

**McLean County Museum of History**

**Harley Graves Collection**

**Collection Information**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 Box
COLLECTION DATES:	1919-1995
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**Brief History**

Harvey Graves was born to Sam S. and Clara May Myers Graves in Randolph in 1911. He wed Lottie Whitenack in 1942 (died 1967); Lavon Elder in 1968 (died 1982); and Roberta Lonergan.

Graves worked as a route salesman for Normal Sanitary and Laesch Dairies. Later he worked in maintenance for Illinois State University, and finally as a court bailiff in Bloomington. He was a member of several local fraternal orders.

**Scope**

This collection includes personal correspondence, newspaper articles, genealogical information, photographs and slides, financial records, and other memorabilia.

## Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: Biographical and Education

- 1.1 Birth announcement for Harley Meyers Graves
- 1.2 Birth announcement for Patricia Jean Holmes
- 1.3 Final report card Harley Graves, 7th grade, 1922-1923
- 1.4 Final report card Harley Graves, 8th grade, 1923-1924
- 1.5 Report card Harley Graves, Junior year 1937
- 1.6 Heyworth Community High School Commencement Exercises 1928
- 1.7 Brown's Business College, Bloomington, Illinois 1937, four items
- 1.8 Class President's Address, "What I owe to My Country, my Classmates, Teachers and Friends: Preamble, 8th Grade, unknown author and source

### Folder 2: Military

- 2.1 Selective Service Card notice to appear for physical examination for Harley M. Graves 1941
- 2.2 Selective Service Card notice of classification, 1941
- 2.2 Selective Service Card notice of classification, 1942
- 2.3 Selective Service Card registration certificate, 1944
- 2.4 Mileage ration identification Folder, 1944
- 2.5 War Ration Book Two, 2 undated
- 2.6 Application for war ration book three, 1943
- 2.7 Ration Book Holder (household)
- 2.8 University of Illinois Engineering Science and Management War Training Program, 1944
- 2.9 The Japanese Government ten pesos
- 2.10 Irish Free State Hospitals' Sweepstakes Ticket

### Folder 3: Harley M. Graves, Chauffeur

- 3.1 Certificate of title of a motor vehicle
- 3.2 Conditional Sale Contract 1939, paid 1940 Laurence Rust seller, Harley M. Graves Buyer
- 3.3 State of Illinois Chauffeur's License for Harley M. Graves, 1939

### Folder 4: Correspondence

- 4.1 Correspondence from Harley to his sister Bonnie, January 18, 1932
- 4.2 Correspondence from Harley to his sister, date missing.
- 4.3 Correspondence from Harley to "beloved sister," December 19, 1924. 2 sheets.
- 4.4 Correspondence to S.S. Graves, March 19, 1919
- 4.5 Correspondence to Employees of F.W. Woolworth Co from F.W. Woolworth, December 24, 1930
- 4.6 Correspondence from Fairy to Harley Graves, postmarked 1931
- 4.7 Correspondence from S.S. Graves (signed Fairy) to Harley Graves, postmark 1934
- 4.8 Correspondence to Harley Graves, January 19, 1939

- 4.9 Correspondence from Elsie, Iris, and Aunt Nettie, 1939
- 4.10 Correspondence from Fern Graves to Harley Graves, February 7, 1939
- 4.11 Correspondence from Betty to Harley, February 12, 1939
- 4.12 Correspondence from Fern Graves to Harley Graves, 1939
- 4.13 Correspondence from Betty Jean Graves to Harley Graves, postmarked 1939
- 4.14 Correspondence to Harley Graves from Fern Graves, February 15, 1940
- 4.15 Correspondence from Mom and Dad Graves to Harley Graves, January 1942
- 4.16 Correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Graves to Harley and Roberta October 1966
- 4.17 Correspondence to "Spud"
- 4.18 Correspondence from Bonita Jordan to Harley Graves
- 4.19 Correspondence from Betty Jean to Loatie and Harley
- 4.20 Correspondence from Funks Grove Cemetery Association to Mr. Graves, April 24, 1995
- 4.21 Postcards, eleven items dated between 1910-1944

