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**CLY, APPLE, AND PERKINS FAMILY  
COLLECTION, CA. 1860–2000S**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half size manuscript box, 1 oversize manuscript folder, 1 box photographs, 3 folders cold storage color photographs, 2 folders OVA photographs, 2 folders OVB photographs, 3 tintypes

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1860–2000s

PROVENANCE: Robert P. Cly, Prattville, AL

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NOTES:

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

The Cly, Apple, and Perkins families settled in the Oaklandon and Mt. Comfort area of central Indiana. These families were related to one another by marriage. Most prominent in the collection are parents of Robert P. Cly, Paul Cly (27 August 1910–9 February 1987) and Bonita Apple Cly (7 January 1910–18 September 1983).

Paul was born in the Mt. Comfort/Buck Creek area of Hancock County to Chester Arthur Cly and Nellie Crosley Cly. It appears that he was one of four children. Paul played basketball for Mt. Comfort High School and went on to have a collegiate career at Ball State University. After college graduation, Paul worked as a teacher (industrial arts) and coach (basketball, baseball, and swimming) at Hartford City and then Brookville high schools. However, after finding that he could have a more lucrative career in business and sales, Cly managed a Texaco gas station in Brookville and also sold furniture for a time.

Catherine Bonita Apple was born to Lee Roy (a.k.a. LeRoy or Roy) Perkins (1886–1968) and Murl Perkins (1889–1989) in Oaklandon, Indiana. She was an only child. Bonita graduated from Oaklandon High School and worked at times as a homemaker also as a retail clerk. Murl Perkins' parents, George and Flora Belle Perkins, as well as her five siblings, nieces, and nephews' photographs also appear in the collection.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Materials in the collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains both portraits and candid snapshots of members of the Cly, Apple, and Perkins families of central Indiana. Images in the collection are mostly all identified and many are accompanied by extra bits of family history and stories provided by the donor, Robert Cly. Accompanying the collection are a few letters, clippings, and ephemera related to various family members, including a few letters that Worth Perkins wrote to his sister Bonita Apple while he was serving in World War I.

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