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## WILBUR AND LOIS ARCHEY FRAZIER FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS, 1900–1985

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: One box of photographs; five manuscript folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1900–1985

PROVENANCE: Wanda S. Smith

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: F0562, Lawrence Carter notebooks pertaining to Beech Settlement in Rush County; SC2883, William Trail, Jr. Letter, 1865; Xenia E. Cord, “Black Rural Communities in Indiana before 1860” in *Indiana’s African-American Heritage*, edited by Wilma L. Gibbs; and Stephen A. Vincent, *Southern Seed, Northern Soil: African-American Farm Communities in the Midwest, 1765-1900*.

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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.

Ancestry Library Edition, <http://www.ancestrylibrary.com/default.aspx> 2012 accessed on September 17, 2012.

Cord, Xenia E., "Black Rural Settlement in Indiana before 1860," *Indiana's African-American Heritage: Essays from Black History News & Notes*, edited by Wilma L. Gibbs. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1993.

Vincent, Stephen A. *Southern Seed, Northern Soil: African-American Farm Communities in the Midwest, 1765-1900*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1999.

## 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.

## **SERIES CONTENTS**

### **Series 1: Wilbur and Lois Archey Frazier Family**

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Wilbur G. Frazier, ca. 1910–1944, n.d.

#### CONTAINER

Photographs:  
Box 1 , Folder 1

Wilbur G. Frazier, et al., ca. 1925–1944, n.d.  
(Includes a photograph of a baseball team and a  
Fairmount High School football team, ca. 1925)

Photographs:  
Box 1 , Folder 2

Wilbur G. Frazier, et al. at Jubilee Days parade in  
Knightstown, Ind., ca. 1960s

Photographs:  
Box 1 , Folder 3

Wilbur and Lois Archey Frazier Family, ca. 1940s

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 4

Lois Archey Frazier, ca. 1930s-1940s, n.d.

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 5

Barbara Frazier Hope and the Madison Co., Indiana,  
Sheriff's Department, ca. 1970s

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 6

Wanda Frazier Smith and Family, 1985, n.d. (includes  
daughters, Natalie Maria Shaw and Lisa Gail Thomas)

Color Photographs:  
Folder 1

### **Series 2: Levi and Georgia Etta Burden Frazier Family**

#### CONTENTS

Levi Frazier, n.d.

#### CONTAINER

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 7

Levi and Georgia Etta Burden Frazier Family,  
ca. 1913–1930

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 8

Georgia Etta Burden Frazier, ca. 1902–1970

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 9

Georgia Etta Burden Frazier, 1977

Color Photographs:  
Folder 2

Charles Frazier, ca 1913–1935	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 10
William “Willie” Frazier, n.d.	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 11
Other Frazier family members, 1943, n.d. (Includes Orville and his daughter, Doris Jean in Elkhart, Ind.)	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 12
Frazier Family Coat of Arms	SC2882, Folder 1
Burden family members, ca. 1900, n.d.	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 13

**Series 3: Archey Family**

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Charles L. Archey, ca. 1910	TIN-TYPE
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Maggie Archey Jones, n.d.	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 15
Maude Martha Archey Woods, ca. 1925; ca. 1980	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 16
Oakley Archey, n.d.	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 17
Maurice and Helen Archey Bassett with daughters, Wilma and Nola, ca. 1940s	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 18
Mable Franklin, n.d.	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 19

**Series 4: Other Families and Individuals**

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Harold Eugene Bass Obituary, 1976	SC2882, Folder 3

John, Nettie, Francis, and Robert Hartnett

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 20

List of children of Archibald and Mary McKown, born  
from 1796 through 1814

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Barzillai Trail

Photographs:  
Box 1 , Folder 21

Tuttle Family, n.d.

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 22

Groups and Individuals

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 23

Beech Settlement Reunion

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 24

Mt. Pleasant Beech Church, Rush County

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Farm Scenes

Photographs:  
Box 1, Folder 25

### **Series 5: Publications and Artifacts**

Lawrence Carter. *The Voices*. Carthage, Ind.:  
Carthage Citizen Print, 1928

Pam Collection

[PS3505.A7928 V6 1928](#)

[William Trail, Jr.] *History of William Trail, Sr.*

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Emma Weaver. *Gleanings*. Knightstown, Ind.: s.l.,  
1917.

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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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## CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog:  
<http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, P0506).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.