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**OPAL AND OLIVE GREENLEE PHOTOGRAPHS
CA. 1908–CA. 1920**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Samuel Greenlee (1882–1970) and Bertha Gertrude Garrett Greenlee (1881–1960) married on 27 December 1899 in Blackford County, Indiana. Their twin daughters, Olive and Opal Greenlee, were born there on 26 June 1900.

At the time of the 1910 and 1920 censuses, the family lived at 508 W. Franklin Street in Hartford City in Blackford County. In 1920 George was selling Ford automobiles, Opal was a music teacher at home, and Olive worked as a bookkeeper. The 1930 and 1940 census records show Opal and her parents living at 224 Water Street in Hartford City. Opal was teaching music at home, and George was the owner of a garage.

After graduating from Hartford City High School, Opal studied piano and violin at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. She then studied at Carnegie Hall in New York City under Dr. A. Verne Westlake, and in 1936 she studied at the University of Colorado with Russian concert pianist Josef Lhevine. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and served as a page for the DAR in Washington, D.C., in 1928. She was a charter member of the Delta Theta Tau sorority, and a member of the National and Indiana Music Teacher Associations. Opal taught piano in her Hartford City home to hundreds of students, until past the age of 85. She lived in her family home on Water Street till the end of her life and was an active member of the Trinity United Church. Opal Greenlee died of pneumonia on 2 December 1997 at Blackford County Hospital, where she had been admitted the previous day. She was buried in Hartford City Cemetery.

Olive married Huerl H. Maddox, and on 6 September 1928 she gave birth to George Madison Maddox in Mishawaka, Indiana. By 1940 they had moved to Cassopolis, Michigan. Olive Greenlee Maddox died there on 26 September 1963.

Arl Garrett was a cousin to Opal and Olive. He was born 21 October 1895 to Nathan Silvanus Garrett (brother to Bertha Garrett Greenlee) and Emma Rinker Garrett. Arl married Dorothy May Certain in May 1917 in Montpelier, Blackford County, Indiana. They had three daughters -- Muriel, Mona Elaine, and Marjorie. By 1930 the family had moved to Indianapolis where Arl worked as an insurance agent. After Dorothy died in 1946, he married Janice Wright. Arl hanged himself on 13 January 1971. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Montpelier, Indiana.

Arl had a brother, Ima Garrett (1898–1983), who was a farmer in Blackford County. Ima was the father of Dwight Garrett, donor of this collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of three black-and-white photographs that were printed on postcards. Two of the photos show twins Opal and Olive Greenlee as children; one also includes their cousin, Arl Garrett. The other photo shows Opal Greenlee with two unidentified friends in the snow with her cousin Ima Garrett's horse-drawn cutter.

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Real photo postcard of Opal and Olive Greenlee, standing together in matching white or light-colored dresses and large bows in their hair [ca. 1908].

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Half of a real photo postcard of Opal and Olive Greenlee with their cousin, Arl Garrett. The twin sisters are dressed alike [ca. 1910].

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Real photo postcard (cut to smaller size) of Opal Greenlee and two unidentified friends in the snow with horse-drawn cutter owned by Opal's cousin, Ima Garrett, at his home [ca. 1920].

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