



Barbara Roberts  
Papers, 1718-2005

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## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Amanda Avery, January 2019; Matthew Mayton, July 2019

**Creator/Corporate Name:** Barbara Roberts

**Inclusive Dates:** 1718-2005

**Physical Description:** 1 box (.5 linear ft.)

**Language:** English

**Provenance:**

The Barbara Roberts papers were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

**Access:**

These 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 Note:**

Barbara L. Roberts was the former director of the Champaign County Historical Archives, a department of The Urbana Free Library. Under her tenure, Roberts grew the Archives into a research-level collection on the history and genealogy of Champaign County and its residents. Roberts retired as director in January 1986.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains records and research files Barbara Roberts accumulated over the years, primarily focusing on the Somer and Roberts families. The collection was transferred to the Champaign County Historical Archives by her family in 2013.

**Arrangement:**

The collection is divided into two series: Research Files and Barbara Roberts Records.

**Subject Terms:**

Champaign County (Ill.) – Genealogy.

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**Name Terms:**

Benevic, Helen Buckner

Borton, Jessie A.

Buckner, Mary Corbett

Buckner, Orello S.

Buckner, Philip Horace

Buckner, Phyllis Anne

Busey family.

Busey, Arthur

Busey, Paul

Carlock, Mabel Riddle



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Catlin, Julius S.  
Flatt, Ella S.  
Frank, Ursula  
Frei, John  
Hart, Juanita Hotchkiss  
Hershbaiger, Emma  
Heuss, Lois Ione Hotchkiss  
Hill, Al  
Lloyd, Clarence Angier  
Lloyd, Clifford Luther  
Lloyd, Ellen P.  
Lloyd, Frank Hayden  
Newell, Josephine Buckner  
Pond, Mariam Buckner  
Richardson, Mary Abigail Somers  
Roberts family.  
Roberts, Barbara  
Roberts, C.N.  
Roberts, Cloyde N.  
Roberts, Elizabeth  
Roberts, Flora Kathryn  
Roberts, J.B.  
Roberts, Joseph B.  
Roberts, Katherina  
Roberts, Luther  
Roberts, William D.  
Sanford, Deborah  
Snyder, J.P.  
Somers family.  
Somers, Aurora B.  
Somers, C.P.  
Somers, Elizabeth Eddy  
Somers, Ella  
Somers, Francis  
Somers, Martha  
Somers, William Dean  
Stamey, Frank  
Stamey, Jennie  
Stamey, Jessie  
Stamey, Russell  
Starkey, Martha Somers  
Thompson, Jean Buckner  
Udell, E.J.  
Vaughn, Maxine M.  
Winkelmann, Gail

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**Container List:**

**Box 1**

**Series 1: Research Files**

- Folder 1: Borton, Jessie A., last will and testament, 1952
- Folder 2: Busey, Arthur, 1878; 1883
- Folder 3: Busey Family, Maryland, 1718, 1729, 1770
- Folder 4: Early Settlers Records – Volume 4 (?) partial listing by Mabel Riddle Carlock, undated
- Folder 5: Early Urbana Surveys, 1851-1853
- Folder 6: Frei, John and Ursula Frank, marriage document, 1838
- Folder 7: “Gary’s Family: A Study in Black and White,” undated
- Folder 8: History of Rantoul by E.J. Udell, copy of manuscript, undated
- Folder 9: Horning Family, Saline County, legal papers, 1935-1962
- Folder 10: Roberts Family: Cloyde Roberts, legal papers, 1934; 1951
- Folder 11: Roberts Family: Copies of photographs
- Folder 12: Roberts Family: Elizabeth Roberts, warranty deeds/articles of agreement/city lease, 1924-1925; 1949
- Folder 13: Roberts Family: Flora Kathryn Roberts, estate, 1956-1992
- Folder 14: Roberts Family: Genealogy; 1969; 1978
- Folder 15: Roberts Family: Joseph B. Roberts Civil War Pension Papers, 1862-1905
- Folder 16: Roberts Family: Joseph B. Roberts, estate, 1924-1925
- Folder 17: Robert Family: Joseph B. Roberts, warranty deeds/quit claim deed, 1891-1901
- Folder 18: Roberts Family: Roberts Letters from Pennsylvania, copies, 1841-1865
- Folder 19: Roberts Family: William D. Roberts, New York Indenture/Mortgage – Champaign Co., IL, 1871;  
1874
- Folder 20: Somers Family, 1872; 1971; 1974
- Folder 21: Somers Family: Aurora B. Somers estate, 1950
- Folder 22: Somers Family: Copies of photographs, undated
- Folder 23: Somers Family: Ella Somers, 1860; 1919
- Folder 24: Somers Family: Martha Somers Starkey, estate, 1955; 1999
- Folder 25: Somers Family, Mary Abigail Somers Richardson – Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1862-1959
- Folder 26: Stamey Jessie A., Chancery Case 6102 [6101], sale of real estate, 1919; 1925
- Folder 27: Title Abstract, Illinois Street (Urbana) West 500, J.P. Snyder Addition
- Folder 28: Negatives:
  - Busey Reunion, July 28, 1982
  - Roberts Family: William D. Roberts; Sarah Ann (Johnson) Roberts
  - Stamey Family: Grandma Borton and her family

**Series 2: Barbara Roberts Records**

- Folder 29: Barbara Roberts Retirement from Urbana Free Library, 1986
- Folder 30: Correspondence, 1976-1994
- Folder 31: Letters from Holy Cross School Students, 1980



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Folder 32: Speeches on Local History, undated

Folder 33: Urbana High School, Alumni Reunions, 1921; 1976; 1980

Folder 34: Urbana High School, Class of 1941, Reunions, 1976-2001

Folder 35: Urbana High School, Class of 1945, Reunions, 1990; 1995; 2005