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INTRODUCTION

The papers of the Ford, English, Cunningham and related families include family correspondence, photographs and postcards, genealogical, school, and miscellaneous material. The correspondence contains references to World War I.

DONOR INFORMATION

The Ford Family Papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri on May 2, 2006 (Accession No. 6113) by Margaret M. Scherer.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Llewellyn B. Ford married Lucy May English on October 4, 1893. They had six children: Herschel, Margery A., Lillian Lee, Llewellyn B. Ford, Jr., Lucy Jane, and Hollie Frances. For a time the family lived in Lebanon, Kentucky.

Llewellyn B. Ford worked for a time as a Singer Manufacturing Company salesman. Both Herschel and Llewellyn B. Ford, Jr. (referred to as "L.B.") served in the military during the First World War. After the war, they both traveled throughout the western states, with Herschel eventually making his home in Helper, Utah. In the late 1940s, Lucy Jane also traveled selling newspaper advertisements.

Lucy May English (referred to as "Lula") later lived in both Columbia and Jefferson City, Missouri. Her husband, Llewellyn B. Ford, Sr. passed away in 1919.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers of the Ford, English, Cunningham and related families include family correspondence, photographs and postcards, genealogical, school, and miscellaneous material. The material is arranged into five series, which are all arranged chronologically: **Correspondence, Genealogical Material, School Material, Photographs and Postcards, and Miscellaneous Material.**

The **Correspondence** series consists of letters written among family members. Many of the letters were written in 1918 and 1919, by Herschel to his mother while he was with the Army in North Carolina and later France and Germany. The letters discuss living conditions, descriptions of airplanes, individuals he came in contact with, the Spanish Flu (Influenza), his questions regarding conditions at home, and his deep concern for his family, especially his father, who was ill at the time. There are a series of letters from L.B. Ford, Jr., also expressing his hope that the family is well. Other letters are from the Ford sisters, related family members and friends to either Herschel, their mother, Lula, or various other family and friends, discussing family matters, illnesses, children, and business.

The **Genealogical** material series consists of letters written by other family members, marriage announcements, obituaries, a death certificate for Hallie Frances Cunningham, property deeds, insurance certificates, banking register for Lula Ford,

enlistment and discharge papers for Herschel Ford, a birth certificate for Margery Lee Cunningham, some newspaper articles, and letters written to Lucy Jane Ford (Morlock) while researching her family history. There are also various genealogical notes and material, including a handwritten family genealogical chart, and information pulled from the internet.

The **School** material series consists of graduation announcements, plays, art exhibitions, student conferences, fraternity/sorority material, sports, and a certificate for Margery Cunningham. Also included is Lucy Jane Ford's 1922 Columbia High School yearbook, "The Cresset."

The **Photographs and Postcards** series includes assorted images of the Ford/English/Cunningham and related families. Included are photographs taken of Lula Ford and Llewellyn B. Ford, Sr., Herschel and L.B. Ford, Jr., in World War I military uniform, and a photo of Mayre Ford (wife of Herschel Ford) taken in 1921. The postcards are from various places the family members visited.

The **Miscellaneous** series includes entertainment program announcements, an L.B. Ford, Sr. business card, Christmas cards, WWI memos, humor, and the history of the 326th Field Signal Battalion.

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