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## GERALDINE MCFERREN MYERS COLLECTION, CA. 1870–1981

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF  
COLLECTION:

Manuscript Materials: 7 folders  
Visual Materials: 6 boxes of photographs, 28 folders of color  
photographs, 3 boxes of 120 mm acetate negatives, 2 trays of 35

mm acetate negatives, 1 box of 120 mm color negatives, 5 oversized graphics (OVA size).

COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1870–ca. 1981
PROVENANCE:	Forms part of the Cecil Beeson/Blackford County Historical Society Collection.
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ALTERNATE FORMATS:	None
RELATED HOLDINGS:	None
ACCESSION NUMBER:	1994.0734
NOTES:	Several hundred nitrate negatives were in the collection when it was first processed. Due to their volatile nature these were removed at the time of the reprocessing. This has resulted in gaps in the negative numbering system. Most of the negatives had a corresponding print.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Geraldine Elizabeth McFerren Myers (1904–83), born in Hartford City, Indiana, 11 August 1904, was the second child of Oren P. McFerren and Ella Nora Reck McFerren. As the daughter of a successful grocer in Hartford City, her childhood was comfortable. Their home at 307 South Jefferson Street had a telephone as early as 1902. A piano stood in the parlor of the family home at 414 North Jefferson Street and her brother, Russell, drove an automobile before 1920.

Geraldine and her brother Russell McFerren were three years apart in age, but as children shared a wide circle of friends. Taking snapshots of each other and friends at local parks and in the McFerren garden and yard was a favorite summer activity. Geraldine, Russell, and their friends posed in group photographs. The young women often wore cotton or beaded dresses, while the young men dressed up in jackets, ties and straw boater hats.

Geraldine graduated from Hartford City High School in 1921 and lived with her parents at 414 North Jefferson Street until her marriage to Robert J. Myers on 19 August 1933. The marriage license lists Geraldine's occupation as "housekeeper." Robert J. Myers was apparently a housepainter, born 21 July 1909, to Sam Myers and Zeva Hufford at Monon, Indiana. Robert James Myers' date of birth may be inaccurate on the marriage license, as annotations on a number of photographs show him to be at least nine years younger than Geraldine.

There are also inconsistencies regarding Mr. Myers's surname. Printed material within the collection, including a driver's license with photographic identification, identifies him as Robert J. *Holland* of Upland, Indiana. An elderly couple and a young woman, identified in annotations as "The Hollands," appear frequently in Geraldine's family snapshots. The young woman in the photographs may be Colene Holland, who later taught at William Reed Elementary School in Hartford City. Colene Holland was a colleague of Minnie Walsmith McFerren, Geraldine's sister-in-law.

The Hollands may have raised Robert J. Myers, as there are no photographs or annotations relating to an elder generation of the Myers Family. However, the obituary notice written for his son Robert E. Myers in 1969 states that *Zeva Coffy* of Springfield, Missouri was the young Myers' grandmother. This collection contains two photographs of Zeva Coffy, made in Hartford City in 1966.

Geraldine McFerren Myers gave birth to Robert Eugene Myers (Bobby) on 26 September 1935 at Marion, Indiana. During Bobby's early childhood in the Depression years of the 1930s photographs show Geraldine, Robert and Bobby posing together on country roads beside their automobile. The couple separated July 1941 and divorced the following October. Geraldine and Bobby appear to have lived with Geraldine's mother during the time of the separation. Robert J. Myers does not appear in any photographs with his son after July 1941.

Geraldine McFerren Myers never remarried, but had a long-standing friendship with Kenneth A. Gosnell. The couple dated from approximately spring 1942 until spring 1955. Ken Gosnell, born 26 September 1905 in Hartford City to William and Francis (Etchison) Gosnel, had four brothers: Chris, Clyde, Frank and Virgil. Gosnell married the former Leota Mae Furniss 22 June 1957 and worked for Acme Lees, a tool and die company, in Muncie, Indiana, until his death 1 July 1960. He had suffered a heart attack at his home two weeks earlier and died in Hartford City Hospital. Gosnell had two children by a previous marriage: a daughter, Mrs. Victor Babbitt of Climax, Michigan, and Merrill Dean Gosnell of Muncie.

