WILBUR AND LOIS ARCHEY FRAZIER
FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS, 1900–1985

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Wilbur Frazier (1910-1995), the son of Levi and Georgia Etta Burden Frazier, was born in Springfield, Illinois. His parents met after Levi who lived in Illinois, moved to Henry County, Indiana. His mother, Georgia Etta grew up in Shirley (Henry County), Indiana. His siblings were William and Charles. Wilbur lived most of his life in Grant and Henry counties. He graduated from Fairmount High School. He worked at the federal post office in Knightstown for 43 years.

Lois Archey Frazier (1908-1982), the daughter of Charles and Ella Newsome Archey, was born and grew up in Henry County, Indiana. Her siblings were Oakley, Helen, Maude, and Wilbur (who died at the age of twelve) Archey.

Wilbur Frazier and Lois Archey married on December 23, 1934 in Anderson (Madison County), Indiana. They settled in Knightstown (Henry County) where they raised their two daughters, Wanda and Barbara. As young adults, Barbara settled in Anderson and Wanda moved to Indianapolis. Both Wilbur and Lois Frazier are buried at Glencove Cemetery in Knightstown.

Through extended kinship networks and intergroup relationships, the Archey and Frazier families were connected to several eastern Indiana counties, namely Grant, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Rush, Randolph, and Wayne. Many of the residents from these counties have a history that tie back to early black rural communities including the Beech, Roberts, and Weaver settlements in Rush, Hamilton, and Grant counties, respectively.

Sources:
Materials in the collection.


**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The primary focus of the collection is the Wilbur and Lois Archey Frazier family. There are several images of Wilbur from childhood through adulthood. There are also photographs of his wife Lois and their daughters, Wanda (and her daughters, Lisa and Natalie) and Barbara. Photographs of other family members include Wilbur’s father and mother, Levi and Georgia Burden Frazier, and his brothers, William (called Willie) and Charles Napoleon Frazier. Lois’s parents, Charles and Martha Ella Newsome Archey are also represented. There are images of several additional Archey and Frazier family members.

Photographs and other materials that pertain to other family or friend surnames such as Bass, Bassett, McKeon, and Trail are also contained within the collection. Many of the family names are associated with different early black rural communities in east central and eastern Indiana. Several of these families have a historical connection to the Beech Settlement founded in Rush County during the 1820s and unnamed black communities in Henry County.

The printed items included in the collection are a short biography of Henry County pioneer, William Trail, Sr., who had four sons enroll in the Civil War, and two books of poetry by Lawrence Carter (*The Voices*), a Beech resident who recorded information in notebooks about African Americans in Rush County, and Emma Weaver (*Gleanings*), a descendant of the Weaver Settlement in Grant County, Indiana. William Trail, Sr., a native of Maryland, who spent much of his youth in South Carolina, migrated to Fayette County, Indiana before statehood. He married Sarah McGown from Rush County, Indiana, in 1825 and they built their life in adjacent Henry County. The collection also contains a Babiak Electric Service wall thermometer.
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Babiak Electric Service framed thermometer and picture (home scene of mother, father with child in chair by window; cat on floor, adjacent to chair)
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