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**DAUBENSPECK FAMILY
LETTERS, 1924–1928, 1942**

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Laura E. DeVelbiss Daubenspeck (1881–1958) was born in Indiana and attended two years of college. In July 1908, she married **Henry Daubenspeck** (1874–1964), who worked for the railroad in Greene County, Indiana. Although the Daubenspecks did not have any children of their own, they adopted **Robert Henry Daubenspeck** (born James Frederick Strader, 1924–1993) in 1925.

Abby Dyer Griffin (1879–1964) was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and married Ransom Griffin. They had three children. In addition to her household duties, Abby apparently served as the facilitator in arranging the adoption of children.

Paul Binford (1880–1935) was an attorney from Greenfield, Hancock County, Indiana.

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 10 January 2019

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the letters in this collection were written by Abby Dryer Griffin to Mrs. Laura Daubenspeck pertaining to adoption attempts, June 1924–March 1928. She writes of several mothers whom she interviewed and describes the children and the reason the mothers are considering putting them up for adoption. The interview with Mrs. Gertrude Bailey Strader begins in July 1924.

Correspondence with Paul Binford covers the period between January–June 1925 and pertains to arranging for the adoption of Mrs. Strader’s baby. In addition, there are two letters from Mrs. Strader discussing the health and wellbeing of her child. The letters are dated August 1924, and January 1925. Additional items include Probate Court records (June 1925) and an attempt to obtain a birth certificate from the state in 1942.

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