Provenance

Anonymous donation received by the Ralph W. Stark Heritage Center in 2015.

Background

The majority of this collection pertains to the family of Dr. Harvey and Onah (Pollard) Whiffing. Harvey was born in Boone County around 1891. Onah Pollard was born near Mechanicsburg July 11, 1890. Both graduated from Lebanon High School in 1909 and were married shortly thereafter. Harvey graduated from the Indiana Veterinary College in 1915 and practiced in Lebanon until 1950. Their adopted son, Morris, was born in 1923 to Andrew and Ida Fall. Harvey died August 12, 1963; Onah died July 14, 1971. Both are buried in Lebanon’s Oak Hill Cemetery.

Sources


Scope and Content

Series

I. Correspondence
   A. Morris Whiffing, World War II letters, 1942-1944
   B. Pearl and Carl, letters from Europe, 1953?-1960
   C. Miscellaneous correspondence

II. Deeds and Mortgage

III. Ration Books, World War II

IV. Education
   A. Class of 1909-1910-1911 Reunions
   B. Miscellaneous

V. Christmas Cards

VI. Miscellaneous, Documents
   A. Bank Notes
   B. Rotary Club
   C. Speech on Indiana history
   D. Other Miscellaneous

VII. Miscellaneous Objects

VIII. Photographs (in Photographs and Oversize Photographs collections)
A. Florida
B. Other Families
C. Other Trips
D. Pollard Family
E. Whiffing Family
F. Daguerreotype (in Special Collections Box 3)
G. Oversize

Series I contains letters written to the Whiffing family. Series I.A is comprised of letters written by Morris Whiffing who served in the US Navy during the Second World War. Series I.B contains letters to Onah from Pearl and Carl (their identity has not been established) written from various hotels around Europe.

Series II contains deeds to real estate in Washington Township near Mechanicsburg and Pike, papers for Onnalova Pollard’s grave at Oak Hill Cemetery, and a mortgage from the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Series III contains a variety of World War II-era ration books.

Series IV.A contains correspondence and newspaper clippings pertaining to runions for Lebanon High School Classes of 1909, 1910, and 1911; it also includes notes on members of the class of 1909. Series IV.B includes report cards and commencement programs.

Series V contains 25 Christmas cards. One is dated 1942, one is dated 1953, and the rest are undated. Many of the cards include pictures of families or homes.

Series VI.A contains receipts from Farmers State Bank, the Boone County State Bank, First National Bank, and Citizens Bank and Trust Company, all of Lebanon, dated 1919-1962. Series VI.B contains Harvey Whiffing’s Rotary membership card, host and hostess ribbons, and a newspaper clipping about a Rotary meeting. Series VI.C contains a handwritten speech about early Indiana history. The speech is undated and the author unattributed, but it may have been delivered during a reunion of the Buntin School near Mechanicsburg. Series VI.D contains other miscellaneous items, including: Harvey and Onah’s marriage certificate, an invitation to an Easter Dinner, a program for *Boone County Revue: A Comic Opera in Two Parts*, a bill to Samuel Artman from H. L. Simons for building work, the Report of Committee on Closer Affiliation of the American Veterinary Medical Association with State, Territorial and Provincial Associations, 1926, itemized account of the services for Onnalova Pollard from Bratton Bros. Funeral Home, Harvey Whiffing’s Selective Service Registration Card, Morris Whiffing’s Veteran’s Preference Certificate for New Farm Equipment, a Cooking Club program for 1943-1944, a certificate to Ona Whiffing for service in the Red Cross during World War II, State of Indiana Veterinary Registers for 1947 and 1955, Onah’s Woman’s Division of Christian Service membership card, stationery from Armstrong-Otterman insurance company,
Emily Whiffing name card, Onah Whiffing’s Voter’s receipt of transfer of registration, and notes on Whiffing genealogy.

Series VII contains a combination magnifying glass and letter-opener from Armstrong-Ottinger insurance company, Harvey Whiffing’s wallet, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Whiffing printing plate, four large metal buttons with photographs of Harvey and Onah, a deck of Haddon Hall playing cards featuring a picture of an early model for Mount Rushmore, and a series of cards with pictures of Custer State Park, South Dakota.

Series VIII, stored in the Photograph File, contains hundreds of photographs. Series VIII.A contains photographs of Harvey and Onah’s trips to Florida following Harvey’s retirement; the series includes photos of other Boone County families in Florida, including Hicks, Lawler, and Shirley. Series VIII.B includes photographs from the Ashely, Barrett, Beasley, Borell, Bratton, Clark, Cragun, Crose, Bake, Duff, Dull, Endicott, Fall, Ghere, Good, Greene, Hamilton, Hodgen, Hollaman, Jackson, Jordan, Kirby, Lafland, Langjahr, Lenox, Loeschner, Lyle, Moore, Mundell, Murphy, Myers, Padgett, Pelke, Perkins, Reagan, Reno, Roades, Richardson, Richmond, Sanders, Shirley, Shumacher, Simpson, Smith, Thompson, Tudor, Tyree, Walton, Whitlow, Wills, Winn, Withron, Worell, and Worley families; some of these families are only represented by one photograph. Series VIII.C includes photos of Whiffing family vacations. Series VIII.D contains photos of the Pollard family. Series VIII.E contains photos of the Whiffing family. Series VIII.F contains a single, unidentified daguerreotype. Series VIII.G contains oversize photographs, mostly of Harvey and Onah (including Lebanon High School photographs), but a few of the Allen, Fall, Langjahr, and Winn families. [Two photographs of the Inter Nos club were moved to the Clubs/Organizations/Societies photograph file; five postcards of travel locations were moved to the Postcard Collection.]

Access Restrictions: None; gloves required when handling photographs and objects.

Related Holdings: Family History Files--Whiffing. Special Collections--Lebanon High School Class Reunions; Schools, Commencement Invitations/Programs and Diplomas/Testimonials; Rotary Club. Vertical Files--Banks & Financial Institutions; Rotary Club; World War 1 & 2 Home Front

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