



**Russell Mark Lovingfoss
Collection, 1890-2010**

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Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Russell Mark Lovingfoss

Inclusive Dates: 1890-2010.

Physical Description: 14 boxes, 5 binders (12.2 linear feet)

Provenance:

This collection was donated by Virginia Lovingfoss in December 2010. The records were compiled by Russell Mark Lovingfoss.

Access:

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Biographical Note:

Russell Mark Lovingfoss was born January 17, 1934 in Philo, Illinois to Richard and Virginia Brand Lovingfoss. After graduating from Unity High School in Tolono, he joined the United States Air Force and was stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. He and his wife, Lola Schaffer, were married in Germany and later returned to the United States, residing in California. After the death of Russell's wife, he returned to Champaign County, Illinois and continued the genealogical research that was started by his father, Richard (d. 1980). Russell Mark Lovingfoss died December 20, 2010.

The majority of the Russell Mark Lovingfoss collection consists of genealogical materials relating to the Burr, Lovingfoss, Plotner, and Brand families. The Burr family came to Champaign County in the 1850s and the Lovingfoss, Plotner, and Brand families arrived shortly thereafter in the 1870s-1900s. Many other surnames are presented in the research. See the container list for a detailed description and list of related surnames.

Other biographical notes:

The first four scrapbooks were created by Mary Everitt (1870-1944) and Jake Plotner (1869-1959). Mary Everitt and Jake Plotner were married in 1890 and lived in the Philo, Illinois area most of their lives. Box 3 contains materials compiled by Francis Harriet Plotner, born September 1, 1896 in Philo, Illinois. Plotner married Leroy Brand February 7, 1914. She died January 8, 1975. Box 9 contains a photo album that belonged to Maude (Mark) Lovingfoss (1890-1973) and Clifford Lovingfoss (1888-1953).

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the genealogical research of Russell Mark Lovingfoss and his father, Richard Lovingfoss. Materials include scrapbooks, photographs and photo albums, funeral cards, newspaper clippings, genealogical reports, family trees, and ephemera ranging in date from 1890-2010. Information from this collection was used to create the following bound volumes: *Lovingfoss Family Tree*, *Plotner Family Tree* volumes I and II, and *Brand Family Tree*.



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Arrangement: The collection is arranged into five series:

- Series 1: Scrapbooks
- Series 2: Photo Albums
- Series 3: Research Files
- Series 4: Photographs
- Series 5: Descendant Charts and Family Reports.

Materials within each series are arranged alphabetically by surname.

Subjects Terms:

Champaign County (Ill.) – Genealogy.

Names:

Ames family.
Brand family.
Burr family.
Cole family.
Dilley family.
Everitt, Alice B.
Everitt, Mary
Holt family.
Lovingfoss, Clifford
Lovingfoss family.
Lovingfoss, John
Lovingfoss, Lola
Lovingfoss, Maude
Lovingfoss, Richard
Lovingfoss, Virginia Brand
Mandeville, John D.
Mandeville, Martha
Moore, Jane
Penny, George
Penny, Jane
Plotner family.
Plotner, Jake
Plotner, Frances Harriet
Schaffer, Lola



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Container List

Series 1: Scrapbooks

Box 1

Scrapbook 1: Mary Everitt and Jake Plotner, not dated. Scrapbook size is 14.5 x 12.25 x 3 inches. The book primarily consists of unsourced newspaper articles related to families in Philo and the local area, local history, weddings, military service, anniversaries, etc.

Box 2

Scrapbook 2: Mary Everitt and Jake Plotner, 1930-1949. Scrapbook size is 16.5 x 12.25 x 2.5 inches. This scrapbook consists of primarily unsourced newspaper articles relating to families and local history of Philo, Illinois and the surrounding area.

Box 3

Scrapbook 3: Mary Everitt and Jake Plotner, 1930-1959. Scrapbook size is 16 x 11.25 x 3 inches. This scrapbook contains newspaper articles, some of which are sourced as the *Philo Pilot*.

Binder labeled 37: Frances Plotner, not dated. Materials include school records, home-keeping booklets, and ephemera.

