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**DAVIS AND WOODY FAMILIES AND FRIENDS PHOTOGRAPHS,  
CA. 1912-1939, N.D.**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

Many of the photographs in this collection are of people who lived in Hendricks and Boone counties in Indiana. This includes several descendants of Walter Davis who lived primarily in the Eel River Township of Hendricks County and members of the Clark and Lois Woody family who lived mainly in the Thorntown area of Boone County. Other places where people represented in this collection lived include Crawfordsville, Indianapolis, Greene County, and Putnam County. Other surnames of friends and relatives pictured include: Alexander, Bardonner, Camplin, Cooksey, Creech, Crow, Davidson, Dean, Durham, Elsberry, Euliss, Gill, Grimes, Grossman, Hendricks, Henry, Jackson, Kaylor, Kelley, Linder, McIntyre, Menges, Morphey, Noland, Owen, Page, Perkins, Pirtle, Powers, Price, Roberts, Schoen, Sears, Slautterback, Stafford, Steinruck, Stone, Trotter, Ward, Workman, Wren, Wysong, and Young. Most have been identified below.

### **Bardonner**

Lola Clara Bardonner was born on 11 December 1892 to Samuel Edward Bardonner and Anna Trietsch Bardonner in Hamilton County, Indiana, where her family farmed. Lola married Henry C. Becker (1892–1960) in October 1917 in Hamilton County. The couple made their home in Logansport, Cass County, where they raised their children, Alice, Ralph, and Doris. Lola died on 17 March 1956.

### **Camplin**

Gene Earl Camplin (1888–1948) was born in Boone County, to Joseph H. Camplin and Sarah Josephine Reid Camplin. Gene had a twin sister, Lena (Gill), and an older brother, Harvey. They lived on a farm in Eel River Township in Hendricks County. Gene married Kate Darnell (1890–1940) in May 1910 in Boone County. They had three sons, who all went by their middle names: Howard Darnell, Gene Everard, and Marion Reid. In 1920 they lived on a farm in Eel River Township but moved to Boone County by 1930.

### **Cooksey**

Thomas “Tommy” Lynch Cooksey Jr. was born 31 January 1916 in Crawfordsville, Indiana to Thomas L. Sr. and Minnie Beatty Cooksey. Thomas Sr. was a physician and mayor of Crawfordsville. Thomas Jr. attended Crawfordsville High School. He married Florence Badrick (1913–2003) in October 1939. By 1940 the couple lived in Illinois, where Thomas Jr. worked as a reporter. At some point by 1960, they moved to Santa Barbara, California. It appears that Thomas Jr. may have died in Savannah, Georgia, on 5 September 2009.

### **Davis**

Walter Davis was born 12 December 1823 in Montgomery County, Kentucky to Nathan Davis and Nancy Burgess Davis. In 1835, Nathan and Nancy and their ten children were among the earliest settlers of Eel River Township in Hendricks County, Indiana. Walter was a farmer in Eel River Township. He had three wives: 1) Mary Margaret Spears (1828–1861), married in 1843; 2) Mary Scott Davis (1832–1873), married in 1863; and 3) Matilda Free South (1828–1916), married in 1875. He had several children with his first wife, including Quincy Adams Davis, Martha Ellen Davis (Davidson), and Charles Eugene Davis. Two

children by his second wife were Walter Scott Davis and Thomas Clarence Davis. Walter died in North Salem, Hendricks County, on 11 January 1893.

Quincy Adams Davis was born 31 March 1845 in Hendricks County, on the family farm northeast of North Salem. He served with the 132<sup>nd</sup> Indiana Infantry, Company H, during the Civil War, from May to September 1864. On 8 February 1872 he married Bettie Lynn Scott (1848–1929) in Montgomery County, Kentucky. They made their home in Eel River Township, where they raised their three children: Alden, Carl E., and Mary (Hendricks). At the time of his death on 25 May 1938, Quincy had been the last surviving Civil War soldier in Eel River Township.

Alden Davis was born on 28 August 1878 in Hendricks County, where he married Elnora “Nora” Higgins (a.k.a. Ella Nora) (1876–1942) in August 1899. They made their home in Indianapolis, where Alden worked as a machinist. They had two daughters, Almira Lynn (Spencer) (1900–1971) and Kathleen E. (1906–2000). By 1917, Alden was working as a railway mail clerk in Indianapolis. By the early 1940s, he and his wife lived in Brownsburg, Hendricks County, where they farmed. On 4 November 1945, Alden was walking along a highway in Brownsburg when he was struck by an automobile. He died the next day at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Carl E. Davis was born 19 November 1880 in Hendricks County. He farmed with his father, Quincy Adams Davis, for many years in the North Salem area. Carl married the widowed Edna G. Cooper Jackson (1895–1973) in June 1946. He died in 1951.

Mary Davis was born 8 December 1889 in North Salem. She was a graduate of North Salem High School and Central Normal College. At the time of the 1920 census, she was working as a bookkeeper. She lived on her parents’ Eel River Township farm until February 1933 when she married the widowed physician, J.D. (John DeWitt) Hendricks. He was born on 28 December 1875 in Henry County, Indiana. He graduated from the old Indiana Medical College and attended Purdue University. He started his medical practice in Lizton in Hendricks County in 1906. He married his first wife, Luna Lynn Gilchrist (1879–1923) in 1907. They had an adopted daughter, Velma (Hurt), who grew up to be a magician. Following Luna’s death, J.D. moved to Indianapolis where he continued to practice medicine and where his second wife, Mary, joined him. J.D. died on 21 March 1955 in Indianapolis. Mary Davis Hendricks died on 10 November 1980 in Indianapolis.

