-1979
- Folder 33: Todd, Lillie May (married Benjamin Franklin “Frank” Thomas Jr.), 1880-1898
- Folder 34: Todd, Oscar L., 1962
- Folder 35: Todd Family, 1875-1990
- Folder 36: Todd – Woolery – Watson – Pinkston, 1899-1989
- Folder 37: Vangundy Family, 1978-1984
- Folder 38: Van Swearingen Family, 1940-1979
- Folder 39: Weinard, Frederick Francis, 1912-1926



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Folder 40: Weinard, Ruth Thomas, 1908-1989

Folder 41: Weinard, Ruth Thomas, Cast Iron Gate – gift to Early American Museum [includes photograph of Charles Todd Thomas], 1969