Geraldine appears to have worked at the McFerren Grocery, operated by her brother Russell, between 1955 and 1960. Employees of McFerren Grocery are the favored subjects of her snapshots through this period. It is not known if Geraldine worked at McFerren Grocery after 1960, the year in which her brother became a widower.

There is little text in this collection which could fill in the gaps for the periods when Geraldine took few photographs. Her elder years were touched by horror and grief, and at these times she may have had no energy for taking photographs or posing for friends. Her son committed suicide at their home in September 1969. She was not home at the time, but found his body. By 1970 Geraldine had no living relatives beyond her cousins, Velva Schumacher and Mary Ellen Ward. That year she was photographed standing beside the graves of her son and parents. She rarely posed for photographs through most of the 1970s.

Geraldine McFerren Myers died 22 May 1983. Her will left bequests to friends and charitable organizations, and a portion of her estate was placed in a scholarship fund. The Geraldine Myers Scholarship Trust Fund awards scholarships to graduating students of Blackford County High School on the basis of need, academic promise, and citizenship. She is buried at Hartford City Cemetery.

## **Robert Eugene Myers**

Robert Eugene Myers (1935–69), born 26 September 1935 in Marion, Indiana, was the only child of Geraldine McFerren Myers and Robert James Myers. He lived most of his childhood in Hartford City at 414 North Jefferson Street. His parents divorced in 1941, and his contact with his father after this date appears to be minimal. The last photograph of father and son in the collection was made in the summer of 1941.

Robert (Bobby) attended South Side Elementary and Hartford City High School, graduating in 1953. Robert belonged to the Boy Scouts in the early 1950s. He also played baseball, but no team or group photographs of these activities exist in the collection. He served in the Marine Corps in 1954. A small number of color photographs, dated 1957, show that he was in New York that year, possibly at Rochester College.

Details of Robert's life between 1957 and his apparent return to Hartford City ca. 1968 are not known. He is

acknowledged in Russell McFerren's obituary in 1967, though his place of residence is not noted. At the time of Bobby's death in 1969, Robert J. Myers reportedly lived in Brisbane, Australia. He may have remarried, as three photographs in this collection are dated 1960 and annotated "Brother" and "Sister," in Robert E. Myers' handwriting.

Robert Eugene Myers committed suicide on 18 September 1969 in his bedroom at 414 North Jefferson Street. He shot himself with a shotgun, the same type of weapon that was used to murder his aunt, Minnie Walsmith McFerren, nine years earlier. An obituary in the local newspaper noted that he had been despondent for some time, and had recently been employed at a local grocery store. He is buried at Hartford City Cemetery.

### **Russell McFerren and Minnie Walsmith McFerren**

Oren Russell McFerren (Russell or Rus), born 25 August 1901 at Hartford City, Indiana, was the first child of Oren P. McFerren and Ella Nora Reck McFerren. He graduated from Hartford City High School in 1918 and worked in his father's grocery, buying the business in 1932. He operated McFerren Grocery at 221 West Washington Street until his death in June 1967.

Russell McFerren married Minnie Elizabeth Walsmith 17 June 1933. The McFerrens had no children but were often photographed with young people at family outings. These children were likely nieces and nephews from the Walsmith Family. The McFerrens lived at 220 East Washington Street most of their married life.

Minnie Walsmith McFerren, born 10 November 1902 at Montpelier, Indiana, was the daughter of Joseph and Susie Crites Walsmith. Her siblings were Joseph, Robert, Frank, Doritha (Hoy), and Nellie (Gilbert). Minnie taught elementary school at Wells County, ca. 1928, and at William Reed Elementary in Hartford City until her death in 1960. She was a member of the Grace Methodist Church, the Tri Kappa Sorority, the Eastern Star Lodge, the Indiana State Teachers' Association, and the Hartford City Teachers' Association.

