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## **TAGGART FAMILY MATERIALS, CA. 1907-1928**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript folders, 5 folders OVA photographs, 2 folders photographs, 1 bound volume, 2 artifacts

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1907-1928

PROVENANCE: John Slater, Webster, NC

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Taggart for US Senator political button, R 2163; *History of French Lick Springs Hotel*, GT 3811.F835 H28 1953; 1904 Political Ribbon: Parker for President, Kern for Governor, Taggart as Chairman, R1632; 1904 Scrapbook, OMB 0030; 1929 Scrapbook, OMB 0031; Scrapbooks 1926-27 BV 3202-3208; *Thomas Taggart: public servant, political boss*, F526.T3 F33 1997; Thomas Taggart residence photographs ca. 1937, P 0111

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2009.0199

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Eva Taggart Slater Parsons was born Eva Taggart on August 5, 1923 to Thomas D. Taggart and Adele (Adella) Wilson Pringle Taggart. She was the granddaughter of Indianapolis mayor, U.S. Senator, and political boss Thomas K. Taggart (1856-1929). Thomas K. Taggart also built and operated the French Lick Springs Hotel, where he was succeeded as CEO by his son Thomas D. Taggart. The 1940 census lists Eva Taggart twice, living both in French Lick with her widowed father and in Indianapolis with her aunt, Lucy M. Taggart. Eva attended Indiana University and is listed in the 1943 yearbook as a Class of 1945 Kappa Alpha Theta pledge. It is unclear if she finished college, as she married Frederick Slater in 1944. She married once more and died Eva Taggart Slater Parsons on January 5, 2002 in Fletcher, North Carolina.

Sources:

From Ancestry.com: 1940 US census; 1943 Indiana University yearbook; Marion County, Indiana marriage records; North Carolina death records

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains documents, artifacts, and photographs related to Eva Taggart Slater Parsons, the granddaughter of Indianapolis mayor, US Senator, and political boss Thomas K. Taggart, who also built and operated the French Lick Springs hotel. Most materials are from 1907-28. Included are: a carved bust of Eva Taggart as a child; a photographic album of Eva Taggart as a child; one hand-colored photograph of Eva Taggart as a baby; one photograph of Eva Taggart as a child; a formal photograph of Thomas D. Taggart and Eva Taggart; a group photograph with Thomas K. Taggart, President Theodore Roosevelt, and other notables; a James Whitcomb Riley commemorative medal, a photocopy of Governor Samuel M. Ralston's letter appointing Thomas K. Taggart to the US Senate, and a scrapbook containing political news clippings from 1928. There is also a reference copy of: Slater, John, "The Power of Pluto Water: The Chicago Cubs, West Baden, and French Lick Springs (paper presented to the annual meeting of the North American Society for Sport History, French Lick, Indiana, May 24-27 2002).

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US Senate Appointment Letter, Thomas K. Taggart, 1916  
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Bust of Eva Taggart, ca. 1924

Hand-colored photograph of Eva Taggart, ca. 1924

Eva Taggart on a horse, ca. 1927

Formal portrait of Thomas D. Taggart and Eva Taggart, ca. 1927

Political Scrapbook, 1928

James Whitcomb Riley commemorative medal, n.d.

Reference copy: "The Power of Pluto Water: The Chicago Cubs,  
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4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC 3005).
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