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Lovingfoss-Burr-Dilley Reunion  
Records, 1913-2003

Collection 399

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Cassandra Parsons, June 2025  
**Creator/Corporate Name:** Lovingfoss Family  
**Inclusive Dates:** 1913-2003  
**Physical Description:** 1 box, (1.0 linear ft.)  
**Language:** English

### Provenance:

The Lovingfoss-Burr-Dilley Reunion Records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Karla Gerdes on August 25, 2024.

### Access:

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### Historical Note:

The Burr family came to Champaign County in the 1850s and the Lovingfoss and Dilley families arrived shortly thereafter in the 1870s-1900s. The families started hosting reunions in 1913. This collection contains family reunion notes about many members of the Burr-Lovingfoss family between 1913 and 2003, including attendance notes at the beginning of the meeting-minute books, newspaper clippings of significant events including family members, and general meeting notes about births, deaths, and marriages. The first entry was written by secretary Lillian Lovingfoss (1893-1956) in 1914. Norman Lovingfoss (1924-1944) was represented in the meeting books with newspaper articles from 1944 about his death in Germany while serving as a navigator during the Second World War, and was mentioned in previous entries about his enlistment in the military. Richard M. Lovingfoss (1910-1980) added materials to the meeting books from his research of the Burr-Lovingfoss family lineage, including an interview with Stella Pugh in 1977.

### Scope and Content Note:

This collection includes two meeting-minute books written by members of the Burr-Lovingfoss family between 1913 and 2003. The first paper notebook is in fragile condition. It contains entries from 1913-1930s, including sections for roll call or attendance for family members, with notches written next to the years they were present at the reunions. The entries from the paper notebook were copied into the bound leather meeting minute book, containing entries from 1913 to 2003.



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The family would elect new members each year to serve as president, secretary, treasurer, or any other necessary officer position. The entries conclude with a list of family members who had died or were born in the past year and any marriages that occurred since the previous reunion. The bound meeting book also includes additional materials taped in or held between pages, including handwritten and typed notes, newspaper articles, newspaper obituaries, marriage announcements, and printed invitations for the reunions from 1998 to 2002.

## **Related Materials:**

Collection 62: Russell Mark Lovingfoss Collection, 1890-2010

## **Subject Terms:**

Lovingfoss Family  
Burr Family  
Dilley Family  
Genealogy  
Minutes (records)

## **Name Terms:**

Burr, Stella  
Lovingfoss, Richard M.  
Lovingfoss, Lillian  
Lovingfoss, Norman  
Lovingfoss, J.C.  
Pugh, Stella  
Pugh, Joseph

## **Container List**

### **Box 1**

Paper notebook meeting minute book, 1913-1930  
Bound black leather meeting minutes book, 1913-2003