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**FORREST PARK LYNCH COLLECTION
CA. 1890–1983**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1890–1983

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Forrest Park Lynch was born 19 June 1906 in Indianapolis to Julius (1872-1932) and Clara Whetsell Lynch (1874–1955). By 1919 Forrest was working as a carrier for the *Indiana Daily Times* newspaper (later known as the *Indianapolis Times*). He worked as a printer for the *Indianapolis Star* and the *Indianapolis News* for forty-three years, retiring in 1972. With union printers he played baseball and golf. He was a member of Moose Lodge 17 and Grace United Methodist Church.

His father, Julius, worked various odd jobs including night watchman at a factory. Forrest had two older brothers, Omer and Arthur; two younger sisters, Evelyn and Kathryn, and a younger brother, Albert. Early in Forrest's life, the family lived on E. Georgia Street; by 1920 the family had their home at 217 McKim Avenue.

Forrest married Minnie McCauley (1909–1972) in 1929. By 1940, Forrest and Minnie owned their home at 226 McKim Avenue. It appears that Forrest had a brief marriage from 11 April 1974 to September 1975 to Ethlyn Ann Connor, which ended in divorce. Forrest died in June 1983 and was buried by Minnie in Anderson Cemetery in Warren Park, Marion County.

Forrest's mother, Clara, was the daughter of James and Eliza Whetsell. One of her father's brothers was Martin Franklin Whetsell (8 December 1843–11 January 1921), apparently known to her as "Uncle Frank." Martin was a corporal in the 2nd Tennessee Cavalry during the Civil War, serving from 10 October 1862 until 6 July 1865. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic in Kansas, where he was a farmer at the time of the 1880 census. By 1900 he had returned to his birthplace of Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee, where he continued to work as a farmer. He was buried in the Magnolia Cemetery there.

Sources:

Items in the collection

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Find a Grave

Indiana Death Certificates, 1899–2011

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Indianapolis Star. "Divorce Suits," 4 September 1975, p. 87 <newspapers.com>. Accessed 3 April 2019.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of photographs of Forrest Park Lynch and photocopies of newspaper clippings pertaining to him. There is also a photograph of one of his mother's uncles and a birthday card addressed to Forrest's wife from her mother. The photographs of Forrest include several of him alone as well as some group photos of him as a member of baseball teams and with fellow golfers, and one of him attending a dinner. The newspaper clippings show Forrest as a young newspaper carrier and as a participant in a golf tournament. Brief obituaries for Forrest and his wife, Minnie, are also included.

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Series 1: Photographs

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Martin Franklin Whetsell – cabinet card, full-length studio portrait. Written on back: “Uncle Frank Whetsell / Pa Brother.” [Research indicates this is Forrest's mother's father's brother.] (Photo by Oscar Sellon of Cheney, Kansas [ca. 1890]).

Forrest Lynch standing outdoors by a building, wearing knee pants and holding a hat [ca. late 1910s].

Forrest Lynch standing in the snow, wearing knee pants and a coat, holding a copy of *All-Story Weekly* [ca. late 1910s].

Portrait of Forrest Lynch, 1929 (2 copies of real photo postcard; written on the back of one: “Forrest / 1929 / April 30 when we married”).

At least forty people gathered around a long table at what may be a workplace Christmas dinner. Forrest Lynch is identified as the seventh person from the front on the left [ca. 1929].

Group portrait of baseball team shows nineteen men outdoors, most wearing baseball shirts with “Indianapolis” in print across the front. [Forrest Lynch appears to be in the back row on the far right.] Mounted photo, n.d. [ca. 1920s?]

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Halftone group portrait of Union Printers baseball team [photo appeared in the *Indianapolis Star* on 17 August 1930, page 60, with the following caption: “Off for National Tournament—Indianapolis’s entry in the twentieth annual tournament of the Union Printer’ International Baseball League and Golf Association, to be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 23–30. Seated, left to right: William T. Cooke, Clarke Andrews, Maurice C. Wellman, G. Harvey Petty and Fielder Andrews. Second row: William Jessee, J. Arthur Miller, coach; Glen K. Scheiring, Lawrence R. Pringle and Gerald McClure. Rear row: Richard E. Lindamood, John T. Ashe, manager; Virgil V. Perkins, Lawrence O’Toole, Theodore R. Ehrgott, Forrest P. Lynch and Charles C. Tyner. (*Moorefield-Dudley Lee.*)”].

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Group portrait of golfers [photo appeared in the *Indianapolis Star* on 21 June 1936, page 80, with the following caption: “Star Printer Takes Prize in Three-Cornered Golf Tourney—Virgil Kiste of The Star’s composing room, won first prize in the Star-News-Times printcraft golf tournament held recently at Pleasant Run with a net score of 68. The contestants are shown, front row, left to right: Charles Skillman, Burl Foxworthy, Herbert C. Lewis, Earl Johnson, William Jackson and Larry Shafer. Second row: Webster White, Herschel Watts, Leroy King and Kiste. Rear row: Calvert Plummer, Ross Owen, William Crawford, Harry Warriner, Forrest Lynch, Walter Curler and John Martin. Ed Werner and William Williams of the News team are not in the picture.”].

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Three men with golf clubs [Forrest Lynch appears to be the one in the middle]. (Photo by F. Eliot Westlake of Cincinnati, Ohio, n.d. [ca. 1930s?])

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Small portrait of Forrest Lynch wearing a hat [ca. 1930s?].

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Snapshot of Forrest Lynch by a car on the street, 18 December 1939.

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Forrest Lynch outdoors, wearing a hat. Written on back: “1945 – South Irvington Ave.”

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Snapshot of Forrest Lynch holding a small dog [ca. 1940s?].

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Snapshot of Forrest Lynch, wearing apron, likely at his workplace as a printer, March 1969.

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Series 2: Newspaper Clippings, Ephemera

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Photocopy of clipping from the *Indiana Daily Times*, 16 October 1919, page 2. Includes photo of Forrest Lynch in his new uniform delivering the newspaper to an unidentified subscriber.

Photocopy of clipping from the *Indianapolis Star*, 21 June 1936, page 80, with photo showing Forrest Lynch and other printcraft golf tournament contestants. [See original photo in folder 1.]

Photocopies of two clippings from unidentified newspaper(s) regarding the death of Minnie Lynch [October 1972].

Photocopy of clipping from unidentified newspaper of obituary for Forrest Lynch [June 1983].

Birthday card addressed to Mrs. Forrest Lynch [Minnie] at 226 S. McKim Street in Indianapolis, signed "Mother," with the return address of 1014 Park Ave., Madison, Indiana, and postmarked 27 April 1950.

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