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**RELFE FAMILY POSTCARD COLLECTION
1907–1931, N.D.**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Joseph Warren Relfe was born to Albertson and Virginia Relfe in Madison County, Indiana, on 25 August 1854. He married Mary Ann Buller (b. 5 January 1857; d. 12 January 1912) in Grant County on 22 February 1877. At the time of the 1880 census, the couple lived in the Fairmount Township of Grant County, where Warren, as he was called, worked as a farmer. Their children included George M. (b. 12 January 1878; d. 1 April 1881), Nellie Ann (or Nelly V.) Relfe Fast (b. 16 June 1880; d. 25 October 1913 in Oklahoma), Mary Ethel Relfe Woodruff (b. 10 March 1887; d. 25 November 1956 in Oklahoma), and Frank (b. 16 February 1882; d. 24 August 1969). After Mary Ann's death, Warren Relfe married Ida Ink in March 1915. Warren died 28 May 1932 in Fairmount.

Hannah Buller (b. May 1853) was one of Mary Ann's sisters.

Wilson Worth Relfe (b. 25 September 1856; d. 3 January 1937) was a brother of Warren.

Nellie Relfe Fast had two daughters: Mary Rachael Fast Hacker (b. 7 February 1909; d. 19 May 1997) and Helen May Fast Williams (b. 23 July 1911; d. 16 January 2003). Both were born in Fairmount and both died in Kansas.

Martha Albertson Relfe Hupp (b. 10 August 1850; d. 17 September 1928) was a sister of Albertson Relfe and an aunt of Warren. She was married to Dewitt Clinton Hupp and was the mother of Victor Hugo Hupp (b. 7 April 1890; d. 12 April 1952 in California), Daisy Hupp Cripe (b. 19 September 1879; d. 6 June 1964 in Florida), Mary Catherine Hupp Ross (b. 18 December 1875; d. 18 March 1949), and others. Daisy married Albert Orestes Cripe on 30 September 1908 in Madison County. Mary married Herman Ross on 26 February 1902 in Anderson, Madison County. Victor, Daisy, and Mary were Warren's first cousins. Victor served with the 334th Infantry Regiment, 84th Division, during World War I.

Dr. Joseph W. Patterson (b. October 1859; d. December 1913) was a physician in Fairmount. He graduated from the Medical College of Indiana in Indianapolis in 1889.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of twelve postcards with correspondence addressed to either or both Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren Relfe of Fairmount, Indiana. Ten of the postcards appear to have been written by relatives of the Relfes.

The cards all have views of sites in Indiana. Four are from Grant County, three from Madison County, two from Kosciusko County, one from Allen County, one from Jay County, and one from Indianapolis. Two are real photo postcards: one shows lodging by Tippecanoe Lake and the other shows the medical office of Dr. Joseph W. Patterson in Fairmount.

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Postcard of Allen County Court House mailed from Fort Wayne on 24 April 1907, addressed to Joseph W. Relfe, from his daughter, Nellie V. Relfe Fast. She mentions some accidents and "Uncle Worth" [Wilson Worth Relfe (b. 25 September 1856; d. 3 January 1937)].

"View of the Hospitals, Soldiers Home, Marion, Ind." mailed from Marion on 26 April 1910, addressed to Mr. Warren Relfe, from Hannah [possibly his wife's sister]. She writes about coming for a visit and wanting Warren to meet her at the depot.

"Glass Block, Marion, Ind." shows S.H. Knox & Co. 5 & 10¢ Store. Mailed from Marion on 13 September 1910, addressed to Mrs. Warren Relfe with the greeting "Dear Sister," from Hannah. She asks Mrs. Relfe [Mary Ann] if she has any crabapples to sell and wants her to ask Nellie "how much those wash machines cost."

Postcard of Beulah Park, Alexandria, Ind., shows houses. Mailed from Alexandria on 18 July 1911, addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Warren Relfe, from Mary Ross [Mary Catherine Hupp Ross, Warren's cousin]. She writes about a possible visit to the Relfes with her mother [Martha Relfe Hupp].

Postcard of Military Park fountain, Indianapolis, mailed in Indianapolis on 5 November [1911], addressed to Mrs. J.W. Relfe, from Nellie, who wrote while waiting for a train. She writes that they are all right but the children are tired, and she will write again in St. Louis. [This is probably from Mary Ann's daughter, Nellie Relfe Fast, referring to her children born in 1909 and July 1911; Mary Ann died in January 1912 and Nellie died in 1913.]

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"Harrison Street, Looking North, Alexandria, Ind." mailed from Alexandria on 14 June 1917, addressed to Mr. Warren Relfe, from Vic Hupp, with the greeting "Dear Cousin." He writes that he and his mother plan to visit soon.

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Postcard of Spencer House in Marion, Ind., mailed in Marion on 15 September [year unreadable, possibly 1915 or 1918], addressed to Mr. Jos. W. Relfe, from his daughter Ethel [Mary Ethel Relfe Woodruff]. She writes that she and Aunt Hannah plan to "be down on the car (about 7 o'clock) Sat. night.... Meet us in the Spring wagon and all come. Will get off at Fairmount. Aunt H. wants some cider."

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"Alexandria Paper Mill, Alexandria, Ind." mailed from Alexandria on 21 September 1918, addressed to Mr. & Mrs. J. Warren Relfe, from Daisy [Hupp Cripe, sister of Victor Hupp and cousin to Warren Relfe]. She writes about the good time her family had visiting them and "We had a card last Friday saying Victor's ship had landed safely over there."

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Real photo postcard of Tippecanoe Lake, mailed from Oswego, written on 20 July 1921 by Mary R [probably Mary Hupp Ross], addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Warren Relfe with the greeting "Dear Cousins." She writes that they have been at the lake for about two weeks but are going home soon, and for the Relfes to "be sure and come to see us this summer."

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"Aeroplane View of Winona Lake, Ind." mailed from Warsaw on Sunday, July 24 [year is unreadable but would have to be either 1921 or 1927], addressed to Mrs. Warren Relfe with the greeting "Dear Ida" [Warren's second wife], from Daisy [Hupp Cripe]. She writes: "Was sorry to hear that Warren is sick. I hope the girls will not worry you. We had a fine trip and heard Billie twice yesterday and went over yesterday afternoon and called on the Ross family." [Daisy's sister was Mary Hupp Ross.]

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Postcard of Methodist Episcopal Church in Portland, Ind., mailed from Portland on 13 January 1931, addressed to Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Relf [sic], with greeting "Dear friends," from M.F. Iliff [probably Reverend M. Frederick Iliff (1858–1942)], who mentions traveling through Jonesboro and stopping for dinner in Gas City before arriving home by 3 p.m.

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Real photo postcard of the office of Dr. Joseph Patterson in Fairmount, addressed to Mr. & Mrs. J W Relfe, from Dr. Patterson, with a greeting of "Merry Xmas," mailed on 24 December [no year visible].

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