Martha Ellen Davis was born on 15 March 1848 in Hendricks County. She married James Davidson in August 1867, and they had two children, Clara (Mitchell) (1868–1948) and Walter Franklin “Frank” Davidson (1874–1941). By 1880, Martha was divorced and living with her children in Jamestown in Boone County, Indiana. By 1900, Martha was living in Anderson in Madison County, Indiana, with her daughter Clara’s family. By 1910, Clara and her husband had moved to Portland, Oregon, and Martha was living with her granddaughter, Lotus, and Lotus’s husband, Elmer W. DeLawter, in Anderson, and still lived with them in 1920. Martha Davis Davidson died on 4 February 1930 in Anderson. Census records beginning in 1910 show her son living in Grant County. There is a photograph in this collection of Martha and others at Frank’s house.

Charles Eugene Davis was born 28 July 1857 three miles east of North Salem on the farm that his grandfather, Nathan Davis, bought in 1835. It was reported that Charles inherited from his parents an appreciation for books and education. He attended Terre Haute Normal

School and later taught. Charles married Harriet Cade McBroom (1858–1905) in September 1884 in Fountain County, Indiana. They had five daughters: Harrie P. (17 March 1890–2 September 1951), Vangie (16 May 1893–22 November 1946), Jeannette (1895–1982), Dessie Ruth (Huddleston) (8 September 1901–27 March 1978), and Adelle (25 February 1904–31 May 1974). After his wife died, Charles raised his daughters alone, passing on to them his love of books and learning. The daughters recalled that their father's large library was the only one they had access to until they went to college. Adelle Davis became a well-known nutritionist and author. Charles Davis farmed in Union Township, Hendricks County, until his death on 26 May 1926.

Almira Lynn Davis was born 18 October 1900. She attended Butler University where she was vice president and publicity director of the girls' glee club. In 1935 she married Arnold Farrar Spencer (1879–1949), a music teacher, who had a son from a previous marriage. By 1950, the widowed Almira and her sister, Kathleen, were living together in Indianapolis, where Almira worked as a stenographer for the State Industrial Board. Around 1955, Almira moved to Orlando, Florida, where she worked as an office assistant for the Florida Association of Realtors. She died 23 November 1971 in Florida and was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Kathleen E. Davis was a high school teacher in Indianapolis. A 1959 Orlando, Florida, city directory lists her as a teacher there, so she may have moved to Florida with her sister, Almira, a few years earlier. Kathleen may have been born 24 June 1906 and died 1 December 2000, although it is not certain that this is the correct Kathleen E. Davis.

Jeannette Davis, born 26 February 1895, grew up on her father's Union Township farm in Hendricks County. By 1920 she was working as a stenographer for an insurance company. By 1930 she had moved to San Francisco, California, where she continued to work as a stenographer, and was still there in 1940, when she worked as a stenographer for the C&H Sugar Corporation. She died in April 1982 in Phoenix, Arizona, and was buried in North Salem, Indiana.

Walter Scott Davis was born in December 1866 in North Salem. In 1900 he was a high school teacher in Richmond, Indiana. By 1910 he had moved to Tacoma, Washington, where he taught history and political science at the College of Puget Sound. At the time of the 1940 census his cousin, Jessie Linder, and her two daughters, Helen Christine and Dorothea Jalene, were staying with him, although they may have just been visiting. Walter Scott Davis died 18 June 1943 in Tacoma.

Thomas Clarence Davis was born on 15 June 1871 in Hendricks County. He married Ella Carrie Leach (1870–1965) in February 1892. They farmed in Eel River Township where they raised their daughter, Mamie Lucille (Schwartz). Thomas died on 2 February 1951 in North Salem.

Mamie Lucile Davis was born 27 February 1895 in North Salem. She was a teacher in North Salem and South Bend before marrying Dr. John Arthur Schwartz (1884–1957), a veterinarian, in April 1935 in Texas. By 1940 the couple lived in Danville in Hendricks County, Indiana. In May 1956 Mamie's mother, Ella, moved to Danville to be near her daughter. Mamie Davis Schwartz died of a rare blood disease on 6 July 1957.

## **Dean**

Don and Ruby Dean were the two youngest children of William T. and Adelia Spears Dean. They were farmers who lived in the Harrison Township of Boone County in 1900 and in the Eel River Township of Hendricks County in 1910.

Don Robert Dean was born 21 April 1886 in Lebanon in Boone County. He married Minnie Mae Smith (1887–1918) in October 1914. The couple lived in Brownsburg in Hendricks County, and Don worked for the Prest-O-Lite Company in Speedway in Marion County. By 1930 Don was married to his second wife, Frances (Martha Frances Robinson, 1894–1988), and they lived in Los Angeles, California, where he worked as an engineer in the oil industry. By 1942 he worked in the sales department of the Union Oil Company. He died in Los Angeles on 15 August 1961.

