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**NOBLE B. WATSON  
MATERIALS, CA. 1870-1985**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 6 manuscript folders, 1 half-size photograph box, 1 color photograph folder, 1 artifact

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1870-1985

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RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Noble Butler Watson was born to Oliver Morton and Talulah (aka Luella, Lulu, Lula) Butler Watson on October 21, 1895. On August 25, 1934 Noble married Georgia Elizabeth Young, daughter of George and Mary (White) Young. Noble and Georgia had one daughter, Anne Watson, in 1939.

Georgia was the middle child with an older sister named Wilma and a younger brother named George. Their father, George Young, Sr., worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a traveling auditor and retired on June 1, 1938 after 46 years and 2 months of service. Mary, Georgia's mother, passed away in July 1956.

After Noble's participation in World War I, on March 29, 1922, he started WOH, Indianapolis' second radio station, sponsored by Hatfield Electronics Company. In the 1930s, Noble bought the Hillandale Tourist Lodges on Madison Ave. in Indianapolis and the Orchard Terrace Tourist Court 23 miles west of Indianapolis on U.S. 40. Later, in the 1940s, Noble and Georgia bought the CQ Motel in Kokomo, Indiana and moved from Indianapolis to Perry, Indiana. It wasn't until 1962 that the couple sold the motel and retired to suburban Indianapolis.

Noble passed away on May 16, 1972 in Greenwood, Johnson County, Indiana.

Sources:

Materials in collection.

Bodenhamer, David J., Robert G Barrows, and David Gordon Vanderstel. *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994.

Ancestry. "Noble B. Watson." *Ancestry.com*. Accessed February 12, 2015.

<http://goo.gl/MEDf3y>.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains materials about Noble Watson and his wife, Georgia Young Watson. The bulk of the collection contains photographs from the Hillandale Motor Court and Orchard Terrace Tourist Court. There are also photographs from a family friend's vacation that they went on with the Watsons possibly at the Watson's Hillandale cabins. There are also photographs of the CQ Motel in Kokomo, Indiana.

Noble's sister Dorothy Watson married Howard Walters. One color photograph in the collection is labeled "Howard, Wendy & Chuck (her husband)" and may be of one of their daughters, Wendy and her husband Chuck Larramore with Howard.

Included in the collection are the materials from the Young family, which contains Wilma's (Georgia's older sister) birth certificate, George Sr.'s retirement certificate, Georgia's application for veteran's widow benefits, and Mary's funeral service bulletin.

There are family genealogy papers from the Butler family, which is Noble's maternal heritage, and sketches done by Georgia. Also, there is a letter written from the FBI to Noble in response to his letter accusing a news company of defamation regarding his business.

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