Box 4

Scrapbook 4: Mary Everitt and Jake Plotner, ca. 1930s. Scrapbook size is 15.75 x 11.25 x 3 inches. The book contains newspaper clippings about Philo area families and local history. Some additional ephemera items are included.

Box 5

Scrapbook 5: Richard Lovingfoss, ca. 1950-1980. Scrapbook size is 14.375 x 12.25 x 3 inches. The scrapbook mainly contains Champaign County ephemera including newspaper clippings of obituaries, wedding announcements, anniversaries, and local events. Surnames related to the Lovingfoss family in this scrapbook include Berbaum, Bialeschki, Brand, Cekander, Connors, Dilley, Delong, Everett, Fishel, Harmon, Kamradt, Lovingfoss, Penny, Plotner, Mathews, Mumm, Mumma, Overbeck, Reader, Rice, Roberts, Rodgers, Starwalt, Stahl, Stice, and Tomaras.

Binder labeled 38: Cards and ephemera. There are 12 pages of adhesive photo pages and 8 plastic sleeves of New Year's, Valentine's Day, birthday, greeting, and calling cards, advertisements for local and national companies, and other ephemera from the early 1900s. Local advertisers include McBeath & Barr Dealer in Fancy Groceries; Peterson and Lloyde Booksellers and Music Dealer; Orias Riley, Jeweler; E.C. Blanchard, Millinery Goods; Scoggin's Dry Plate Photos; and Trevett & Green Hardware and Farm Machinery. A civil war letter from John D. Grubbs was removed and placed in the Civil War Letter Collection.

Binder labeled 39: Postcards. Postcards are in 8.5 x 11 inch sheet protectors. They are held together and to the protectors by pieces of tape. The postcards that have been postmarked are dated between 1905



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and 1915. The majority of the postcards were sent to Francis (Plotner) Brand for birthdays or holidays. Champaign County advertisers include: H. Swannell; Ozias Riley, Watches, Clocks, and Jewelry; I.B. Arnold; Daniel Rugg, Boots and Shoes; Schweitzer & Woody, Clothiers and Tailors; John Gere; I.B. Arnold, Boots & Shoes; C.E. Parker, M.D.; M. Lowenstern & Son; Schweizer & Woody, Clothiers and Tailors; and Lanson C. Garwood. Note: Champaign County and University of Illinois postcards were removed and placed in the respective postcard collections.

Box 6

Scrapbook 6: Virginia (Brand) Lovingfoss, 1960s-1980s. Scrapbook size is 14.375 x 12.25 x 2 inches. The first part of this scrapbook contains ephemera such as family funeral cards, notes, anniversary napkins, graduation announcements, anniversary invitations, wedding invitations, etc. The second half consists of newspaper clippings. Materials relate to both Philo, Illinois and Camarillo, California.

Box 7

Scrapbook 7: Virginia (Brand) Lovingfoss, ca. 1950s-2000s. Scrapbook size is 14.5 x 12.25 x 3 inches. This book consists of ephemera relating to both Philo, Illinois and Camarillo, California.

Box 8

Folder 1: This folder consists of loose scrapbook pages containing graduation announcements, wedding announcements, memorial cards, etc.

Folder 2: This folder contains loose scrapbook pages, mostly consisting of Urbana Courier newspaper clippings.

Folder 3: This folder contains loose scrapbook pages, mostly consisting of Urbana Courier newspaper clippings. Families mentioned in folders 2 and 3 are mostly people from the Sidney, Philo, Tolono, and Sadorus area. They were involved in agriculture, were friends, or were related to the Lovingfoss family in some way. Surnames include Pierce, Light, Rice, Garrett, Reeder, Steidinger, Ricketts, Cox, Reiss, Grafton, Riegel, Reifstecks, Roberts, Smith, Stotler, Kelsey, Strode, Tomaras, Shaffers, Schroeder, Schwartz, Kaufman, Sale, Tangora, Simerl, Trowbridge, Trost, Storm, Wood, Wirth, Winston, and Wesley.

Folder 4: This folder contains loose scrapbook pages, mostly consisting of Urbana Courier newspaper clippings.

