

Foulk Photo Collection

Collection # 7.004

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COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection Number: 7.004

Collection Title: Foulk Photo Collection

Dates: c. 1900

Size: 1 box (.25 linear ft.)

Creator/Collector: Ella (Foulk) Converse

Acquisition Information: Gift of Vicki Golden, 2017

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

Custodial History: Materials originally belonged to Ella (Foulk) Converse, and ended up passed down to Dortha (Foulk) McDonald. Dortha gave this collection of family photographs to her niece, Vicki Golden, who then donated them to Archives and Special Collections Department.

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: Local History Room, Archives and Special Collections Department, Decatur Public Library, Decatur, Illinois.

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Conservation Notes: Not applicable.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Dortha Foulk McDonald gave this collection of family photographs to her niece, Vicki Golden, who in turn donated them to the Local History Department at Decatur Public Library. Ms. Golden's grandfather was from Illinois, and his aunt, Ella Foulk Converse lived in Decatur with her husband, Burton E. Converse. These were her photos originally.

Ella Foulk Converse was born Ella Foulk near Benton, IL on January 26, 1876. She married Burton E. Converse on October 6, 1895. Burton was associated with the Douglas County Telephone Company for 29 years before becoming the Vice President and manager of the Standard Telephone Company in Decatur in 1927. He died on July 27, 1940. Ella was a member of a Baptist Church near Benton, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Decatur Chapter No. 111 for 50 years. She died on March 29, 1955 after being found unconscious in her home at 724 W. Main St.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains photographs of Foulk family, and Decatur and Macon County from around 1900. The collection is .25 linear feet, and includes biographical information and photographs from a family album.

The collection was originally received in a large envelope in the mail. There was no discernible original organization to the collection. The collection was organized as it was received.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

I. Biographical Information

This series contains information on the life of Ella (Foulk) Converse.

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Biography	Box 1	ff. 1

II. Photographs

This series contains photographs from a family album. Most are not dated, but many are labeled with descriptions.

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Foulk Family Photo Album		ff. 2