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**CECIL V. GROSECLOSE
PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1903–CA. 1950S**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Cecil Vernon Groseclose was born 6 November 1902 to Jacob Harvey Groseclose (1874–1953) and Sylvia Myrtle Shultz Groseclose (1880–1923). Some records indicate that Cecil was born in Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana; others show his birthplace as Bargersville, Johnson County, Indiana. Census records from 1900, 1910, and 1920 all show the Groseclose family living in Morgan County. Cecil had three older sisters: Edna [Cramer] (1897–1991), Iva Ruth [Case] (1898–1987), and Ruby Grace Groseclose, who died as an infant in 1900 before Cecil was born.

The Indianapolis city directory for 1926 lists Cecil as a resident working as a carpenter. The census taken in April 1930 indicates that Cecil was then working as a dry goods salesman and living with his sister Edna and her family in Indianapolis. Cecil married his first wife, Virginia Reno, in Marion County, Indiana, on 30 August 1930. The 1934 and 1935 Indianapolis city directories list him as a trucker for the *Indianapolis Times*. He later did painting and construction work.

Cecil enlisted in the Army in September 1942 in Alabama and was discharged on 25 August 1944. He married his second wife, Helen Sevelle Weems (1921–2002) on 6 September 1946 in Bingen, Washington.

Cecil was married a third time, to Helen [Johnson] Williams (1916-2010) on 29 October 1949 in Stevenson, Washington, while they were both residents of Hood River County, Oregon.

Cecil had two children: James C. and Wanda Lynn Groseclose. He also had three stepdaughters: Connie (the donor of this collection), Shirley, and Dorothy.

Cecil died 3 April 1984 in Oregon, where he was buried in Lane Memorial Gardens in Eugene.

Sources:

Ancestry <ancestrylibrary.com>. Accessed 17 January 2019:
Marion County, Indiana, Marriage Index, 1925–2012
Oregon Death Index, 1898–2008
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Washington Marriage Records, 1854–2013

Find a Grave <findagrave.com>. Accessed 17 January 2019.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of black-and-white photographs of Cecil V. Groseclose and some of his family members, friends, and co-workers. Most of the photographs were taken in Indiana; more specific locations are noted when known. The earliest photo is a cabinet card portrait of Groseclose as a baby [1903], and the most recent are portraits of his two children [ca. 1950s]. Group portraits include Groseclose's eighth grade graduating class in Clay Township, Morgan County (1917), and him with co-workers at the Big Four Railroad yards in Indianapolis (n.d.).

The collection is arranged into three series: Series 1, Cecil V. Groseclose (alone and with others); Series 2, Relatives of Cecil Groseclose; and Series 3, Friends of Cecil Groseclose. Some of the photographs are mounted to sheets of black paper, which apparently were pages from a photo album. Therefore, some photographs of friends are included in Series 1 because they are attached to the same album pages as photos of Cecil Groseclose.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Cecil V. Groseclose (alone and with others)

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Portrait of Cecil Groseclose as a baby (cabinet card photo by A. G. Nicks of Franklin, Ind., ca. 1903).

Clay Township [Morgan County] eighth grade graduates, 1917 – shows seven girls, thirteen boys, and one man. Cecil Groseclose is at the far right in the middle row. Pauline Cramer (sister of Earl Cramer, who married Cecil's sister Edna) is fourth from left in the front row. (Photo by Ennis Bros.)

Two photos mounted on opposite sides of part of an album page: 1) Cecil standing with a rifle and a dog beside him in a yard, n.d.; 2) Walter Tiffany and Cecil at Broad Ripple Park in Indianapolis, shown in their swimsuits, n.d.

Three photos mounted on both sides of part of an album page: 1) Cecil, age 22, standing in a yard posed with a banjolele [ca. 1925]; 2) photo of a large house (caption reads: "I worked on this sorority house at Greencastle, Ind."), n.d.; 3) men fishing (caption reads: Wm Currens / Bud Foreman / old friends), n.d.

Six photos mounted on both sides of part of an album page: 1) Virginia, Frances, and Cecil, n.d.; 2) [Virginia and Cecil], n.d.; 3) [Cecil and Virginia standing in a boat], n.d.; 4–6) Cecil holding fish (caption reads: "Me and some fish at Shafer Lake / Cicero, Indiana"), n.d. [Lake Shafer is in Monticello, Ind.]

Seven photos mounted on both sides of part of an album page: 1–2) "Ester Buttorf and I [Cecil] / Charlestown, Ind. 1942;" 3) "Marjory Dunn / Cicero, Ind.;" 4–5) two poses of "Maxine Hiller / Jamestown, Ind.;" 6) "Me – Drunk" [portrait with mustache], n.d.; 7) unidentified woman ("I've forgot this one").

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Mounted photo of car repairmen and foremen for Big Four Railroad yards at Sherman Drive and 25th Street, Indianapolis – shows 38 men gathered outside large building. Cecil is second from left in the second row from the front, n.d.

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Series 2: Relatives of Cecil Groseclose

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“Mother and Grandmother Groseclose” [mother and wife of Jacob H. Groseclose: Sarah C. Henderson Groseclose (1844–1928) and Sylvia Myrtle Shultz Groseclose (1880–1923), ca. 1920].

[William Franklyn Groseclose (1897–1955), cousin of Cecil Groseclose] – portrait. Written on back: “Season’s Best Wishes / Believe Me Sincerely / Your Friend / Wm Frank Groseclose / 12-25-23.” [1923]

James C. Groseclose (son of Cecil Groseclose) – portrait [possibly a school picture, ca. 1950s]. Written on back: “To Aunt Edna / from Jimmy Groseclose.”

Wanda Lynn Groseclose (daughter of Cecil Groseclose) – portrait [possibly a school picture, ca. 1950s]. Written on back: “To Aunt Enda [sic] / from Wanda Lynn Groseclose.”

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Series 3: Friends of Cecil Groseclose

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Mounted photo appears to be of a wedding party, showing three women and three men. Man in center in military uniform is identified as “Friend in N. Africa.” Written on back: “August 1945 / From Mr. Mrs. L. W. Burchett / 7, Bowen Cooke Avenue / Crewe / Cheshire / England.” [This is possibly the wedding of Leonard W. Burchett and Joan Evans, per England & Wales Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1916–2005.] (Photo by H. Bullock & Sons, High Street, Crewe [Cheshire, England])

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