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**LYDIA AUSTILL AND FRANKLIN VOORHIES THOMAS  
ALBUM, CA. 1890-1930S**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Lydia Austill Thomas (July 20, 1899-February 10, 1981) was born in Tipton, Indiana to William and Alice Austill. She had two siblings, William and Mildred. The Austill family moved around a bit when Lydia was a child, from Tipton to Spokane, Washington, following William's job as a traveling salesman, before settling in Indianapolis in the Butler-Tarkington neighborhood. Lydia attended Shortridge High School, the Michigan State Normal College, and Indiana University. She worked as a teacher and an editor. She married Franklin Voorhies Thomas (June 22, 1901-May 1988). Franklin was born in Cambridge City, Indiana and worked as a university professor at DePauw University in Greencastle and Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. By 1955, Lydia and Thomas were listed in a city directory for Long Beach, California.

Sources:

[Ancestrylibrary.com](http://Ancestrylibrary.com)

Materials in the collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This photograph album mostly contains snapshots and portraits of Lydia Austill Thomas and her first husband, Franklin Voorhies Thomas. There are photos of Lydia when she was a teenager but mostly the photographs in the album document her teaching career, visits with family, and what appear to be travels with Franklin. There is a postcard in the album that was written by a then ten-year-old Franklin V. Thomas with his image on the front posed in the basket of a hot air balloon. There is also a picture of Franklin that was probably taken while he was at football practice. Most of the other photographs of Franklin are ones where he appears with Lydia. The photo album also contains an unidentified photograph of a mother, father, and child that was taken by Newman in Butler, Indiana. Finally, there are a few clippings pasted on the inside of the back cover of the album, an obituary for Lydia's mother, Alice, her uncle Oscar, and two about herself.

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