Minnie McFerren died 2 February 1960 in a double murder suicide which took place at William Reed School. Leonard O. Redden, principal of Hartford City Schools, shot her in the face at point-blank range in front of her fifth grade students. He then took his shotgun to the classroom of another fifth grade teacher, Harriett Robson, and killed her as she sat at her desk. Redden committed suicide in a wooded area south of Hartford City later that day. Redden had apparently been acting in a bizarre manner for a period of time before the incident, and showed signs of confusion and paranoia.

Russell McFerren continued to operate McFerren Grocery until his death. He died of a heart attack on 23 June 1967 at his sister's home. He was a member of the Elks Club, the Kiwanis Club, and Grace Methodist Church. Minnie Walsmith McFerren and Russell McFerren are buried side-by-side at Hartford City Cemetery.

### **Oren P. McFerren and Ella Nora Reck McFerren**

Oren P. McFerren, born 20 August 1869 in Jackson Township, Blackford County, operated the McFerren Grocery on West Washington Street from 1899 until 1932, when he sold the business to his son. McFerren attended normal school in Valparaiso, ca. 1894. He received a six-month license to teach, but never worked in a classroom. His parents were John A. and Elizabeth Everett McFerren.

Ella Nora Reck McFerren, born in Darke County, Ohio, 13 April 1871, was the daughter of Amos and Mary Elizabeth Newbauer Reck. Her siblings were Clara (Stewart), Almira (Seinoble) and Jimmy Reck. She married O.P. McFerren in Hartford City on 6 February 1900 and bore two children: Oren Russell McFerren and Geraldine Elizabeth McFerren Myers. The McFerrens lived at 317 South Jefferson Street, Hartford City until about 1920, when they moved to a larger home at 414 North Jefferson Street.

Oren P. McFerren died 6 September 1933. Ella Nora Reck McFerren died of a heart attack at her home 20 February 1948. The couple is buried side-by-side at Hartford City Cemetery.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Geraldine McFerren Myers Collection is composed mostly of family portraits and snapshots created or collected by three generations of the McFerren Family of Hartford City, Indiana from ca. 1870 to ca. 1981. Geraldine McFerren Myers was the last surviving member of her immediate family and acquired these items over time, following the deaths of her mother, brother, and son.

The collection did not reflect an original or logical order at the time of processing. Most negatives and corresponding prints had been removed from envelopes and were piled loosely in cardboard boxes. Groups of negatives which had been exposed for a single event or activity were separated and strewn through the collection. Few original prints were stored in the vicinity of their corresponding negative. The processor arranged the order of the photographs and printed material chronologically, matched negatives to prints, and studied subject matter and annotations in order to recreate the original designations. A number of envelopes from photofinishing studios that held original prints and negatives were left with the photographs in the folders because the annotations often provided a detailed, item-level description of the contents of the folder.

The processor created four series, each of which is named for the family members responsible for its creation. The order of the photographs within each series is chronological, except in instances where Geraldine McFerren Myers placed a number of items from different years together for her own purposes. This occurs in Series 2 and 3. Such folders typically contain photographs of Russell McFerren and Robert E. Myers. The dates of these photographs range from the 1930s to the 1960s. The processor dated these folders according to the year in which the group of photographs were believed to have been assembled.

The most heavily annotated photographs in this collection are found in Series 2 and Series 3. Geraldine McFerren Myers sometimes wrote the names of her subjects and the date and location of the activity or event on the accompanying photofinishing envelope. She also wrote the ages of the subjects on the back of the photographs. Photographs believed to have belonged to Robert E. Myers are also annotated, largely in his own handwriting. Most items from Series 1 were identified tentatively by the processor. Photographs in Series 4 were the least annotated, and the most difficult to identify in the collection. Folder titles were drawn from annotations on photographs and photofinishing envelopes or created by the processor at the time of foldering. Descriptive titles and dates assigned by the processor are enclosed with a pair of [ ] brackets.

