

The Jessup-Kennard Family Reunion Record Book, 1904–1931

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On September 18, 1904, twenty-four people came together for the Jessup Family Reunion.¹ It was one of the first of many gatherings to be recorded in the Jessup-Kennard Family Reunion Record Book, which is housed at the Indiana Historical Society's William H. Smith Memorial Library. The records are written in a journal of fewer than forty pages. Most of the book is just a list of people who attended the Jessup and Kennard family reunions or other functions, such as the "Kennard Social" or the "Sophomore Picnic." The majority of the Jessup and Kennard family seems to be centered in Henry County, Indiana around Spiceland and Knightstown. The family functions were held at a place called Brookside.

While this particular reunion collection comes with no additional information or family history, genealogists can learn a great deal simply by studying the names, dates, and locations given to us. First of all, we can learn about those who were at the reunions. In the pages of this journal, a variety of information is revealed: marital status (seen from families grouped together or wives providing what can be assumed to be maiden names along with their married ones), birth dates, and ages are volunteered as family members "sign in" at each reunion. Second, from this and resources like this, genealogists can also piece together where family members lived. Attendees at the Jessup-Kennard reunions were from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Louisiana, Nebraska, and even California.

The Jessup-Kennard Family Reunion Record Book is separated into two parts. The first records the bulk of the family reunions and is dated from 1904 to 1915. The second lists guests as well as one final reunion in 1931. Page numbers have been added and names from the book have been indexed alphabetically by surname below. Only those pages with names listed have been numbered. Page numbers are preceded by either an "r" or "g" in order to indicate whether the name is from the first part or the second part. The only names recorded for the second part are those that appear in the 1931 Jessup reunion; all other names have been excluded.

Notes

1. Jessup-Kennard Family Reunion Record Book, 1904–1931 (SC 2346), William H. Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society.

List of Jessup-Kennard Family Members

Adams, Amanda (r.13)	Copeland, Lotta McKee (r.11)
Antrim, Mary (r.16, 20)	Culbertson, Bella/Rella (r.2)
Antrim, Mary C. (r.21)	Culbertson, Pauline (g.12)
Barnard, Minnie C. (r.13)	Culbertson, Walter (r.2, g.12)
Bales, Martha H. (r.9)	Duncan, Daniel Davidson (r.2)
Bales, O. H. (r.9)	Duncan, John Chas. (r.2)
Beals, Jesse (r.24)	Duncan, Mary (r.2)
Bell, Dorothy (r.19)	Duncan, Naomi (r.2)
Bellis, Edward (r.5)	Fesmire, Lizzie Jessup (g.12)
Benson, James Bernard (r.24)	Fesmire, Thomas A. (g.12)
Bundy, Adaline R. (r.1)	Fletcher, Paul D. (r.23)
Bundy, Adaline Reece (g.12)	Ford, Mary (r.5)
Bundy, Charles Reece (r.1)	Funk, Chas. H. (r.14)
Bundy, John M. (r.1)	Garriot, Addie (r.4)
Busow, Walter (r.4)	Garriot, Charley (r.4)
Byers, Allie (r.13)	Gray, Allie (r.9, 15)
Byers, Roy (r.13)	Gray, G. (r.10)
Camplin, Edith (r.5)	Gray, Mary K. (r.11)
Camplin, Harry (r.5)	Grey, Freda (r.15)
Camplin, Osland/Orland (r.5)	Grey, George (r.15)
Camplin, Rebecca (r.4, 15)	Grey, H. Worth (r.10)
Camplin, Rebekah James (r.9)	Grey, Mabel (r.9, 15)
Camplin, Thomas (r.4, 15)	Grey, Vida (r.9)
Camplin, Thomas H. (r.9)	Grey, Worth (r.15)
Cassady, Ed (r.7, 9)	Harden, Ann (r.5)
Cassady, Edward (r.5)	Harden, John (r.5)
Cassady, Helen Kennard (r.9)	Hardin, Ann H. (r.10)
Cassady, Nellie (r.5, 7)	Hardin, John (r.15)
Cer[?]se, Laura Jessup (g.12)	Hardin, John C. (r.10)
Chapman, Chauncey F. (r.14)	Hardin, Margaret (r.23)
Chapman, Ena/Ira K. (r.14)	Harrold, Anna (r.16)
Chew, Edith (r.19, 23)	Hays, Walter (r.23)
Collins, J. Cecil (r.24)	Helmick, Wilma (r.21, 23)
Cook, Essie (r.5)	Hendricks, Marie (r.16, 20)
Cook, Vivian (r.5, 9)	Henshaw, Bernice (r.16, 20)
Copeland, Glen S. (r.11)	Hiatt, Alta (r.5)