Folder 5: This folder contains loose scrapbook pages, mostly consisting of Urbana Courier newspaper clippings. Surnames included in folders 4 and 5 are Dollahon, Lindsey, DeLong, Dilley, Gordon, Burr, Plotner, Hannon, Henderson, Henry, Hetishee, Smith, Hesselschwerdts, Klemick, Kaulfers, Lovingfoss, Dillman, Longenbaugh, O'Neill, Lafenhagen, Conn, Lincicome, Moeler, McCoy, Mueller, McGrath, Mackey, Moon, Bolinger, Overman, Mingee, Stumm, and Sandwell.



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Series 2: Photo Albums

Box 9

Item 1: Clifford and Maude (Mark) Lovingfoss. Photo album size is 7.5 x 11.25 inches. Most of the photographs in this album are identified by at least the first name. Lovingfoss, Dilley, and Mumm are the most common surnames. The album also includes some funeral memorial cards and a few newspaper clippings.

Item 2: Jake and Mary (Everitt) Plotner. Photo album size is 5 x 8 inches. The majority of the photographs in this book have been identified. Surnames include Plotner, Brand, Buddie, and O'Neill.

Box 10

Note: Folders 1 through 13 contain hand written notes, as well as cut and pasted source items on the direct ancestors of Russell Mark Lovingfoss.

Folder 1: Alden, Mullins, Ames

Folder 2: Bonny, Buck, Burrows, Bailey, Bent

Folder 3: Conant, Cornwell

Folder 4: Collier, Cooke, Culver, Eager, Cutworth

Folder 5: Eliot, Hicks, Hill, Hayward, Gallop

Folder 6: Howe, Howard, Josselyn, Keith, Joy

Folder 7: Long, Lyon, Mitchel, Peabody

Folder 8: Penniman, Porter, Pratt, Parmenter, Prince

Folder 9: Robinson, Rice, Hazen, Ripley, Woodward, Frost, Bent

Folder 10: Sampson, Shaw, Rouse

Folder 11: Simmons, Soule, Southworth

Folder 12: Stockbridge, Washburn, Standish

Folder 13: Williams, Ward, Walton, Winslow, White, Warren

Folder 14: Miscellaneous papers. Surnames include Lovingfoss, Burr, Edson, Carpenter, and Bringham.

Folder 15: Russell Mark Lovingfoss's Society of Mayflower Descendants Application and other Mayflower papers.

Folder 16: Photocopies of pages from various Mayflower and Plymouth genealogy books.

Folder 17: List of genealogy books used as sources for various families from the Lovingfoss family tree.

Series 3: Research Files

Box 11

Note: Folders in Box 11 contain information on the Brand, Burr, Dilley, Dimock, Everett, Sprout, McCoy, Gold, Grubb, Hazen, Mandeville, and McDeal families, as well as related families.

Folder 1: Brand—manuscript *Ancestral Story Starting with Virginia Brand Lovingfoss* printed 13 Mar 1997

Folder 2: Brand—computer generated Standard Information and Descendant List printed 2010

Folder 3: Brand—family group sheets, descent charts, and correspondence with Brand family members



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- Folder 4: Brand—family group sheets, charts, and correspondence with Larry Brand
- Folder 5: Brand—miscellaneous items including a photocopy of Alonzo Brand’s Last Will and Testament
- Folder 6: Burr—descendant list chart starting with Thomas Bonney and Dorcas Samson Bonney
- Folder 7: Burr—*Ancestral Story* printed 23 Feb 1997 and 7 June 2001
- Folder 8: Burr—descendant list printed 13 Aug 2003
- Folder 9: Burr-Robinson—descendant list chart starting with Zebulon Robinson and Lydia Bonney Robinson
- Folder 10: Burr—clippings
- Folder 11: Burr—clippings, obituaries, stories, and family group charts
- Folder 12: Burr-Lovingfoss—hand drawn descendant chart
- Folder 13: Burr—ancestor charts and family group sheets
- Folder 14: Dilley—ancestor charts and family group sheets
- Folder 15: Dimock—Lovingfoss pedigree box charts
- Folder 16: Rosetta Everett Plotner daily record, 1879 (March-July)
- Folder 17: Correspondence, 1905-1992. These letters were in an envelope that was sent to Virginia Lovingfoss from Venus M. McCoy dated 1992:
 - Alice Everitt to Phebe, 1905
 - Alice B. Everitt to Phebe, 1917
 - Theresa to Phebe, Apr 1, 1918, Cheney, Washington
 - Theresa to cousin Phebe, Mar 4, 1918, Cheney, Washington
 - Theresa to Phebe, July 31, 1918, Cheney, Washington
 - Viola to “Dear Cousin,” May 28, 1918, Cheney, Washington
 - Viola to “Cousin and Family,” August 26, 1919, Cheney, Washington
 - E.C. Kelley to Mrs. C.A. Sprout, n.d.
- Folder 18: Gold/Gould—descendant list chart starting with Maj. Nathan Gold and Martha Harvey Gold
- Folder 19: Grubb/McDeal—family tree and notes
- Folder 20: Hazen/Mandeville/Leverton—clipping and obituaries

