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**H. CLARK SPRINGER PORTRAIT COLLECTION
CA. 1940S**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1940s

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

H. Clark Springer was an attorney in DeKalb County, Indiana. In 1940 he managed the successful campaign of Raymond E. Willis for the U.S. Senate. Springer served as a delegate to Republican National Conventions in the 1940s. He was the Indiana Republican State Chairman from May 1946 to June 1949.

Henry Clark Springer was born in Huntington, Indiana, on 24 January 1894. He was the only child of Samuel Clark Springer and Elizabeth Toelle. His father worked for a railroad. At the time of the 1900 census, the family lived in Chicago, Illinois, but by 1910 the family had moved to Garrett, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Springer was a sergeant in the Indiana Field Artillery. He was a captain in the U.S. Army during World War I. He served briefly with the criminal investigations division of the Army.

He moved to Butler in DeKalb County in 1922 and married Madolin Marjorie Manion on 17 August 1923. Their children were Clark Manion (1925–2018) and Nancy Lou (1929–1986), who would marry Dr. John G. Haywood.

DeKalb County Historian John Martin Smith characterized Springer as “a bulldog kind of guy. He was an old fire-and-brimstone trial attorney.” Springer and Dorsey Marshall were principal owners of the Marshall Clothing Manufacturing Company, which specialized in athletic clothing, in Butler.

Springer died 30 June 1980 in Butler and was buried in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Sources:

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- Find a Grave
- Indiana Birth Certificates, 1907–1940
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of fourteen autographed black-and-white photographic portraits of Republican politicians. All represented Indiana except for Robert A. Taft, who was a U.S. Senator from Ohio. All portraits have inscriptions made out to H. Clark Springer with the exception of that of Ralph F. Gates, who inscribed his portrait to “The Republican State Committee,” and Raymond S. Springer, who made his out to “my fine friend – the State Chairman.” Also, Ralph Harvey’s inscription has faded to the point of not being readable.

The Contents listing (below) includes the years each person served in his designated office.

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Homer Earl Capehart, U.S. Senator [1945–1963]
Inscribed, n.d.

Ralph Fesler Gates, Governor of Indiana [1945–1949]
Inscribed to The Republican State Committee, n.d.

George W. Gillie, U.S. Representative, 4th district
[1939–1949]
Inscribed, 1947 (photo by Chase, Washington, DC)

Robert Allen Grant, U.S. Representative, 3rd district
[1939–1949]
Inscribed [ca. 1946–1949]

Charles Abraham Halleck, U.S. Representative, 2nd
district [1935–1969]
Inscribed, n.d.

Forest Arthur Harness, U.S. Representative, 5th district
[1939–1949]
Inscribed, n.d. (photo by Harris & Ewing
[Washington, DC])

Ralph Harvey, U.S. Representative, 10th district
[1947–1959, 1961–1966]
Inscribed, but unreadable

William “Bill” Ezra Jenner, U.S. Senator [1944–1945,
1947–1959]
Inscribed, n.d.

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<p>Noble Jacob Johnson, U.S. Representative, 5th district [1925–1931], 6th district [1939–1948] Inscribed, 12 January 1946 (photo by Modell)</p>	<p>Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2</p>
<p>Gerald Wayne Landis, U.S. Representative, 7th district [1939–1949] Inscribed, n.d. (photo by Adams)</p>	<p>Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2</p>
<p>Edward “Ed” Archibald Mitchell, U.S. Representative, 8th district [1947–1949] Inscribed, 4 February 1947 (photo by Harris & Ewing [Washington, DC])</p>	<p>Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2</p>
<p>Raymond Smiley Springer, U.S. Representative, 10th district [1939–1947] Inscribed, 6 January 1947</p>	<p>Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2</p>
<p>Robert Alphonso Taft (Sr.), U.S. Senator from Ohio [1939–1953] Inscribed, n.d.</p>	<p>Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2</p>
<p>Earl Wilson, U.S. Representative, 9th district [1941– 1959, 1961–1965] Inscribed, n.d.</p>	<p>Photographs, Box 1, Folder 2</p>