Hiatt, Bernice (r.5)
Hiatt, Claud (r.5)
Hiatt, Edith (r.5)
Hiatt, Ethel (r.5)
Hiatt, Flossie (r.5)
Hiatt, Gouldie (r.5)
Hiatt, Lambert? (r.4)
Hiatt, Olive (r.5)
Hiatt, Rocoe (r.4)
Hiatt, Rose (r.4)
Hinshaw, Della (r.4)
Hinshaw, Della K. (r.15)
Hinshaw, Della Kennard (r.9, 11)
Hinshaw, Edmund (r.15)
Hinshaw, Ida (r.15)
Hinshaw, Warren (r.4, 10, 11, 15)
Hittle, Sol (r.7)
Hittle, Mrs. Sol (r.7)
Holmes, Susie (r.5)
Hoover, Anna Hill (r.9)
Hoover, Samuel (r.9)
Hutson, Allie (r.13)
Jackson, George H. (r.22)
Jackson, Mrs. George (r.22)
Jackson, Mary Duncan (r.22, g.12)
James, A. L. (r.11)
James, Anna (r.4)
James, Arthur (r.4)
James, Asa (r.4, 10, 11, 15)
James, Claudius (r.4)
James, Jane (r.4, 9, 11, 15)
James, Jane E. (r.13)
James, Jesse (r.4)
James, Jouar [?] (r.4)
James, Marie (r.4, 7, 8, 12)
James, Phebe (r.4, 12)
James, Robert (r.4, 12)
James, Stella (r.4)
Jessup, Bertha Frances (r.2)
Jessup, Clarence (g.12)
Jessup, Mrs. Clarence (g.12)
Jessup, David (r.13)
Jessup, Ruth E. (r.2)
Jones, Katie (r.1)
Kelsey, Ruth (r.24)
Kennard, A. F. (r.11)
Kennard, Albert (r.4, 15)
Kennard, Albert F. (r.10)
Kennard, Darle M. (r.10)
Kennard, Charles (r.9, 15)
Kennard, Mrs. Charles (g.12)
Kennard, Charley (r.7, 9)
Kennard, Cos (r.11)
Kennard, Earl (r.15)
Kennard, Mrs. Earl (g.12)
Kennard, Eileen (g.12)
Kennard, Elva (r.4, 9, 11, 15)
Kennard, Emma (r.11)
Kennard, Esther S. (r.11)
Kennard, Everett (r.4, 12)
Kennard, Ewing (r.11)
Kennard, F. M. (r.10)
Kennard, Frances Mason (r.2)
Kennard, Frank (r.4, 7, 15)
Kennard, Georgia (r.4, 15, g.12)
Kennard, Georgia L. (r.3, 8)
Kennard, Georgia Mitchell (r.9)
Kennard, Georgia L. (r.8)
Kennard, Heber (r.4, 7)
Kennard, Helen (r.10)
Kennard, J. (r.11)
Kennard, J. Everett (r.10)
Kennard, Jacob (r.4)
Kennard, Jenkins (r.1, 4, 7, 10, 12, 15)
Kennard, Laurence (r.3, 4, 7, 15)
Kennard, Leva (r.7, 15)
Kennard, Leva Hartley (r.9)
Kennard, Louella (r.4, 6, 12, 15)
Kennard, Lou Ella M. (r.9, 13)
Kennard, Martha (r.4, 6, 10, 11, 13)
Kennard, Mary (r.4, 7, 10, 15)
Kennard, Mary E. (r.2)
Kennard, M. J. (r.11)
Kennard, Neil (g.12)
Kennard, Rebecca (r.4)
Kennard, Ruth (r.1, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15)
Kennard, Thomas (r.4, 15)
Kennard, Thomas J. (r.9)
Lane, Melissa (r.19)
Lee, Clarence (r.6)
Lee, Ethel (r.6)
Lest, Ralph (r.20)