Ruby Dean was born 12 December 1889 in North Salem. She was married at least three times. Her last husband was Thomas Victor Euliss (1879–1959). Ruby died 16 November 1964 in Zionsville, Boone County.

## **Durham**

Abigail Durham was born Abigail M. Smith on 24 November 1889 in Illinois to Milton Theodore Smith and Mary Matilda Kersey Smith. By 1900 they lived in the Eel River Township of Hendricks County, Indiana. By 1910 Abigail had become a teacher. She married Thomas Glenn Durham (1883–1963) in February 1916 in Marion County. The couple lived on a farm in Eel River Township. They had two children: John Milton and Martha Ann. At the time of the 1950 census, Abigail was treasury clerk for the Town Board of North Salem. Abigail died on 8 July 1983 in Ladoga, Montgomery County.

## **Dynes**

Omer Dynes (1893–1944) was a dentist in Indianapolis, married to Maye Poulter Dynes (1895–1982). They lived at 5745 Winthrop Avenue; there is a 1938 Christmas card with a photograph of their home in this collection.

## **Elsberry**

William Corbin Elsberry was born on 5 January 1893 in Ladoga, Montgomery County, Indiana. His parents were Silas Corbin Elsberry and Martha Ellen Blaydes Elsberry (Steele). William grew up in Putnam County. During World War I he served as a cook in the Army in France. At the time of the 1930 census he lived in Chicago, Illinois, and worked as a salesman of canned foods. In 1940 he was staying in a U.S. Veterans Administration facility in Grant County, and by 1942 he lived in Ladoga. At the end of his life, he lived in Carmel in Hamilton County. William died 26 January 1961 in Indianapolis.

One of William's sisters was Bertha A. Elsberry, born 22 February 1888 in Putnam County. She married Fred M. McIntyre there in January 1911. The couple lived in Indianapolis, where Fred worked as a carpenter. Bertha Elsberry McIntyre died 19 January 1975 in Indianapolis. There are photos in this collection of William and Bertha at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis.

## **Gill**

Bert Roy Gill was born 8 November 1887 in North Salem. In May 1913 he married Mary Myrtle Alexander in Hendricks County. They had two daughters, Helen Maxine and Wreatha June (1922–1994). By 1920 the family lived in Crawfordsville, and by 1930 they lived in Indianapolis. Bert worked as a brick mason. He and his second wife, Grace, lived in California, where Bert died on 25 April 1968.

Mary Myrtle Alexander, who went by her middle name, was born 5 December 1887 in Hendricks County to Henry Jackson Alexander and Susan Angeline Hunter Alexander. One of her sisters was Dale Sears (see below). Myrtle died 21 September 1937 in Indianapolis.

Helen Maxine Gill, who went by her middle name, was born 21 June 1914 in North Salem. She attended Arsenal Technical High School in Indianapolis. In November 1939, Maxine married Fred W. Yeaman Jr. (1914–1984), and they lived in Woodruff Place in Indianapolis. Fred was in the drycleaning business. Maxine worked in a department store and later as a clerk in a bank. They had a son named David. Maxine died 2 January 2002 in Indianapolis.

## **Grimes**

Edna Grimes was possibly Edna Pearl Grimes, who was born 5 October 1897 to Douglas Stephen Grimes and Mary Etta Crose Grimes. In 1900, the family lived in Eel River Township in Hendricks County. By 1922, Edna had moved to Indianapolis, where she worked for Fidelity Mutual Fire Insurance Company as a clerk and policy writer. She lived at 415 E. Walnut Street, the same address where Sylvia Page (see below) lived at the time. In June 1924, Edna married Huxley Campbell Brown (1895–1955) in Marion County. By 1930 the couple had moved to a farm in Vermilion County, Illinois. They had one son, Commodore Brown (1930–1959), who was killed in a dynamite explosion. Edna died on 29 August 1989 in Vermilion County, Illinois.

## **Grossman**

Zella Ann Grossman was born 30 December 1902 to Samuel Clement Grossman and Clara M. Stiening Grossman. Zella worked as a clerk for the Indianapolis Bleaching Company. In June 1937 she married Gordon Harold Raison (1894–1957), and the couple made their home in Detroit, Michigan. By 1956 they had moved to Boca Raton, Florida. Zella died on 29 December 1970 in Indianapolis and was buried in Florida.

## **Hendricks**

For John DeWitt Hendricks, see Mary Davis (above).

## **Jackson**

Lola Blanche Jackson was born on 6 June 1897 to William M. Jackson and Malinda Jane “Jennie” Randel Jackson, who were farmers in Putnam County. Lola’s siblings included older brothers Harry E., Charles M., and Reese W., and older sister Jessie I. Jackson. In March 1922, Lola married John Paul Wysong (who went by his middle name) in Marion County. They had a daughter, Dorothy Irene (Prater) (1922–1996). Lola and Paul divorced in 1930. At the time of the 1940 census, Lola and her daughter lived in Indianapolis, where Lola worked as a stenographer. By 1950 she had married Martin V. Cox (1900–1958), an interior decorator. Lola died in Beech Grove on 28 March 1963.

Jessie I. Jackson was born on 24 November 1883 in Illinois, during the few years that the Jackson family lived there. She worked as a dressmaker. She died in Evansville, Indiana, on 2 June 1942, and was buried in Greencastle in Putnam County.