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

**Series 1: Oren P. and Ella Nora Reck McFerren**, contains black-and-white snapshots, cabinet cards, tintypes, one carte-de-visite, sheet music written by O. P. McFerren, and printed material. The photographs date from ca. 1875 to 1928. The printed material dates from 1913 to 1920. This material came into the possession of Geraldine McFerren Myers following the death of her mother, Ella Nora Reck McFerren, in 1948.

The oldest photographs in the collection are believed to have originated with the Reck Family. The Reck Family

moved to Hartford City when Nora was a small child. O. P. McFerren posed for cabinet cards and portraits at the C. Ervin Studio (ca. 1880) and the Swingely Studio (ca. 1890 and ca. 1900). Hartford City businessmen favored Swingely above other local photographers in the late nineteenth century. The earliest portrait of Russell McFerren is made by the Knight Studio and dates from ca. 1901. A subsequent portrait of Russell by Knight is dated 1902. Geraldine McFerren Myers was photographed at about age one, at the Burris-Smith Studio.

Most of the photographs in the series are snapshots created by Geraldine McFerren Myers and Russell McFerren. The McFerren siblings photographed each other, their friends, and parents extensively from ca. 1918 to ca. 1921. A small number of these photographs are annotated. Certain names are written in pencil, while others are noted on the back of the photographs in red ink. Corresponding negatives exist for most of these items.

Geraldine and Russell appear to have had friends in common, as the siblings appear together at home, with friends at Paper Mill Pond, and at a public park. Those photographs that include Russell McFerren are the most heavily annotated. A small number of photographs from this time period were pulled from their natural grouping by Geraldine McFerren Myers for her own purposes and are stored with photographs from other time periods in Series 2.

Negatives and a small number of snapshots of O. P. McFerren and Ella Nora Reck McFerren show the couple in the parlor of one of their homes, and posing in back yards and gardens. Most exterior photographs in this series appear to show the family home at 317 South Jefferson Street. The interior photographs may also be from the home on South Jefferson Street, as the dress of the subjects is the same in the interior as the exterior photographs. There are only two photographs of the family home on North Jefferson Street in this series.

The subject matter and style of the snapshots in this series are those that Geraldine McFerren Myers would follow through her life. She photographed family members and beloved friends, always posing them in an outdoor-setting, most often in her own yard and garden.

**Series 2: Geraldine McFerren Myers**, documents Geraldine McFerren Myers' life from the period immediately prior to her marriage in 1933, to her final years in the family home at 414 North Jefferson Street in the early 1980s. It contains approximately 300 black-and-white and 50 color snapshots; and some black-and-white and color negatives of Geraldine, her family, and friends. It also includes a few clippings, ephemera, correspondence, and the memorial book from Robert E. Myers' funeral service.

The final photograph of the Myers Family is stored in Box 2, Folder 27, though the envelope with annotations pertaining to this image is stored in Folder 33. The photograph was not found in the vicinity of the annotated envelope. The envelope held photographs from a later date and is stored with those items. Geraldine McFerren Myers and Robert J. Myers divorced in autumn 1941. No photographs of Bobby and his father together exist after this date.

Geraldine frequently took snapshots of McFerren Grocery employees after 1954. Carol Harmon, Floyd Slater, Jack Jones, and other young men and women posed with Geraldine and Russell on West Washington Street or in the alley behind the grocery. Geraldine and Russell were also photographed at the cash register and other locations inside the store. Annotations on the photographs and envelopes show that Carol Harmon, an employee of McFerren Grocery, was responsible for a number of snapshots. She was a long-time friend of the McFerren Family, and appears in photographs dating from 1954 to 1969.