Lewis, Cora K. (r.11)
Macy, Elizabeth (g.12)
Macy, John E. (g.12)
Macy, Mrs. John (g.12)
Macy, Mrs. Lester (g.12)
Macy, Mabel (r.23)
Macy, Mary E. (r.19)
Macy, Susan L. (r.13)
Manford, Edith (r.8)
McDaniel, Martha (r.23)
McNew, Earl (r.5)
McNew, Elizabeth (r.4)
McNew, Ernest (r.4)
McNew, Hattie (r.4)
McNew, John (r.4)
McNew, Lola (r.8)
McNew, Osland/Orland (r.5)
McNew, Zola (r.8)
Michell, Glen (r.4)
Mitchell, Kenneth S. (r.24)
Modlin, John (r.12, 15)
Modlin, Lindley (r.4, 12, 15)
Modlin, Lindley M. (r.9)
Modlin, Rachel (r.4, 15)
Modlin, Rachel A. (r.9, 11)
Moffett, Emma (r.5, 7, 15)
Moffett, Emma K. (r.3, 13)
Moffett, Emma Kennard (r.12)
Moffett, Ethel E. (r.17)
Moffett, Eva L. (r.17)
Moffett, Exie (r.5, 7, 8, 15, 24)
Moffett, Exie L. (r.3, 17, 19)
Moffett, Exie Lena (r.12)
Moffett, Mabel (r.17)
Moffett, Marie M. (r.17)
Moffett, Mary B. (r.17)
Moffett, Ruth (r.5, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, 20)
Moffett, Ruth E. (r.3, 12, 17, 24)
Moffitt, Bessie (r.16)
Moffitt, Lowell L. (r.23)
Morris, Amy Jessup (g.12)
Morris, Bob (g.12)
Morris, Dick (g.12)
Morris, Freda (r.24)
Morris, Lois (g.12)
Morris, Marie (r.8)
Morris, Paul A. (g.12)
Moser, Bernice (g.12)
Nell, Dorothy (r.19)
Pennington, E. L. (r.23)
Reece, Charles J. (r.1)
Reece, Jessie (r.1)
Reece, Martha J. (r.2)
Rees, E. W. (r.18)
Revis, Ora (g.12)
Revis, Frieda (g.12)
Risk, John F. (r.22)
Shannon, Mable M. (r.13)
Shiveley, Lena (r.20)
Sidwell, Lulu (r.16)
Smith, William G. (r.16)
Smucker, Celesta (r.14)
Smucker, Milton C. (r.14)
Smucker, Mrs. Milton C. (r.14)
Snaw/Swam, Mary (r.19)
Snodgress, Effie (r.8)
Snodgress, Grace (r.8)
Snodgress, Jim (r.15)
Snodgress, Mert (r.15)
Snodgress, Pearl (r.8)
Snodgress, Urban (r.21)
Stafford, Rebecca Jane (r.13)
Stafford, Seth (r.13)
Stegleman, Edith (r.16)
Steward, Mary (r.15)
Stigleman, Edith (r.20)
Stotelnyer, Ona M. (r.24)
Strattan, Myron (r.23)
Strattan, Louie (r.23)
Toohey, Margaret (r.19)
Taylor, Laura (r.20)
Test, Rachael (r.23)
Test, Rachel (r.19)
Test, Ralph (r.16, 20)
Thurston, Allen (r.10, 12)
Vaughn, Mollie (r.16)
Weasner, Arnie (r.15)
Weasner, Earl (r.15)
Weasner, Ruth (r.15)
Webster, Mabel (r.24)
West, A. L. (r.23)
West, Audrey (r.23)

West, Floy (r.23)

West, Mrs. A. L. (r.23)

Whitley, Paul L. (r.24)

Wilson, Kerney (r.16, 20)

Wilson, Kerney E. (r.21)

Wood, Anna (r.6)

Wood, Hannah T. (r.9)

Wood, Levi T. (r.9)

Wood, Margaret (r.5)

Wright, Lulu U. (r.13)

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