



Preacher Family Photograph Collection (SP0131)

Collection Number: SP0131

Collection Title: Preacher Family Photograph Collection

Dates: 1889-1954

Creator: Preacher, Isabel Martin, 1911-2007

Abstract: The Preacher Family Photograph Collection includes family photographs collected and owned by Isabel Martin Preacher. The photographs are dated from 1889 to 1954, and the family names include Grant, Martin, Preacher, Rivers, and Roth. The collection also includes unidentified family photographs taken at photography studios in Christian, Greene, Jasper, and Lawrence counties of Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.5 cubic foot
(13 folders, 162 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Isabel Martin Preacher was born August 18, 1911, in Marionville, Missouri, to Margaret E. Merritt and Henry Martin. She and her family moved to Hopewell, Florida in 1914, where she graduated from Plant City High School and Florida Southern College. Isabel married George J. Preacher in 1933 and taught in Hillsborough County, Florida, for nearly 47 years. She passed in 2007 in Hopewell, preceded by both parents, her husband, her sister Helen Frances West, and both her niece and nephew. She is buried in Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into 13 folders.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection includes family photographs collected and owned by Isabel Martin Preacher. The photographs are dated from 1889 to 1954, and the family names include Grant, Martin, Preacher, Rivers, and Roth. Grant and Roth family photographs include both group and individual photographs of family members from 1912 to 1925. The Martin family photographs include a photograph of Frank Martin dated 1889. Of particular note, is an undated photograph of a man, possibly Harry Martin, posing in front of a large totem pole in Sitka, Alaska. On the back of the photograph is a handwritten note describing the totem pole and how the United States government, through the Works Progress Administration (WPA), collected the original totem poles in southeast Alaska and reset them along the trails of the national park, now known as the National Historical Park.

The Preacher family photographs include photographs either taken of the Preachers or at the Preacher house in Plant City, Florida from 1939 to 1947, including a trip to the Bok Tower Gardens. Many of these photographs feature Isabel Preacher and her family members, including extended family members such as Hattie and Alfred Roth. Folders 11 through 13 contain photographs of unidentified groups and individuals that were taken at Missouri photography studios. The studios include those in Aurora, Billings, Carthage, Ferguson, Marionville, Mount Vernon, and Springfield, with one dated around 1910. The collection has been arranged by family and then chronologically.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Grant Family, 1912, 1925, no date
	f. 2	Clarence Grant, 1925, no date
	f. 3	Lottie Beulah Roth Grant, 1954, no date
	f. 4	Twila Grant Freeman, no date

f. 5	Martin family, 1889, no date
f. 6-7	Preacher family, 1939-1947, no date
f. 8	Rivers family, no date
f. 9	Roth family, no date
f. 10	Harriet "Hattie" Roth, no date
f. 11-13	Unidentified photographs, 1910, no date

Index:

Index Terms	Folder	Image
Bahe, Tamara Jean "Tam" Flanders, 1936-2011	1	Yes
Bok Tower Gardens (Polk County, Fla.)	6-7	Yes
Christian County (Mo.)	13	Yes
Fairbanks (Alaska)	7	Yes
Freeman, Twila Ruth Grant Flanders, 1906-1987	1, 4	Yes
Grant family	1-4	Yes
Grant, Jasper Clarence "Clarence," Jr., 1907-1977	1, 2	Yes
Grant, Lottie Beulah Roth, 1885-1978	1, 3	Yes
Greene County (Mo.)	13	Yes
Jasper County (Mo.)	13	Yes
Lawrence County (Mo.)	13	Yes
Martin family	5	Yes
Martin, Frank	5	Yes
Plant City (Fla.)	6-7	Yes
Preacher family	6-7	Yes
Preacher, George G.	6-7	Yes
Preacher, Isabel Martin, 1911-2007	6-7	Yes
Rivers family	8	Yes
Roth family	9-10	Yes
Roth, Alfred S., 1860-1936	6-7, 9	Yes
Roth, Harriet "Hattie" F. Farmer, 1865-1943	6-7, 9-10	Yes
Springfield (Mo.)	13	Yes
Totem poles	5	Yes
West, Helen Frances Martin, 1904-1981	6-7	Yes