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## HENRY C. AND MARY GRIFFIN CHURCHMAN MEMOIR, 1999

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

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PROVENANCE: Michael Churchman, Kansas City, MO; August 1999

RESTRICTIONS: None

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

**Henry Cottman Churchman** was born on 29 June 1875 to Francis McClintock Churchman and Anna James at Hillside, the family's home. He attended Shortridge High School in Indianapolis. Henry later studied law at Michigan University and graduated in 1899; however, he never practiced law as a profession. Following graduation, Henry began working for electric auto producer Waverly Company and eventually became assistant sales manager. He married Mary J. Griffin on 25 July 1900. Around 1915, Henry started Indiana Tire and Battery Company. After the company went out of business, he sold life insurance. Henry died 21 October 1934 from a skull fracture he received from falling out of his car, which was on a lift at a filling station. He is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery.

**Mary Josephine Griffin** was born on 7 October 1877 to George Griffin and Martha Bright. She attended Shortridge High School, where she met Henry Churchman. Together they had three children, Henry Jr., M. Steele, and John A. Mary died 28 December 1956 in Indianapolis. She is also buried at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Sources:

Collection materials.

Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011, via Ancestry.com

Indiana, Select Marriages Index, 1748-1993, via Ancestry.com

U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, via Ancestry.com

"7 Foot Fall Fatal to H.C. Churchman." The Indianapolis Star, October 23, 1934.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains a memoir of Henry C. and Mary Griffin Churchman, written by their son, M. Steele Churchman, and edited by their grandson, Michael Churchman. In 1999, Michael organized letters written by M. Steele about Henry and Mary into a memoir. The memoir also contains explanations added by Michael, information about electric cars from letters from Steele to Aline Randle, as well as copies of photos, drawings, account book pages, and advertisements.

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