Geraldine retained her friendships with employees of McFerren Grocery and with neighborhood families over the years. Children from the Secord, Roberts, and Hedstrom families often posed in the Myers' garden and yard with Geraldine and Robert E. Myers. Snapshots and Christmas cards from Hartford City families and individuals such as Carol Harmon and Floyd Slater, and the Dane, Secord, Hess, and Stockton families were saved by Geraldine.

Photographs of Russell McFerren exist throughout the series, predominately in the years following his wife's death in 1960. Russell and Geraldine were frequent companions until Russell's sudden death in 1967. Cousins Mary Ellen and Jack Ward of Vincennes, and Velva and Ves Schumacher, Betty Jackson, Reba Powell, Jim Moffett, and Helen Van Cleve appear to have been important in Russell and Geraldine's social circle. Box 4, Folder 12, contains photographs of Russell and Minnie which date from ca. 1921 to 1967. This group of photographs appears to have been placed together deliberately by Geraldine after Russell's death in June 1967.

Few photographs exist from the period following Russell's death in the summer of 1967 to spring 1969. Color portraits of Geraldine in her garden, and snapshots of neighborhood friends dominate the collection for a brief period before Robert E. Myers' death. There are a few color prints made between 1970 and 1973. These include snapshots of Geraldine posing at various locations in Hartford City, such as the Hartford City Cemetery, where she stands solemnly beside graves of family members. Color Photographs, Folder 12 contains photographs exposed in 1969 but not processed until 1971. This folder includes images of Robert E. Myers in the final months of his life.

In the late 1970s or early 1980s, Geraldine took color photographs of the elements in her life which were most essential: her friends and garden. She posed in her garden at 414 North Jefferson Street, as she had done all through her life. She also posed at the places in Hartford City that were personally significant, such as the storefront that had been McFerren Grocery, in front of Bobby's elementary school, and in parks. The last photograph of Geraldine McFerren Myers appears to have been at the Parkview Nursing Home in Muncie. She is sitting with an elderly man, smiling for the camera.

**Series 3: Robert E. Myers**, contains black-and-white and color photographs created by or given to Robert E. Myers; and one pencil drawing. The photographs include class and individual portraits taken between 1942 and 1954, and snapshots of young women dated 1956 and 1957.

Series 3 also contains three portraits of children with the annotations "sister," "brother," and the date "1960" written on the back on these items in Robert's handwriting. The children are identified as Lorene, Christine, and Carl. Their ages are noted in blue ink. These children may be half-siblings of Robert E. Myers, though there are no references to them in his obituary notice or elsewhere in the collection.

**Series 4: Russell McFerren and Minnie Walsmith McFerren**, consists of black-and-white and color snapshots and negatives, and a drawing. Subjects include portraits of school children and teachers at William Reed Elementary School. Geraldine McFerren Myers likely acquired these items after her brother's death.

The personal snapshots in this series focus on the leisure-time activities of Russell and Minnie Walsmith McFerren. Russell and Minnie took photographs of each other and family members eating at picnics, and fishing on camping holidays. Russell posed at points of interest on vacations to Florida and Michigan. The Walsmiths were a large family, so it is likely that Minnie Walsmith's sisters, brothers, nieces, and nephews are represented in the series. Few individuals, however, are identified in this group of photographs.

Most of the identified photographs relate to the teaching career of Minnie Walsmith McFerren. These are predominantly 2" x 2" portraits of schoolchildren given to her by students between 1938 and 1959. The children annotated a number of these items with dates, names, and addresses. Box 6, Folder 1 contains two photographs of school principal Leonard Redden. Other annotated photographs, possibly from the late 1930s, show groups of schoolchildren posing in costumes and playing harmonicas. Most of the group portraits of students and teachers throughout the series are not annotated. The earliest of these dates from ca. 1930. Harriett Robson can be identified in a number of these photographs.

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