



B.F. Stevenson Family
Collection, 1884-1979

Collection 47

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Inclusive Dates: 1884-1979
Physical Description: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)
Language: English

Provenance:

The B.F. Stevenson Family records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in October 2012.

Access:

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Historical Note:

Benjamin Franklin Stevenson (January 12, 1863 - February 21, 1939), a native of Urbana, IL, was a prominent business and civic leader. He was the son of Elisha and Nancy Keeler Stevenson who relocated to Urbana, IL in 1854 from Highland County, Ohio. He was one of thirteen children. His obituary lists him as the oldest grocer in continuous business operating a store on South Race Street for 37 years. He married Lucia Ketterman (February 11, 1863 - June 7, 1948) of St. Joseph, IL on May 1, 1883 and they had 2 children, Ethel C. Stevenson (June 21, 1889 - September 10, 1979) and Chester E. Stevenson (August 11, 1885 - April 10, 1971). B.F. Stevenson was an avid golfer and member of the organizing party for the Urbana Golf and Country Club. He was also instrumental in the creation of Urbana Elks Lodge 991.

Ethel Stevenson remained at the family home, 305 West Illinois Street, until her death in 1979. She attended Virginia College in Roanoke, VA. The small woman's college was founded in 1893 by William Anderson Harris. It closed in January 1930 due to the Great Depression.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains obituaries, newspaper articles, ephemera, and photographs relating to B.F. Stevenson and his family. Also present is a scrapbook and loose photographs from Ethel Stevenson's time at Virginia College in the early 1900s.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Subject Terms:

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Name Terms:

Ketterman, Lucia
Stevenson, B.F.
Stevenson, Benjamin F.
Stevenson, Benjamin Franklin
Stevenson, Chester E.
Stevenson, Ethel C.
Stevenson Family
Stevenson, Lucia

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: B.F. Stevenson, 1884-1939 and undated
Folder 2: Chester Stevenson, 1971 and undated
Folder 3: Chicago Musical College, 1916-1917
Folder 4: Ethel Stevenson, 1931-1979 and undated
Folder 5: Family history
Folders 6-9: Family photographs, undated (4 folders)
Folder 10: Lucia Stevenson, 1948 and undated
Folder 11: Postcards, 1955 and undated
Folder 12: Resources available at Champaign County Historical Archives
Folder 13: Views Virginia College (Roanoke, VA), undated
Folder 14: Scrapbook and loose photographs taken at Virginia College (Roanoke, VA)