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**MARGARET ROBINSON YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHS
CA. 1870S-CA. 1940S**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Margaret Elizabeth Robinson was born 15 July 1903 in Vincennes, Indiana, to William Winfield Robinson and Edith E. Hill Robinson. She graduated from Butler University, where she was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Margaret taught for a while at the School for the Blind in Indianapolis. She was the wife of Dr. George M. Young. She died 10 June 1982 at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove, Indiana.

William Winfield Robinson was born 25 July 1878. He was the son of prominent politician William B. Robinson (1839–1920) and Margaret J. LaHue Robinson (1851–1937). He was vice president of the John A. Cox Lumber Company. He married Edith E. Hill on 22 October 1902 in Knox County, Indiana. He died by suicide, a gunshot to the head, on 6 September 1910, leaving a widow and three young children. It was reported that he had been in ill health and was despondent over his condition.

Edith E. Hill Robinson was born 25 December 1877, the daughter of John Gordon Hill (1848–1891) and Mary Elizabeth Williamson Hill (1852–1910). The 1920 census shows Edith as a young widow with three teenaged children and working as a teacher at a public school in Vincennes.

By 1930, the family had moved to Indianapolis. Edith was the head of the household that included her three grown children, a son-in-law, and her niece, Irene Adams. Margaret had married George Myrton Young on 22 February 1928 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. Edith was teaching at the School for the Blind, as was Margaret.

In 1935, Edith had moved back to Vincennes. Margaret and George were living in Hardin County, Kentucky. By 1940, Margaret and George were living in Gary, Indiana, where George was in private practice as a physician. Margaret's mother, Edith, was living with them then. Edith Hill Robinson died 5 July 1949 in Gary. Margaret and George still lived in Gary at the time of the 1950 census.

George (1904–1976) had graduated from Indiana University where he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He and Margaret were living in Griffith, Indiana, at the time of his death.

Margaret's younger sister, Edith Gordon Robinson, was born 28 October 1904. Edith married John Alfred Churchman (1905–2001) on 20 April 1935 in New York. They were living in New York City in 1940 where John was an insurance agent and Edith was a secretary for a chemical company. In 1950 the Churchman family lived in Evanston, Illinois, where John was an insurance salesman and Edith was a secretary for the insurance firm. They had a son, John R. Churchman. Edith and John were still living in Evanston in 1982. Edith died 15 November 1996 in Florida but was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Margaret's younger brother, William W. Robinson Jr., was born 4 December 1906 in Vincennes. In the 1940s he was living in Bridgeport, Connecticut, working at the People's Candy Company. At the time of the 1950 census, he was living with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two sons, David and William W. Jr. [III], in Fairfield County, Connecticut, where he was working as a foreman in the brake linings industry.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of photographic portraits that belonged to Margaret Robinson Young and were donated by her. Most of the photographs were taken in Vincennes, Indiana, where she was born and raised. Only two of the portraits are identified: one of herself and one of her sister as infants. Most of the rest of the photographs are likely of relatives. There is one portrait that was taken in Bloomington, Indiana, and another taken in Terre Haute, Indiana, with two portraits taken in unknown locations.

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