### **Kaylor**

Mayfield Kaylor was born on 12 May 1903 in Indianapolis to Robert Laurence Kaylor and Mabel Marie Ragsdale Kaylor. He attended Shortridge High School and Butler University, where he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Mayfield became a writer for newspapers, radio, and an advertising firm. He married Ruby (sometimes spelled Rubye) Gladys Hoover in June 1926 in Boone County. By 1931 they had moved to Los Angeles, California. The couple had a daughter, Karena. Mayfield died on 23 January 1951 in Los Angeles.

Donald “Donn” Grey Kaylor was Mayfield’s younger brother, born on 11 August 1916 in Indianapolis. He attended Arsenal Technical High School and worked in the construction industry. After a year of college, he enlisted in the Army on 22 April 1941 at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. In May 1945, he married Pattie Venable Smith, an American Red Cross worker, in London, England, when he was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force. In November 1946, Donn married his second wife, Jean Hokanson (1920–1989), in Iowa. They moved to Los Angeles and had two sons, Robert and Donn Jr. Donn Sr. died on 8 July 2008 in California.

### **Kelley**

Olive “Ollie” Wood Kelley was born on 5 April 1890 to Theodore Wood and Emma Hill Wood in Morgan County, Indiana. She grew up on her family’s farm in the Center Township of Hendricks County. In October 1911 she married Denman Howard Kelley (1888–1930) in Hendricks County. At the time of the 1920 census, the couple lived in Johnson County, where they both were high school teachers. They had a son, Claude Kelley (1912–1971), born in Coalmont, Clay County, who became vice president for planning at the University of West Virginia. Ollie died on 18 March 1968 in Danville, Hendricks County.

### **Linder**

Zella Linder is possibly Zella Alice Jordan Linder, born to Irvin S. Jordan and Rozella Nancy Heaton Jordan on 21 January 1889 in Knox County, Indiana. The family moved to Indianapolis by 1907, where Zella worked as a bookkeeper. She married John Linder, and they had a son, Jesse, and a daughter, Joyce. Zella died 19 December 1930.

### **Morphew**

Edith Vera Morphew was born on 6 April 1895 to Francis Elmore “Elmer” Morphew and Nancy J. McCloud Morphew. In 1900 she and her parents lived in Putnam County, Indiana, but by 1910 they had moved to the Eel River Township of Hendricks County.

During World War I, Edith was a government worker in Washington, DC. At the end of her young life, Edith worked in Indianapolis as the secretary for Dr. Ada E. Schweitzer, director of the Child Hygiene Division of the State Board of Health. Edith died on 26 October 1924 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

### **Noland**



Vera Noland was born on 13 September 1886 to Stephen Douglas Noland and Ella O. Whitenack Noland in Hendricks County. Vera grew up on her parents' Eel River Township farm. She graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington and became an elementary school teacher. After both of her parents had died, she and her brother Ernest (1891–1941) are shown living together on an Eel River farm in both the 1930 and 1940 census. In 1950, Vera is shown living alone in Eel River on a farm. She died on 3 August 1964 in Witham Hospital in Lebanon, Boone County.

### **Owen**

Ruth Owen is possibly Ruth Marie Owen, who was born on 7 May 1891 in North Salem to Oliver Perry Owen and Florence Duckworth Owen. She grew up on her family's farm in Eel River Township. In September 1921 she married Harold Hobson McCammon (1898–1986) in Hendricks County. It appears that in 1920 Ruth was working as a clerk in Washington, DC, and Harold was in the Marines, stationed at Annapolis, Maryland. In 1930 the couple lived in the Union Township of Montgomery County, Indiana, where Harold was a farmer. Ruth died on 30 June 1934 in the Evansville State Hospital.

### **Page**

Sylvia May Page was born on 24 November 1899 to Franklin Alvin Page and Susan Montgomery Page. Her father was a farmer, and in 1900 the family lived in Knox County, Indiana. By 1905 they had moved to Sullivan County. Sylvia had an older brother, Earl, and two younger brothers, Doyle and Harvey. By 1922, Sylvia was living in Indianapolis and working as a bookkeeper for Joseph T. Stokes Pharmacies. She lived at 415 E. Walnut Street, which is also where Edna Grimes (see above) lived at the time. In August 1925, Sylvia married Herbert Goodloe Thompson (1898–1973) in Sullivan County. They had a daughter, Susan. In March 1935, Sylvia married her second husband, Enoch Trafton Shriner (1895–1964) in Martinsville, Morgan County. Sylvia died on 12 January 1975 in Indianapolis.

### **Schoen**

Robert "Bob" Schoen is possibly Robert McFadden Schoen, born on 12 May 1900 to John Schoen and Effie Morgan Schoen in Indianapolis. He married Notie Schako (1905–1982) on 28 July 1928 at First United Presbyterian Church in Gary, Indiana. They had two children, Marilyn and Robert. Robert Sr. was in the construction business. He died in March 1956 in Indianapolis.

### **Sears**

Dale Sears was born Iva Dale Alexander on 4 May 1890 to Henry Jackson Alexander and Susan Angeline Hunter Alexander. Dale grew up on her parents' Hendricks County farm. She was a sister of Myrtle Alexander Gill (see above). In October 1907, Dale married John Albert Rose (1889–1974). They had a daughter, Leona. In April 1913, Dale married James Clair Sears, who went by his middle name. They had two daughters: Wynona, who died the day she was born in 1919, and Dorothea, who was born the following year. Dale died of pneumonia on 13 January 1930.