#### **Folder 5: Newspaper Articles**

- 5.1 "W.H. Roland to Take Flight With Col. Lindbergh Today," Pantagraph, February 2, 1929
- 5.2 "Meets Fine People, Including a Husband, in Washington," Pantagraph, May 15, 1945
- 5.3 ALFI News February 26, 1954
- 5.4 "Roland's To Mark Anniversary: First Birthday Party for Store Founded in 1909," Pantagraph, 1954
- 5.5 "Honor Teachers of the Year," Prairie Farmer, September 5, 1959
- 5.6 "Fairy G. Martin" obituary, Pantagraph, April 5, 1995
- 5.7 "Legacy on the auction block," Pantagraph, June 8, 1995 2 copies
- 5.8 "Merchant Dies," unknown sources
- 5.9 "Graves families invited to reunion," unknown sources
- 5.10 "Harley M. Graves and Miss Loatie Whitenack Wed," unknown sources
- 5.11 "Lytleville School," photograph, The Heyworth (ILL.) Star
- 5.12 "Holmes Beach man lived up to family tradition," unknown sources
- 5.13 Nierstheimer Bros. Chas O. Schultz advertisement, unknown sources

#### **Folder 6: George Hopkins Graves**

- 6.1 Pages for a Graves Family History--Descendants of George Hopkins Graves-- Harley M. Graves (b. 1911), Stephen Wade Graves (b. 1949), Sarah Elizabeth Graves (b. 1988), Charles Randall Banner ( b. 1959), Janette Marie Camden (b. 1968), Clifford Eugene Banner (b. 1939), Altha Louise Fulton (b 1908), William R. Veatch (b. 1945), Paul Gordon Graves (b. ?)
- 6.2 Biographical information about William I. Hopkins

### **Folder 7: Myers History**

- 7.1 “\*Olden B. Myers: Roots” compiled by Mrs. Bonita Graves Jordan (Walter) First printing 1968 second printing 1978
- 7.2 “Olden B. Myers” compiled by Bonita Graves Jordan August 1, 1968. Harley’s copy

### **Folder 8: Miscellaneous**

- 8.1 Bill for Ambulance from James J. Moran & Sons Funeral Directors Decatur IL 1934
- 8.2 John M. Hayes, MD Decatur, IL Bill for House Calls, 1934
- 8.3 Raffle Ticket for Aragon Ballroom, 1935
- 8.4 Complimentary Dance ticket, 1942
- 8.5 Annual Myers Reunion, 1982
- 8.6 1998 Myers Family Reunion
- 8.7 Business card Willis Restaurant Griffin, Georgia
- 8.8 Addresses for members of Myers family

### **Loose Items**

#### **Box of slides**

Family gatherings and vacations, unknown dates.

#### **Cash book 1931-1933**

Itemized list of all expenditures by Harley M. Graves

#### **“My School-Day Autobiography”**

Belonged to Harley M. Graves. Contains names and addresses of classmates, handwritten notes addressed to Harley M. Graves dated 1928.

#### **Account book for Federal Credit Union Number 1047**

Belonged to Harley M. Graves. Dates February 1943- November 1944 with deposits and withdrawals.

#### **Photographs**

Vacation to New York and Washington DC. Including United States Senate Chamber ticket for 1968 signed by Everett McKinley Dirksen, photograph at John F. Kennedy gravesite, White House, the Statue of Liberty, and New York City skyline.

#### **Photo Album**

Inside cover “Myers Reunions”  
Two address labels for Harley M. Graves  
Photographs of reunions at Miller Park, Bloomington, IL 1980 and Forest Park, Bloomington, IL 1981  
News clippings about reunions  
News article “Educator retiring, but will stay active,” Pantagraph July 29,

1984

News photo of Mrs. Fairy Martin and a quilt, 1976

News clipping, "A matter o f principal," Pantagraph November 12, 1984

**"An Evening with Beatrice Lillie with Reginald Gardiner" undated magazine**

Includes articles "A Show is Born: the idea simmered for three years before "an evening with Beatrice Lillie" lighted a stage," "An evening with Beatrice Lillie: Star's formula for fun stems from talent for observation, by Milton Bracker," "Reginald Gardiner: a wondrous jester returns to Broadway after 17 years before the Hollywood cameras," "Beatrice Lillie: she and Reginald Gardiner appear in a funny and expert miniature show," by Brooks Atkinson, "Edward Duryea Dowling: the story of an impresario who came up the hard way," "Humorous Anecdote," and "Rolf Gérard."