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**CHRISTINA L. WARREN WARD
WARREN FAMILY COLLECTION, 1914-2020**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 half-sized manuscript box, 1 half-sized box of photographs, 4 folders of cold storage color photographs, 1 OVB photograph folder
COLLECTION DATES:	ca. 1914-2020
PROVENANCE:	Stanley Warren, Ed.D., Yvette Michelle Ewing, Yvonne (Mari) Robinson
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Christina Lee Warren was born to Isaac and Mildred Williams Warren on December 24, 1912, the fifth of an eventual twelve children. She grew up on a farm near Indianapolis and attended a one-room schoolhouse until the summer following second grade. At that time the family moved into the city and her father worked at a steel foundry. Christina would eventually attend Crispus Attucks High School, where she would share textbooks with her friends since her family could not afford to purchase them. While still in high school, she became engaged to an acquaintance. She would later break the engagement and marry Fred Ward, an itinerate laborer she had met previously. Christina and Fred were married in 1930 and struggled to make ends meet during the Depression. Fred would later find employment through the WPA.

Four children were born to the union: Alice in 1932, Joanne in 1934, Fred, Jr. in 1936, and Betty in 1938. In 1940, Fred convinced Christina to move the family to Seattle, Washington, where he found work in a shipyard. Fred and Christina raised their family in the Pacific Northwest while keeping in touch with Christina's extensive family in Indiana.

Christina and Fred Ward became involved in the Worldwide Church of God after seeing Herbert W. Armstrong on television. In 1959, Christina began her 17-year career working at a blood bank. Throughout this time and for years afterward, the couple were active in the Church of God. Christina also enjoyed charity volunteer work as well as reading, drawing, crocheting, and flower arranging. She passed away in 2015 at the age of 102.

Sources:

Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of letters written by various family members to Christina L. Warren Ward from 1954 to 2003. Most of the letters were written by Christina's mother Mildred, sister Bertha, or nephew Harry Bass. They describe health conditions and other updates within the family. Also included are funeral programs for some of Christina's immediate family members.

The collection also includes family photographs, most of which depict Christina and/or her immediate family. Most of the people in the photographs have been identified. Also included in the collection are a framed photograph enlargement of Christina's daughters Alice and Johanna as toddlers.

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