Clair Sears was born on 3 March 1890 to William Sears and Alma Gentry Sears in Danville, Hendricks County. He was a farm worker in Eel River Township. He married his second wife, Inez, by 1940, and they later moved to Denver, Colorado. Clair died in June 1970.

## **Slautterback**

Ruth Slautterback is possibly Ruth Brown Slautterback, who was born to David and Florence Brown Slautterback on 28 October 1892 in Georgia. By 1910 the family lived in Union City in Randolph County. Ruth attended Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. She married Arthur Harrison Marthens (1887–1955) in October 1922 in Marion County, Indiana. By 1924 the couple had moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where their son, Arthur Jr., was born. Ruth died 9 November 1954 in Georgia.

## **Stafford**

Lillian Stafford was born Lillian Elkins on 23 September 1896 in Illinois to James T. Elkins and Martha Veal Elkins. By 1910 her family had moved to Indianapolis. Lillian worked as a stenographer and bookkeeper for the Indianapolis Bleaching Company. She married Lee Roy Stafford (1888–1975) in November 1917 in Louisville, Kentucky, but the couple lived in Indianapolis. Lillian died on 16 March 1991 in Franklin, Johnson County.

## **Steinruck**

Ruby Ellen Steinruck was born 22 October 1889 in Indianapolis to John F. and Sarah Elizabeth Moulton Steinruck. Ruby worked as a stenographer. In July 1934, she married Alfred L. Barthel (1890–1971), a widower with two children. Ruby died in April 1975 in Indianapolis.

## **Trotter**

Beryl Trotter appears to have been Gretta Beryl Trotter, born on 16 November 1893 in North Salem to James Washington Trotter and Ola Minnie [France or Frame?] Trotter. Beryl graduated from Central Normal College in Danville, Indiana. It appears that she had a succession of three husbands: Sterling Stringer (1900–1954), Clyde Haine (1892–1968), and Ray Marsh Lawrence (1886–1971). She had three children with her first husband: Max, Gloria, and Malcolm Stringer. Beryl lived in several places, including Texas, California, and New Jersey. She died on 13 October 1979 in Walnut Creek, California.

Geraldine Trotter is possibly Mary Geraldine Trotter Clippinger, who was born on 27 January 1896 to Silas Bird Trotter and Louisa Jane “Jen” Pritchett Trotter in Hendricks County. Geraldine attended Butler University. She became a music teacher at Shortridge High School and an organist at Downey Avenue Christian Church. She married Howard Lester Clippinger (1888–1946) in October 1942. She died on 1 March 1980 in Indianapolis.

Beryl and Geraldine Trotter, as identified above, are second cousins. Their fathers were first cousins, Silas being the son of William Wakefield Trotter and James Washington Trotter being the son of William’s brother, James Morton Trotter.

Mary Trotter is difficult to identify because there were a few different people with that name in Hendricks County, born from 1898 to 1905. One of them was Beryl Trotter’s younger sister, Mary E. Trotter, who was born 10 November 1899, married Beverly Douglas Langford (1894–1961), and died 26 August 1987 in Dallas, Texas. Another was Mary Alice Trotter, born on 21 September 1904 in North Salem to Oliver William Trotter and Mayme Conover Trotter, who died 10 June 1991 in Indianapolis.

## **Woody**

Clark Woody was born on 21 August 1882 in Thorntown, Boone County, Indiana, to Thomas Newton Woody and Susannah Beesley Woody. On 14 August 1913 in Hendricks County, he married Lois Long, daughter of Richard Benjamin Long and Arminda “Minnie” Lough Long. Lois was born 7 August 1890 in North Salem. Lois and Clark had four children: Charlotte, Harold Nevin, Richard Thomas, and Clark Clifford “Cliff”.

The Woody family’s home on their 125-acre farm in the Sugar Creek Township in Boone County was the first house in Indiana to be electrified through the Rural Electrification Administration on 22 May 1936. Clark Woody worked to bring electricity to the surrounding countryside. Clark Woody (Sr.) died 5 July 1973 in Thorntown. Lois Long Woody died 7 February 1980 in Mulberry, Clinton County.

Arminda “Minnie” Lough Long was born on 8 December 1863 to Samuel Jasper Lough and Charlotte Jane Yelton Long in Boone County. She married Richard Benjamin Long in October 1887 in Hendricks County. They had three daughters, Florence, Lois, and Maude (Neff). Minnie died on 24 July 1954 in Boone County.

Charlotte Woody was born 20 January 1915. She married Wallace “Wally” Urban Seiler (1914–2002) on 10 October 1942 in Thorntown. They had two daughters, Patricia and Janet. Charlotte graduated from the University of Michigan and was a professor of education at Delta College near Midland, Michigan, retiring in 1976. She died on 21 May 2017 in Florida and was buried in Thorntown, Indiana.

