



## Collection Summary

### Title

Clair and Collins Families Papers

### Date

1881-1981

### Extent

4 folders

### Name and Location of Repository

Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

Reference code: MCG 1004-CCFP

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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

This collection consists of correspondence and ephemera for Dorothy Clair (Edwards) and Evelyn Collins including: opera program, report card, certificate of standing, letters, obituary, yearbook, programs, calling cards, follies invitations, envelope, photographs, memorial book, Catholic Girl's Guide, Christmas card, and prayer book. There are significant gaps from 1904-1913, 1922-1931, 1935-1961, and 1961-1981.



## 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), Dec ember 5, 1981

#### Series 3, Evelyn Collins Ephemera, 1913-1917

- Item 1, Piano Recital Program, October 1913
- Item 2, The Catholic Girl's Guide, 1917
- 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

## Rights and Access

### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research use by appointment.

### Physical Access

Most records within this collection are housed in file folders. Some documents are in plastic sheets and pictures are housed in original envelope.

### Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use

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### Languages and Scripts of the Material

Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

This collection was donated to the Midwest Genealogy Center.

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected for this collection.

### Existence and Location of Originals

Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

### Notes

The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the biographical history:

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