

Collection #
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**WILLIAM HANDFORD HERSHMAN PAPERS
ADDITION, CA. 1915–1930**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Handford Hershman was born in Benton County, Indiana, on 20 July 1851. He married Sarah Jane Lyons of Brook, Indiana, on 3 July 1873. Together they had two children: Ara (b. 1875) and George (b. 1886).

Hershman began teaching school at the age of 18. Throughout his career, he taught in Newton County, Delphi, Attica, and New Albany, Indiana. He started at New Albany in 1894 and remained there for six years. While in New Albany, he implemented programs such as literary clubs. After leaving New Albany, William became president of Vincennes University, then went on to Hammond School.

In 1905, he quit teaching and took up farming. He bought land three miles south of Noblesville. Once called the Old Spannuth, he renamed the land White River Farm, as it was located on the east bank of the White River. He frequently did business with the nearby town of Tipton, Indiana. Hershman eventually sold the White River farm, buying another sixty-acre farm known as the Old Kroencke three and a half miles southwest of Columbus, and moved there in 1919.

At some point in his career, he also served as a curator for the Indiana State Museum. Hershman attended a short term at National Normal University in Lebanon, Ohio. He eventually graduated from Indiana University in 1898 with his A.B., one year after his daughter Ara graduated from the same university. After graduating from I.U., he attended two summers at Colonel Parker's Normal School and three terms at University of Chicago. He received his A.M. at the latter.

In his later years, Hershman developed Bright's Disease, among other health ailments, and died on 22 February 1931. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Brook, Indiana.

Sources:

Taken from *M1284: William Handford Hershman* collection guide.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This addition to the William Handford Hershman collection contains various drafts of books, poetry, and papers written by Hershman. None of these papers are dated with the exception of his speech on Abraham Lincoln, which he wrote in 1919. There are several sets of letters between Hershman and his family members, including his nephew, cousin, and sister. Also included are multiple sets of bible lessons written by Hershman between 1925 and 1926.

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