Harold Nevin Woody was born 23 February 1917. He attended Purdue University and by 1940 he was operating a farm in Howard County. He married Grettamae Mills (1914–1962) in March 1941 in Grant County. They had three sons, born in Kokomo in Howard County: Samuel Clark and twins Harold Dee (1947–2010) and Garold Lee. Garold Lee lived only three days. Harold Dee grew up to be a livestock expert and an animal science professor at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Harold Nevin married Bernice Jeske (1914–1995) in 1962 and became a cattle rancher in Arizona. Harold N. Woody died 15 December 1990 in Mesa, Arizona, and was buried in Thorntown, Indiana.

Richard Thomas Woody was born 15 July 1924. He married Margaret Esther Smith (1925–2004) on 3 August 1947 in Thorntown. In 1950 they were farming in the Perry Township of Clinton County. They had three children: Robert, James, and Kristen. Richard died on 22 December 2009 in Crawfordsville, Montgomery County.

Clark Clifford “Cliff” Woody was born 26 February 1930. He served for two years in the Army in Anchorage, Alaska, but otherwise was a farmer in Thorntown. He married Leanna Mitchell in 1952, and they had two children, Dennis and Dianne. Cliff served as president of the Boone Farm Mutual Insurance Company. He also served as deacon, trustee, and treasurer of Thorntown Presbyterian Church and had his own income tax service business. Cliff Woody died on 17 June 2019.

## **Workman**

India Belle Kendall Workman was born on 26 February 1891 in North Salem to Robert M. Kendall and Ellen Ford Kendall. India grew up in Eel River Township, the eldest of five daughters. She married Don W. Workman in April 1914 in Hendricks County.

Don William Workman was born on 30 September 1891 in the Jefferson Township of Greene County, Indiana, to Otho Workman and Minnie Cora McRoberts Workman. After their marriage, Don and India lived in Worthington, Greene County, where they raised their children, Kendall Eugene (1915–1993), Robert Otho (1917–1986), and Evelyn (Sink) (b. ca. 1921). In 1930 Don was working as a bookkeeper for a poultry house. In 1936 he was appointed Postmaster in Worthington, a position he still held at the time of the 1950 census. India died on 14 March 1964. Don died on 29 January 1978 in Worthington.

### **Wren**

Taylor Wren was probably William Taylor Wren (1846–1940), born in Kentucky to George S. and Caroline Davis Wren (daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Davis). The family moved to Eel River Township in Hendricks County, Indiana, by 1860. Taylor married Anna Belle Morris (1858–1946), daughter of John B. and Christiana Ferguson Morris, in May 1882 in Boone County. They farmed in Eel River Township, while raising their children, Bertha, Eugenie, Bernice, and George.

### **Wysong**

John Paul Wysong, who went by his middle name, was born 16 December 1896 in Putnam County to John Franklin Wysong and Mary Cordelia Newgent Wysong. He was married to Lola Jackson (see above) from 1922 to 1930. Paul worked as a farmer, and at the time of the 1950 census, he was an inmate at the Indiana State Farm, a penal institution in Putnam County. Paul died 22 October 1957 in Greenwood, Johnson County.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is composed of black-and-white photographs, most of which were taken of people in central Indiana, especially in Hendricks and Boone counties and Indianapolis. This includes several descendants of Walter Davis who lived primarily in the Eel River Township of Hendricks County and members of the Clark and Lois Woody family who lived mainly in the Thorntown area of Boone County. Other places where people represented in this collection lived include Crawfordsville, Greene County, and Putnam County. Other surnames of friends and relatives pictured include: Alexander, Bardonner, Camplin, Cooksey, Creech, Crow, Davidson, Dean, Durham, Elsberry, Euliss, Gill, Grimes, Grossman, Hendricks, Henry, Jackson, Kaylor, Kelley, Linder, McIntyre, Menges, Morpew, Noland, Owen, Page, Perkins, Pirtle, Powers, Price, Roberts, Schoen, Sears, Slautterback, Stafford, Steinruck, Stone, Trotter, Ward, Workman, Wren, Wysong, and Young. Most have been identified. There are also a few photographs of houses.

Most of the photographs in this collection were salvaged from an album that was received in poor condition with photos and pages cut up, photos missing, and pages falling apart. It is not known who the original owner of the album was, but it appears that it was a woman likely born in the 1890s who probably lived in Hendricks County and later in Indianapolis. She is identified in photo captions as "I." The order in which names are captioned appears often not to be the order in which the people appear in the photographs. Some loose photos that appear not to have been part of the album are also included in the collection.

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**Davis family**—Tom Davis’s farmhouse; Walter Davis’s gravestone; Martha Davis Davidson with six others standing on the porch of her son Frank’s house [possibly Grant County, ca. 1920s]; Marie Cook and Mary Davis sitting on a bridge; portrait of Quincy Adams Davis as an elderly man, standing outdoors; Almira Lynn Davis standing outside “Grandfather Davis’ [Quincy Adams Davis] home” wearing a muff to keep her hands warm and with two dolls [ca. 1912]; Almira and Kathleen Davis with their great uncle Walter Scott Davis [ca. 1920s].

Album page with Jeannette Davis posing by a boat; on the reverse side there are two photos: “Mother in yard at home” and “Father bringing in the wood.”

Album page with three photos: Kathleen [Davis] and Cary [young child], portrait of Kathleen [Davis], and Cary; on the reverse side are two photos: “Aunt Dotia in yard at Home” and “Carl in yard at Home.”

