Collection Summary

Title
Clair and Collins Families Papers

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1881-1981

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4 folders

Name and Location of Repository
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Names of Creator
Collins, Evelyn
Edwards, Dorothy Clair

Biographical History
Dorothy Clair Edwards was born July 29, 1881 in Thayer, Kansas. Her family moved to the Independence, Missouri area during the early 1900s. Dorothy taught at the Kansas City Conservatory of Music in the Expression Department. She went on to establish the Clair School of Dance and Drama and operated the school for 25 years. Dorothy married James Edwards in 1925. She died December 5, 1981 at the age of 100.

Evelyn Collins was born in Jackson County, Missouri in 1893. She lived with her family in Independence, Missouri until her death and never married.

Scope and Content Element
Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement
These records are arranged in 4 series.

Series 1, Dorothy Clair at Kansas City Conservatory of Music, 1917-1981
  Item 1, Kansas City Conservatory of Music Yearbook, 1917-1918
  Item 2, The 1922 Follies Program, 1922
  Item 3, The Village Players Program, Feb 25, 1935
  Item 4, Calling Cards, undated
  Item 5, Follies: A dancing & dramatic revue Invitation Card, June 16, 1931
  Item 6, Follies: A dancing & dramatic revue Invitation Card, May 6, 1932
  Item 7, Follies: A dancing & dramatic revue Invitation Card, June 20, 1933
  Item 8, Letter to Mrs. Dorothy Edwards from Mayor of Independence, July 1961
  Item 9, Letter to Mrs. Dorothy Edwards from White House, July 1981

Series 2, Memorial Book for Dorothy Clair (Edwards), December 5, 1981

Series 3, Evelyn Collins Ephemera, 1913-1917
  Item 1, Piano Recital Program, October 1913
  Item 3, Christmas card from Evelyn Collins to Mrs. Clair, undated
  Item 4, Prayer Book, undated

Series 4, Miscellaneous Ephemera, 1881-1904
  Item 1, Wilson’s Opera House Program, 1881
  Item 2, Fort Scott report card, 1889
  Item 3, Fort Scott Certificate of Standing, 1889
  Item 4, Letter to Mrs. John Collins (Katherine Collins), May 1904
  Item 5, Scan of Owen McEnany, Jr. obituary, undated
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Notes
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