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**FRED ELMER MARSHALL AND NINA MARSHALL  
COLLECTION, 1905–1969**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Fred Elmer Marshall was born on 11 August 1881 to Samuel and Louise Marshall in Albion, Michigan. Elmer received an A.B. degree from Albion College in 1902 and married Nina Belle Townsend in Jackson, Michigan, later that year on June 21<sup>st</sup>. They had two daughters.

In 1919, the family moved to Indiana where Elmer taught at Indiana Central College from 1919 to 1929, Central Normal College in Danville from 1930 to 1935, and then at the Arthur Jordan Conservatory of Music in Indianapolis. Additionally, Elmer managed an entertainment bureau, performed with Nina at lyceum organizations and at touring Chautauqua events, and produced almost 400 plays for radio stations in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne.

Nina died on 23 September 1941 in Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1956, Elmer moved to Plainfield, Hendricks County, Indiana. Fred Elmer Marshall died on 12 April 1971 in Danville, Hendricks County, Indiana.

Sources:

Material in collection

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection contains Fred Elmer’s reminiscences and memories (generally written during the few years before his death), correspondence from Elmer to “Will,” and entertainment programs featuring Fred Elmer Marshall and his wife Nina.

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