Box 12

- Folder 1: Lovingfoss—direct line ancestor charts starting with Russell Mark Lovingfoss
- Folder 2: Lovingfoss—descendant list chart printed 19 Aug 2003
- Folder 3: Lovingfoss—standard information printed 10 June 2010
- Folder 4: Lovingfoss—descendant list chart printed 10 June 2010
- Folder 5: Lovingfoss—*Ancestral Story* starting with Barbara Ann printed 10 Feb 1997
- Folder 6: Lovingfoss—marriage report
- Folder 7: Lovingfoss—typed family group sheets with handwritten notes
- Folder 8: Lovingfoss—Unbound copy of *The Ancestors of Richard Mark Lovingfoss and Virginia Brand Lovingfoss and Related Families*. Pages that contained photographs were moved to the photograph collections listed as Russell Mark Lovingfoss collection.
- Folder 9: Lovingfoss—miscellaneous items used in the Lovingfoss and Brand books
- Folder 10: Lovingfoss-Brand-Plotner—items used in the Lovingfoss and Brand books
- Folder 11: Lovingfoss—history of the Lovingfoss family in France



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Folder 12: Lovingfoss—Burr, Brand, Plotner, Lovingfoss, and related families; burial locations in Locust Grove Cemetery, Philo, Illinois

Folder 13: Lovingfoss—Brand, Sprout, Dilley, and Plotner yearbook pages

Folder 14: Lovingfoss—photocopies of Mark Lovingfoss report cards

Folder 15: Lovingfoss—family reunion

Folder 16: Lovingfoss

Folder 17: Miscellaneous—vital information for families living in the Lynn Grove area

Box 13

Folder 1: Lovingfoss—ephemera

Folder 2: Lovingfoss—Diary of Richard Mark Lovingfoss from trip to Germany in 1954. Includes a postcard from Germany, a German menu, and a copy of the Saturday, February 12, 1955 issue of “The Ramstein RamJet.”

Folder 3: Lovingfoss—clippings, ephemera

Folder 4: Lovingfoss—Dilley, Brand, and related families

Folder 5: Lovingfoss—Plotner, Brand

Folder 6: Plotner—computer generated standard information sheets printed 10 June 2010

Folder 7: Plotner—computer generated descendant list chart printed 10 Jan 2010

Folder 8: Plotner—correspondence, family group sheets, and descendant reports

Folder 9: Plotner and related families—clippings, obituaries, wedding announcements, plat maps, and death certificates

Folder 10: Plotner-Stahl and related families—photocopies of obituaries, marriages, and addresses

Folder 11: Plotner—family group sheets

Folder 12: Plotner—family reunion

Folder 13: Taylor—descendant list printed 28 Aug 2003

Folder 14: Varnum—descendant list chart printed 10 June 2010

Folder 15: Wyant—descendant list chart printed 21 Feb 2004

Folder 16: Wyant-Penny-Lannon—family group sheets and descendant list chart

Series 4: Photographs

This series is housed with the photograph collection in the archives storage area under the name Russell Mark Lovingfoss Collection.

Box 14:

Envelopes 1-4: Photographs that were used in *Ancestors of Richard Lovingfoss and Virginia Brand Lovingfoss and Related Families*. Photographs are glued to pages that are the originals used for the book. Some of these pages were also used in *Plotner Family Tree Volume 2*, *Brand Family Tree*, and *Lovingfoss Family Tree*.

