DUNLAVY FAMILY COLLECTION, 1830–1957

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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

The Dunlavy family of northern and central Indiana were active leaders in the Methodist Episcopal Church for many decades.

Howard Houston Dunlavy (1844–1922) was born in Iowa, but spent the latter part of his career as a Methodist minister in northern Indiana towns such as New Carlisle and Lafayette. He married Hannah E. Oliver (b. 1843) of Indiana, and they had three children: Edwin Wesley (1875–1953), Lora K. (1877-1958), and Leeta (1885–1960).

Edwin Wesley Dunlavy attended DePauw University, from which he received bachelor’s and doctoral degrees. Like his father, he became a Methodist minister. In 1905 he married Edna D. Augustine (1875–1942) of New Carlisle, with whom he had no children. The couple moved frequently. Census records list them as living in Terre Haute in 1910, but by 1913 they had moved to the Lafayette area, where Edwin was pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. In Lafayette, he and Edna cultivated several friendships with East Asian visitors and their families. In 1921 he was appointed president of the Iliff School of Theology, a graduate Methodist seminary in Denver, Colorado. However, he resigned from the position in 1924 due to disagreements between conservative and liberal theologians at the school (it is unclear which side he represented). Following this, the Dunlavys took up residence in Indianapolis, where Edwin was pastor of Roberts Park Methodist Episcopal Church. Edwin and Edna were avid travelers, making several road trips to the American West during their marriage. Both were also interested in foreign missionary work, though there is no evidence that they traveled outside of the United States. They retired to New Carlisle.

Lora K. Dunlavy lived with her parents in northern Indiana until their deaths. She does not appear to have had an occupation besides that of homemaker, so it is possible that she inherited a small amount of money from her parents or received support from Edwin. Like her brother and sister-in-law, she enjoyed traveling, and she accompanied them on several trips. Lora spent a good deal of time visiting with relatives, reading, and taking care of her home. She was especially close to her brother Edwin and her nephew Howard Houk. She spent her later years in New Carlisle.

Leeta Dunlavy married Ralph W. Houk, a German-born farmer, in 1911. They had three children: Howard J., Hannah, and Caroline. In the 1920s, the family moved to Florida, where their relatives often visited them.

Sources:

Collection Materials
Florida State Census Records
Iliff School of Theology website
United States Census Records
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This family collection comprises three manuscript-related series and four series of photographic materials.

The first series includes miscellaneous papers and printed matter that belonged to Edwin and Edna Dunlavy; their travel diaries, memo books, and account books make up the second series. The travel diaries are among the more revealing materials in the collection, and provide a detailed picture of what a middle-class road trip in the first half of the twentieth century would have been like. In them, Edna Dunlavy lists expenses, locations, purchases, opinions on the scenery, and where they stayed. In many cases, they camped out with friends. Their many stopping-off points included Taos, Flagstaff, and several national parks.

All items in the third series—mostly diaries—belonged to Lora Dunlavy. Her writings are basic notations of what she did that day and how the weather was. Though she lived near family and friends, her life seems to have been fairly uneventful, and she appears to have been lonely later in life, after the death of her brother Edwin.

The fourth through seventh series are photographs and visual materials categorized under the following headings: Places, Identified People, Unidentified People, and Albums. The photographs include several hundred portraits, many of which depict young people from Edwin, Edna, and Lora’s social circle in the New Carlisle area. Many others likely depict young men with whom Edwin Dunlavy attended DePauw University.

One photograph of note shows a group of young men (perhaps high school age), some of whom are hitting others with pillows, at a slumber party around the turn of the twentieth century. It is an unusual depiction of intimacy between male friends at the time. Another photograph of interest shows the Antarctic Snow Cruiser, a cutting-edge vehicle and research station, passing through the Indiana Dunes area prior to being shipped to the Antarctic.

The scrapbook listed as part of the seventh series may have belonged to Elsie Bilsand, a friend of the Dunlavys in New Carlisle. While it contains visual materials, it is more of a social diary than anything, listing all the owner’s social engagements and who attended. Several pictures of Elsie Bilsand appear in the collection, and a drawing signed “Elsie” was found between the pages of the scrapbook. However, her name never appears on the writer’s lists of attendees, suggesting that she may have been the one who created the book.
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