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**OPAL M. HILL
COLLECTION, CA. 1918-1938**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder, 6 photograph folders

COLLECTION
DATES: ca. 1918-1938

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Opal M. Fulton was born February 24, 1898 in Fountain City, Indiana to James E. and Maggie Mae Ellis Fulton. Opal was first married on October 19, 1914 to Ralph Franklin (1893–1977) at the age of sixteen. Their son, Ralph Julius Franklin Jr., was born April 21, 1916. By 1922, Opal and Ralph divorced.

On July 19, 1923 Opal married George Artis (b. 1891–ca. 1938) in Battle Creek, Michigan. George was a member of the El Zora Temple in Marion, Indiana. He had previously married Leona Nickles in 1915.

Shortly after George's death, Opal married Leon Eugene Hill (1893–1985) from Fort Wayne, Indiana. On August 13, 1979, Opal's son, Ralph, passed. Leon and Opal remained married until death. Opal died on December 21, 1985. Leon died in April 1985.

Sources:

Materials from the collection.

Ancestry. "Opal M. Fulton (Franklin) (Artis) (Hill)." *Ancestry.com*. Accessed April 22, 2015.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains papers of the Fulton, Franklin, Artis, and Hill families of Marion, Anderson, and Indianapolis, Indiana related to Opal M. Fulton Franklin Artis Hill.

Included are life insurance policies, a Shrine certificate, handwritten verse, and undated telegrams of congratulations to newlyweds Opal and Leon Hill.

The rest of the collection contains 38 photographic post cards and 45 assorted photo prints. The images pertain to a few black families in and around Marion, Anderson, and Indianapolis. They roughly date from the turn of the twentieth century through 1940. One of the postcard photographs is of the Big Four & Clover Leaf Bridge in Marion. There is no known connection between the visual materials and the manuscript materials other than they were found in the same home by the donor.

Two of the postcard photographs are of Opal, her two sisters, and her mother in July 1914. Another postcard photograph is of Delphia Casey, possibly one of Opal's friends, who died in May 1913. There is also one postcard that is written in 1910 by Ralph, Opal's first husband, to his brother, Harrison Franklin, in Morgantown, West Virginia.

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