Envelope 5: A photograph and 3 picture postcards that were used in *The Brand Family Tree*.

Envelope 6: Some of the photographs that were used in *Lovingfoss Family Tree*.

Envelope 7: Some of the photographs that were used in *Plotner Family Tree*.

Envelope 8: Brand and Plotner miscellaneous photographs.

Envelope 9: Burr and Ames families.



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Envelope 10: Holt family.

Envelope 11: Lovingfoss-Burr reunion and Lovingfoss-Burr-Dilley reunion.

Envelope 12: Lovingfoss family miscellaneous photographs.

Envelope 13: John Lovingfoss.

Envelope 14: Russell Mark Lovingfoss and Lola (Schaffer) Lovingfoss's wedding in Germany and Russell Mark Lovingfoss at Ramstein Air Base.

Envelope 15: John D. and Martha Mandeville.

Envelope 16: George and Jane (Moore) Penny.

Envelope 17: Football teams, possibly Philo and Sadorus, ca. 1915.

Envelope 18: Champaign County grain brokers and managers: Howard McWard, Ken Stotler, Lee Nelson, Loren Larsick, and two unidentified.

Envelope 19: Gravestones. Surnames include Brand, Burr, Cole, Lovingfoss, and Plotner.

Envelope 20: Houses and people, Philo, Illinois.

Envelope 21: Houses and people, Sadorus, Illinois.

Envelope 22: People.

Envelope 23: Sadorus Drug Store, Sadorus, Illinois.

Envelope 24: Sadorus Grain Elevator, Sadorus, Illinois.

Envelope 25: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sadorus, Illinois.

Envelope 26: University of Illinois football game and Assembly Hall.

Envelope 27: Unity High School, Tolono, Illinois, senior class play, driver's education car, and concession stand.

Envelope 28: West Unity Jr. High School, 1950s.

Series 5: Descendant Charts and Family Reports

Series 5 items are in the archives open stacks in covered binders in the Q section. This series is made up of computer generated files containing standard information, descendant charts, descendant stories, box charts, and family reports.

Binder 1

Call number: Q A 929.2 LOVINGFOSS Box 1

Contains computer generated descendant list charts for the Burr family printed on 15 June 2010.

The Burr Family by Charles Todd Burr, 4th edition, printed in 1902, was used as a source in the creation of the individual name listings.

Binder 2

Call number: Q A 929.2 LOVINGFOSS Box 2

Contains computer generated standard information sheets for the Burr family printed in 2001. Includes an Excel spreadsheet with a comparison to a 2010 version. These sheets provide the individual numbers and the parent FRNs as well as names and birth and death dates.



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Binder 3

Call number: Q A 929.2 LOVINGFOSS Box 3

Contains computer generated descendant box charts and descendant story sheets starting with Ames Burr (1793-1875) and Relief Eager Burr (1793-1874). Ames Burr died in Worthington Massachusetts. Many of his descendants came to Champaign County, Illinois.

Binder 4

Call number: Q A 929.2 LOVINGFOSS Box 4

1 of 2: Includes an Ahnentafel chart starting with Russell Mark Lovingfoss (1934-2010) going back 12 generations with descendant list charts for almost all of them. Surnames include Burre(s), Hayward, Hicks, Oliver, Bonney, Greene, Cooper, Sampson, Williams, Watson, Eliot, Robinson, Lygon, Rice, Bent, Frost, Wood, Brigham, White, Ward, Edson, Ames, Willis, Washburn, and Gallop.

Binder 5

Call number: Q A 929.2 LOVINGFOSS Box 5

2 of 2: Continuation of the descendant list charts. Surnames include Cudworth, White, Bailey, Sealis, Long, Joyslyn, Simmons, Southworth, Conant, Hill, Buck, Mansfield, Walton, Holdbrook, Bennett, Ross, Burroughs, Porter, Boteler, Driver, Straughan, Rush, Baker, Van Buskirk, McDoel, Winslow, Bassett, Greenville, Cooke, Soule, and Mullins.