



Harper family collection,  
1761-2011

Collection 329

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Sarah Bingaman Schwartz and Donica Martin

**Creator/Corporate name:** Harper and related families

**Inclusive Dates:** ca. 1761-2011

**Physical Description:** 1 box, .5 linear feet

**Provenance:**

The Harper Family collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in March 2019.

**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:**

This collection documents the history of the Harper, Babb, Mies, Bundy, and related families. The first three folders in the collection are the Babb and Mies Family History (folders 1-3). The collection includes a comprehensive pedigree chart and family group charts for each of the included nuclear families. Many copies of newspapers clippings and primary source documents are also included.

Family origins: England, Germany. Last names included in this part of the collection are: Babb, Cole, Dollard, Enenbach, Epler, Haversperger, Holdenhouse, Gerringer, Klein, Mies, Riley, Shutz, Smith, and Williams.

Folders 4 and 5 focus on the history of the Bundy family. The collection includes a pedigree chart that covers all of the families addressed in the two folders. Copies of clippings and primary source documents are also included. Family origins are Germany and Denmark. Last names included in this part of the collection are Bates, Bundy, Faulkner, Hammer, Hansen, Goodman, Jennings, Lutz, and Rohl.

One family member who might be of special interest is Ola M. Bundy, who served for 29 years with the Illinois High School Association and was heralded in her obituary as the First Lady of Illinois Girls Sports. Ola was born in Allerton, Illinois, and attended Champaign High School, graduating in 1953. She graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in physical education. Several obituaries and profiles of Ola are included in Folder 4.

Folder 6 focuses on the family history of Derys Hunt Harper. This is a compilation of researched information, and does not include copies of primary sources, although sources of some information are noted in handwritten notes. There is a pedigree chart. Surnames included in this folder are Cook, Cummins, Fulton, Hunt, Morris, Sinkes, Strader, and Wear/Weir.



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Folder 7 focuses on the family history of Larry Lutz. This includes a tabbed section for each nuclear family, including a family group sheet. There is a pedigree chart. Copies of clippings and primary source documents are also included. Surnames included in this folder are Ammerman, Blue, Buscher, Glaser, Heimburger, Klopfer, Lutz, and Saathoff.

Folder 8 is the family of Nellie Brackney Harper. This includes family group sheets and some copies of newspaper clippings and primary source documents. There is no pedigree chart. Surnames included in Folder 8 are Bickers, Brackney, and Burrwell. Derys Hunt Hunter is married to Arthur Harper, who is the son of Nellie Brackney Harper.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains family history information pertaining to the Babb, Mies, Bundy, Derys, Lutz, Harper, and related families.

**Arrangement:**

This collection retains original order, with each folder containing information that was removed from three ringed binders.

**Name Terms:**

Babb, Eileen A.  
Babb, Harry R. "Bud"  
Babb, John J.  
Babb, Joseph "Joe" C.  
Babb, Mary Jo  
Babb, Mary R.  
Babb, Sandra K.  
Babb, Thomas F.  
Bickers, Bobby Lee  
Bickers, Ella F.  
Bickers, John L.  
Bickers, Lawrence  
Bickers, Luther  
Bickers, Mary  
Bickers, Mary E.  
Bickers, Maude  
Brackney, Edward  
Brackney, Mattie  
Bundy, Boye  
Bundy, Joe H.  
Bundy, Marue D.  
Bundy, Mittie M.



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Bundy, T.A.  
Connerly, Effie Annie  
Faulkner, Crealia  
Faulkner, Creola  
Faulkner, Thomas A.  
Goad, Beulah  
Goad, Woodrow  
Scurlock, C.A.  
Scurlock, Electa  
Scurlock, James  
Scurlock, Orpha  
Wakefield, Estella

**Subject Terms:**

Babb family  
Bundy family  
Dollard family  
Enenbach family  
Epler family  
Family history  
Faulkner family  
Genealogy  
Gerringer family  
Goodman family  
Hammer family  
Hansen family  
Harper family  
Haversperger family  
Holdenhouse family  
Lutz family  
Mies family  
Rohl family  
Wheaton family  
Williams family

**Container List:**

**Box 1**

Folder 1: Babb Family, 1853-2011

    Last names -- Babb, Gerringer, Haversperger

Folder 2: Babb Family, Mies Family, 1778-1939

    Includes family history summaries written for the Mies family.



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Last names: Babb, Dollard, Epler, Mies, Williams

Folder 3: Mies Family, 1761-1932

Includes lengthy biography of Joseph Mies and other history book profiles

Last names: Enenbach, Holdenhouse, Mies, Wheaton

Folder 4: Bundy Family, 1784-1974

Last names: Bundy, Hammer, Hansen, Lutz, Rohl

Folder 5: Bundy Family, 1784-1920

Last names: Bundy, Faulkner, Goodman

Folder 6: Derys Harper family history

Folder 7: Larry Lutz family history

Folder 8: Mrs. Nellie Harper family history

Separated materials:

Three photograph envelopes were removed to the Special Collections Photographs series.

Envelope 1:

Includes gravestone photographs for the following individuals:

Babb, Eileen A.

Babb, Harry R. "Bud"

Babb, John J.

Babb, Joseph "Joe" C.

Babb, Mary Jo

Babb, Mary R.

Babb, Sandra K.

Babb, Thomas F.

Envelope 2:

Includes photos of gravestones for the following

Bickers, Bobby Lee

Bickers, Lawrence

Bickers, Mary

Bickers, Mary E.

Bickers, Maude

Envelope 3:

Includes photos of gravestones for the following

Bickers, Ella F.

Bickers, John L.

Bickers, Luther

Bickers, Mary

Brackney, Edward



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Brackney, Mattie  
Connerly, Effie Annie  
Scurlock, C.A.  
Scurlock, Electa  
Scurlock, James  
Scurlock, Orpha  
Wakefield, Estella

Envelope 4:

Includes photos of gravestones for the following

Bundy, Boye  
Bundy, Joe H.  
Bundy, Marue D.  
Bundy, Mittie M.  
Bundy, T.A.  
Faulkner, Crealia  
Faulkner, Creola  
Faulkner, Thomas A.  
Goad, Beulah  
Goad, Woodrow

Also includes two town scene photos of Fountain Run, Kentucky (labeled on the back)