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ROGERS AND ROTHENBURGER PAPERS 1836-1978

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: 1836-1978

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Earl A. Rogers: (1879-1929) was born in Ohio and moved to the Waltz Township of Wabash, Indiana in 1920 with his wife Theresa A. Rogers. Theresa A. Rogers (1877) was also born in Ohio. They produced three children including Harriet E. Rogers (1903), Evered E. Rogers (1910), and Robert D. Rogers (1916). Dr. Rogers attended medical school at the University of Michigan.

Revered W.F. Rothenburger: (1874-1959) was born in Ohio. He and his wife, Leila A., resided in Indianapolis. Both he and his wife published numerous articles and books on the topics of religion and evangelism. They produced 3 daughters, Wilma, Ruth, and Ada Jane. W.F. Rothenburger and Leila were married until her death in 1942. On August 2, 1943, W.F. married Arlene Dux. They were married until his death in 1959.

Evered Rogers, M.D.: (1910-1980) was the eldest son of Dr. Earl A. and Theresa Rogers. Rogers attended University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and finished his medical education at Indiana University. He served in the U.S. Army in 1943. He and Ada Jane Rothenburger, daughter of W.F. and Leila Rothenburger, married in 1942. Together they had three children, one of whom was Janel Rogers, and resided in Auburn, IN.

Robert Rogers: (1916-1981) was born in Somerset, IN. He was the youngest son of Dr. A.E. and Theresa Rogers. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He resided in Marion, IN until his death, where he opened a gift shop.

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, Accessed 2 August 2016.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains items relating to Dr. E.A. Rogers and his immediate family, along with W.F. Rothenburger and his immediate family. The collection has been divided into four series, the first with items belonging to Dr. E.A. Rogers and his wife, the second, items belonging to their son Robert Rogers. The third series includes items from Evered Rogers, brother of Robert, and his wife Ada Jane Rogers, daughter of W.F. and Leila Rothenburger, along with Evered and Ada's daughter Janel. The fourth includes items belonging to W.F. Rothenburger, his wife Leila, and later wife Arlene.

Papers of Dr. E.A. Rogers and his wife Theresa Rogers range from 1836-1972 and include educational books from the late 1800s, legal documents such as warranty deeds, a land title abstract, mortgage documents, life insurance agreements, a matriculation card, 11 black and white photographs of Dr. E.A. Rogers' time at University of Michigan medical school, 5 black and white photos including various photos of Somerset, IN and 2 of their daughter Harriet Rogers. This series also contains various receipts, handwritten letters, Christmas cards, memorial materials, a Physician's Call List, and medical records book. There are oversized signs from Dr. E.A. Rogers' office, documents from Somerset High School, and various booklets and notes.

Papers of Robert Rogers range from 1916-1978 and include a baby book, 1 black and white photo of Robert as a baby, a diploma and commencement booklet from University of Michigan, a military cap, certificate of land surveys, and written mementos.

Papers of Evered and Ada Jane Rogers range from 1909-1978 and include 4 large scrapbooks, 7 Colwell Daily Logs spanning from 1945-1978, 5 black and white photos including photos of a Somerset High School class, Evered, and Ada Jane, exam manuscripts, school records, various documents from I.U. Bloomington, University of Michigan, Washington University, Northwestern University, and University of Chicago. There are various legal documents, army documents, an auto insurance application, trustee/warranty deeds, tax statements, a savings bond form, personal letters, correspondence, a post office rental agreement form, an MGM Ben-Hur film pamphlet, and a large poster from the 1935 International Exhibition in Brussels.

The Rothenburger papers range from the 1830s-1965 and include a scripture lessons booklet ca. 1830s, a census abstract, a dissertation from 1907, sermons, notes, and reports of W.F. Rothenburgers ranging from 1905-1954, various correspondence, religious books and pamphlets, articles, and memorial information on the deaths of W.F. and Leila Rothenburger, articles about his marriage to Arlene. There are 4 family portraits ca. 1920s-1940s, black and white photographs of the Rothenburger family, Bethany High School Conference, a conference in Denver, the wedding of W.F. and Arlene, and negatives of photographs from the wedding. These papers also include 2 record books from 1865-1883, various correspondence, telegrams, certificates, a Spokane University diploma, Northwestern University Law School commencement booklet, Washington University "Eliot" issues, a book of poems written by Leila. There are various documents and receipts

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