Album page with two photos: Kathleen [Davis] by waterfall and “Kathleen and Jerry” [Kathleen Davis holding a small dog]; on reverse side are two photos: Almira [Davis] with unidentified man and Almira in a boat.

Mounted photo of Walter Davis’s gravestone (photo by W.L. Waters of North Salem, Ind.) (photo is faded)

**Elsberry, McIntyre, Perkins, Grimes**—Bertha Elsberry McIntyre and William Elsberry [at Fort Benjamin Harrison]; William Elsberry standing outdoors; William Elsberry and Carl Perkins standing outdoors.

Album page with four photos: Bertha McIntyre (sister of William Elsberry) with a tent in the background; seven men with tents in the background at Fort Harrison; Carl Perkins and William Elsberry at Fort Harrison; William Elsberry at Fort Harrison [all ca. 1917]. On reverse side are three photos: “Edna Grimes & I in Lester West’s pasture”; two women by a car; “Wm. Elsberry & I”.

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**Gill family, Dean, Euliss, Cooksey, Grimes, Ingram**—Myrtle Alexander Gill standing outside a house (half of a faded real photo postcard) [ca. 1920s]. Myrtle Alexander Gill, Don Dean, and Ruby Dean Euliss at the Dean home (dark photo, n.d.). “Edna G., Ethel and I on boat to Fern Grove” [ca. 1920s]. Album page with three photos: Maxine Gill and Tommy Cooksey of Crawfordsville [ca. 1921]; Myrtle Gill, Maxine [Gill], and Tommy Cooksey at the Wabash campus [ca. early 1920s]; Maxine, Myrtle, and Bert Gill. On the reverse side: “Myrtle, Maxine & I at their home in Crawfordsville” [ca. 1920s]. Album page with two photos: Bert and Maxine Gill; a woman “In front of Bert’s at Crawfordsville.” On reverse side are two photos: “Edna Grimes, Peg Ingram, Ethel on the Ohio from Louisville” and “Ethel, Edna & I on way to Fern Grove [Clark County, Indiana] from Louisville” [all ca. 1920s].

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**Hendricks, J.D. [John DeWitt]**—J.D. standing outside of a house, wearing a coat and hat (February 1939). Dr. Schwartz and J.D. at Grassy Fork Fisheries” (July 1939) [faded photo shows the two men in the distance with others in the foreground]. J.D. in the mountains on the drive from Lyons, Colorado, to Estes Park (8 August 1939).

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**Jackson family, Page, Wysong**—“Lola Jackson, Sylvia Page and I in University Park” [Indianapolis, at the foot of the Benjamin Harrison statue, ca. 1920s]. Album page with two photos: Lola Jackson and sister, Jessie; Lola Jackson & Paul Wysong [both ca. early 1920s]. On reverse side are two photos: some cars and two women outside Michigan City State Prison; “Myrtle of Mooresville at Mich. City” [both ca. 1920s]. Album page with two photos: Lola Jackson [near fountain on Monument Circle, Indianapolis]; “Lola Jackson & employees at place of work” [Brosnan’s store is in the background]. On reverse side are two photos: an unidentified man standing with Lola Jackson with a building in the background; “Lola Jackson, her niece [possibly Helen Jackson, daughter of Lola’s brother Reese] & [same man]” [all ca. 1920s].

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**Woody family, [Neff?], Wren, Camplin, Long—**

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Album page with two photos: Lois Woody holding “Dicky” [Richard Thomas Woody] [ca. 1924]; Charlotte, “Dicky Tom,” and Harold Woody [ca. 1924]. Photos on reverse side are missing.

Album page with two photos: Clark Clifford Woody at four months [summer 1930]; the Woody family – Clark, Harold, Lois, Charlotte, Richard, and Clifford [ca. 1938]. On reverse side: Charlotte Woody [ca. early 1930s]; “The boys and their ponies at the Woody home”; Charlotte and Maude [possibly Charlotte’s aunt, Maude Neff] [ca. early 1930s].

Album page with three photos: [Clark and Lois Woody, Taylor and Anna Belle Wren, Minnie Long, Gene and Kate Camplin at the Woody home for 1908 class reunion]; “Our class at L. Woody’s” shows five women and one man [second from left might be Charlotte Woody, far right may be Kate Camplin, and man may be Gene Camplin]; “Our class reunion at L. Woody’s” shows the same six people. On the reverse side are two photos taken at Turkey Run: unidentified man by water; “Girls wading in Sugar Creek.”

**Workman family, Olive Wood Kelley—**Album page with three photos: India K. Workman holding a baby [possibly Kendall E. Workman]; Don Workman holding his baby son; Workman baby son in a stroller [all ca. 1915]. On reverse side: India Workman, Olive Wood Kelley, an unidentified woman, “and I at Worthington”; India Workman at Worthington [Greene County] with farm buildings in the background.

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Ruth **Owen** and Lola **Bardonner** with two others (partial real photo postcard) [ca. 1920].

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Partial album page with two photos: Norman Bryan **Roberts**; Ronald **Roberts**. On reverse side: Bertha **Henry Rowan** and her husband wading in the ocean. Album page with three photos: “Ruth **Owen** & I”; Mamie **Davis**, Ruth **Owen**, Carl **Davis**; “Mary **Trotter** & I.” On reverse side: “Bertha **Henry**’s home” shows a woman on the porch of a brick house.

