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**NEVA S. BELL  
COLLECTION, CA. 1894–1954**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half-size photographs box, 3 manuscript folders, 1 printed book

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1894–1954

PROVENANCE: Neva S. Bell, Indianapolis, IN

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES**

### **Bell**

Neva S. Fricke Bell was born in Michigan in 1916 to Eddie and Clara Fricke. The family later moved to Monroe, Adams County, Indiana. Neva attended Purdue University, where she met her husband Simeon Kenneth Bell (1913–2005). Simeon was born in Portland, Indiana, to Durbin Ward and Clara Bell. Bell graduated from the School of Pharmacy in 1937, and he and Neva married the following year on a commercial airplane. During WWII, Bell joined the Navy and served as a gunnery officer of a ship in support of the Normandy Beach Invasion forces.

### **Miller**

David Varner Miller (1836–1930) of Indianapolis married Verlinda Miller (1843–1900). Together they had three children: Lena A. (1865–1942), Willis Kise (1867–1955), and George Varner (1871–1960).

### **Stilz**

Fred D. Stilz (1870–1955) ran the Stilz & Miller Real Estate Company in Indianapolis with Willis Miller. Fred and his wife Pearl had a daughter Mildred (1904–1990). Mildred attended Butler University where she studied English.

### **Moore**

Richison Moore (1843–1941) was born in Marion County. He married Sarah Phaniel Lee (1850–1926). They had a son, Frank Moore (1874–1971) who married Edna P. Smith. Frank and Edna had a daughter, Helen (1901–1997).

### **Bridges**

William Lucian Bridges (1882–1977) was born in Indiana to Charles Wesley Bridges and Lavina Landers. Bridges attended Purdue University where he studied Civil Engineering. He graduated in 1904. He married Edna Travis in 1911. Together they had sons William (1912–2007), Franklin (1914–1979), and Richard (1915–1980). Like his father, Richard was also a graduate of Purdue University and attended around the same time as Neva and Simeon Bell.

Sources:

*Ancestry, Library Edition*, Accessed 14 August, 2018.

S.K. Bell Obituary, <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?n=sk-bell&pid=144243018>

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains fifteen black and white photographs of various people, many identified, most by Indianapolis studios (ca. 1894–1954, n.d.). Also within the collection is a LaRue’s restaurant flier (ca. 1940), a Bell Telephone Company pamphlet on good telephone speech (ca. 1930), pamphlets by Dr. George W. Crane regarding sex and relationships (ca. 1943), and a book titled “Our Journey through Africa” (Indianapolis, Ind., 1953).

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Mildred Stilz portraits, 1903–1917

David J. Miller baby portrait, ca. 1904

Helen Moore high school graduation portrait, 1920

Purdue Class of 1904, Alumni group portraits, ca. 1950s

David Varner Miller portrait, N.D.

George Varner Miller portrait, N.D.

Richison and Sarah Moore portraits, N.D.

Phillip Duvall portrait, N.D.

Mary Shorey Moore portrait, N.D.

Woman and horse, N.D.

Pamphlet on good telephone speech, ca. 1930

LaRue's Flier, ca. 1940s

Dr. George W. Crane Pamphlets, ca. 1943

*Our Journey Through Africa*, 1953

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