Album page with three photos: unidentified man leaning against a post; a man and “Edna **Grimes** and I at Mrs. Crow’s”; same unidentified man as the one leaning against the post and Lola **Jackson**. On reverse: two group photos of Jeannette **Davis**, Harrie **Davis**, Mamie **Davis**, Ruth **Owen**, Beryl **Trotter**, Vera **Noland**, Edith **Morphew**, and Abigail **Durham** in west pasture at a picnic [ca. early 1920s].

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Album page with two group photos of Jeannette **Davis**, Harrie **Davis**, Mamie **Davis**, Ruth **Owen**, Beryl **Trotter**, Vera **Noland**, Edith **Morphew**, Abigail **Durham**, and an unidentified man from Bloomington [ca. early 1920s]. On reverse side: Myrtle **Pirtle** and friends; Mrs. Paul **Pirtle**.

Album page with three photos: Mr. & Mrs. **Pirtle** seated; the **Pirtle** son [a toddler]; Mr. & Mrs. **Pirtle** standing. On reverse side: “At Mrs. Crow’s” [shows the same woman who appears to be “I,” the original owner of the photo album]; “In my Sunday Best” [same woman]; “Almira **Davis** & I.”

Album page with three photos: Mr. **Young** at Mrs. Crow’s; Mr. **Young**; Mr. **Young** standing by a car. On reverse: Ruth **Slautterback** holding a hat; Ruth **Slautterback**, her brother, and Frances **Menges**; Ruth **Slautterback** wearing a hat.

Partial album page: photo that has been cut off appears to have included members of the **Alexander** family with “I” in front next to Clair **Sears** and Dale **Alexander Sears**; “Dale **Sears** & I” [“I” holding a kitten, and Dale Sears holding a small dog] [ca. late 1910s?]. Photos are missing from the reverse side.

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Album page with two photos: three people appear to be on a boat on Lake Michigan near Michigan City [the woman on the right is possibly Edna **Grimes**]; woman [probably “I”] at the docks at Michigan City. On reverse side: “Myrtle and I at Michigan City”; [“I”] at Michigan City Park [ca. 1920].

Partial album page with three photos: “Geraldine **Trotter**, Doyle” and unidentified man at Bethany [Morgan County]; Mrs. **Lewis** and unidentified woman; Almira [**Davis**], Wayne & Robert **Price** at Bethany [Morgan County]. On reverse side: Hilda **Creech** at Bethany Park; Geraldine [**Trotter**], Doyle, unidentified woman, “& I at Bethany”; woman “Leaving Bethany” [Morgan County].

Partial album page with three photos: Doyle at Bethany Park [Morgan County]; Bob **Schoen** at Bethany; Mayfield **Kaylor** with Don **Kaylor** on his shoulders. On reverse side: Bob **Schoen** and Mayfield **Kaylor** at Bethany Park; Mayfield **Kaylor**; Geraldine **Trotter** and Mayfield **Kaylor**.

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Partial album page: photo of Ruby **Steinruck** in front of Grotto in Court House lawn (on both sides of page).

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Partial album page: photo of Zella **Linder** on Court House lawn (on both sides of page).

Album page with two group photos of Mildred **Stone**, Frances **Powers**, Marg. **Linder**, Myrtle **Bollan**?, an unidentified woman, “and I from O.O.S. at Grotto in Court House yard” [three women have been cut out of one of these photos]. On reverse side: Mamie **Davis** in north pasture by bridge; (missing photo); Mamie **Davis** by bridge.

Partial album page: photo of (right to left) “Edna **Grimes**, Sylvia **Page** & I in University Park”

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[Indianapolis] [1920s]; on reverse side is a partial photo of [Edna **Grimes** in University Park].

Partial album page: photo of [“I”] in Riverside Park [Indianapolis, ca. 1920s]. On reverse side is a photo of “Mrs. **Crow** and her bro. at her home.”

Album page: two photos of [“I”] – “In my Sunday best on E. Walnut [Indianapolis]; “At the Masons on E. Walnut [Indianapolis] [both ca. 1920s]. On reverse side: “Mother ready for church”; Carl.

Album page with three photos: Sylvia **Page**; Sylvia **Page** & her bro.; Sylvia [Page]. On reverse side: “Home” (a photo of a house and trees).

Album page with two photos of Lillian **Stafford** and Zella **Grossman** in front of bleachery at Indianapolis Bleaching Co. (Photos are missing from reverse side.)

Photo of “James **Guy** / Denver, Colorado” [probably James William Guy, born 27 December 1911 in Denver].

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Photo of Bob and Velma at Grand Lake, Rocky Mountain National Park, 9 August 1939.

Photo of two men (“Tom on the right – myself on the left”) in the mountains east of Sacramento, 13 August 1939.

Five small photos of unidentified people.  
Christmas greeting from Maye and Omer Dynes with photo of their house [at 5745 Winthrop Avenue in Indianapolis], 1938.

Business card for Von Scherb [probably Von Barber Scherb (1907–1987), who was a musician, a life insurance agent, and later worked for Allison Engineering], with address on Pennsylvania Street in Indianapolis, n.d.

Three photos of houses with captions: “This is where we live”; “This is a picture of our house”; “West side view of where we live.”

Photo of a river (written on back: “This is Wicomico River. We live about 100 yards from it.”) [Maryland?]

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