



Peoria County Genealogical Society

Finding Aid for

Ford Collection

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Creator of the family genealogy donation: JoAnn Ford of Farmington, MN

History or Biographical Information related to donor/collection:

JoAnn Ford was born in Peoria on 21 February 1931 to **Harold Reding and Ada Marie Hankins Ford**. She was baptized at First Christian Church in Peoria on 17 June 1945. JoAnn graduated from Dunlap High School Dunlap, IL in 1949 and Bradley University with a BFA, June 1953 and was later employed as a Commercial Artist. Residences included Illinois, Utah, and Minnesota. Her church affiliations included Christian Church and the United Methodist Church. She remained unmarried. (Notes found within Ms. Ford's research binder #22.)

JoAnn Ford's Obituary: **JoAnn Ford**, age 86, of Farmington, was born on February 21, 1931, passed away March 22, 2017. Born in Peoria, IL and moved to Farmington, MN in 1986 to live with her sister **Harriet Daily**. Formerly employed by International paper from 1953-1986. Preceded in death by her parents, **Harold and Ada Ford**; sister, **Wilma Ford** and brothers, **John Ford and Bill Ford**. JoAnn is survived by beloved sister, **Harriet Daily**; nephews, **John (Bev) Ford, Rick Ford, Tom (Nancy) Daily, and Bill (Becky) Daily**, and grandnephew/God child **Sean Daily**. A Funeral Service will be held 11 AM Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Farmington Methodist Church, 710 8th St. Farmington, with a visitation one hour prior to service. Interment, Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials will be donated to Alzheimer's Foundation of America, Farmington Methodist Church, or a charity of your choosing. (JoAnn Ford obituary retrieved online at White Funeral Homes at https://www.whitefuneralhomes.com/obituary/4171203?fh_id=11395; retrieved 28 June 2021 by KMH.)

In addition to this large family history collection, JoAnn Ford self-published a 360-page book in 1993 called *Descendants of William Ford I and Harriet Thompson Ford and some related families 1800-1995*. Patrons can find this book in the Peoria Public Library's Main Branch Local History/Genealogy Department at call #929.9 FOR.

Abstract:

Surnames: Ford, Shepler, Frye, Trowbridge, Calkins, Clevenger, Hankins, King, Hillyer, Concannan, Yard, Long, Evans, Wright, Levering, Speers, Conover, Reding, Pinkney among others

Contents: vital records, photographs, biographies, family group sheets, correspondence, original sources, research notes and much more

Acquisition Information: Ms. Ford's collection includes 29 binders of organized research and photographs, already in sheet protectors. Volunteers removed staples found within the collection, but otherwise the collection has stayed intact. It is not clear when those notebooks were donated to PCGS. Three of those binders are filled with grocery orders and receipts. Those, the 1855 John Shepler Day Book, 1865 Cash Book and the Debit Journals were part of the collection that notes indicated was given to PCGS leaders Donna Neuhaus in September 1994 and to Marge King in December of 1994.

Deed of Gift: Inside each binder is a note donating the collection.

Access: To access this collection, patrons will need to ask the librarian at the Local History/Genealogy Department at the Peoria Public Library Main Branch. You will be able to see one binder at a time. You can also prearrange a visit with a PCGS volunteer by using the Contact Us on the website: www.peoriacountygenealogy.org.

CONTENTS LISTING: *29 binders, 1 plastic file box, 2 books and a set of Debit Journals*

Binder 1/29: Peoria County Cemeteries & Census
Binder 2/29: Shepler/Frye Correspondence
Binder 3/29: The Trowbridge Genealogy
Binder 4/29: Trowbridge/Calkins
Binder 5/29: Clevenger Connections
Binder 6/29: Hankins/Clevenger Correspondence
Binder 7/29: Clevenger Hankins Genealogy Book No 1
Binder 8/29: Hankins Hillyer Book No 2
Binder 9/29: Hankins John Nelson's grandfather Book No 3
Binder 10/29: Hankins Workshop
Binder 11/29: Concannan
Binder 12/29: Volume I Yard, Long, Evans, Wright, Hankins, Ford Genealogy
Binder 13/29: Volume II Wright
Binder 14/29: Taylor County, TN Cemeteries
Binder 15/29: 1949 Eagle Crest Dunlap High School Yearbook
Binder 16/29: Levering/Speers/Frye
Binder 17/29: Conover Reding Pinkney
Binder 18/29: Frye Shepler
Binder 19/29: Ford misc.
Binder 20/29: Ford History Book #1 William Ford I, William Ford II, William Ford III
Binder 21/29: Ford History Book #2 Maud Ford Rotchford Family, Winnie Irene Ford, Mabelle Ford Miller family, Neva Ford Crowling family
Binder 22/29: Ford History Book #3 Harold R Ford family
Binder 23/29: Trip to the British Isles May 16, 1993-June 1, 1993
Binder 24/29: Fayette County Genealogical Society
Binder 25/29: Misc
Binder 26/29: Old Unidentified Photos
Binder 27/29: Grocery Orders & Receipts from the William Ford Grocery 529 Main Street, Peoria, IL 1869-1885
Binder 28/29: Grocery Orders & Receipts from the William Ford Grocery 529 Main Street, Peoria, IL 1885-1891
Binder 29/29: Grocery Orders & Receipts from the William Ford Grocery 529 Main Street, Peoria, IL 1891-1896
Blue file box: misc.
1855 John Shepler Day Book through 1858
1865 Cash Book (owner unknown)
1862-1866 Debit Journals of William Ford

Folder/Box number	Description
Binder 1/29 Peoria County Cemeteries & Census 24 Aug 1998	ISGS Prairie Pioneer Certificate Harold Reding Ford IRAD research, 1973 Peoria County Township maps, census and Peoria county cemeteries
Binder 2/29 Shepler/Frye Correspondence <i>JH Scanned</i>	Heinrich Frey Family Association Obituaries, correspondence, research, census, family tree
Binder 3/29 The Trowbridge Genealogy	<i>History of The Trowbridge Family in America</i> by Francis Bacon Trowbridge, New Haven, Connecticut 1908 with post-it notes from JoAnn, large 848-page book
Binder 4/29 Trowbridge/Calkins Surnames: Trowbridge, Lockwood, Fellmore, Calkins	Trowbridge correspondence, Trowbridge & Calkins Genealogy, <i>Ancestry of Henry Beers Trowbridge & Mary "Polly" Calkins</i> by JoAnn Ford 1996 Family group sheets, letters, histories, maps, DAR, original photos, Bible record, 1894 letter, 1870 class record, 1884 railroad Wm. Ford Shipper, 1887 receipt, letter, original will, news clippings, Trowbridge & Harrington stationery (517 St Peoria), Calkins generation chart, biographies
Binder 5/29 Clevenger Connections	Correspondence, family tree, family group sheets, negative research, Many issues of <i>Clevenger Connections</i> 1991-1998
Binder 6/29 Hankins/Clevenger Correspondence	Surnames: King, Clevenger, Hankins, McKeehan, Hillyer, Ford, Elliott, Hurst, Whiting Photos Hankins, many marriage licenses

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Binder 7/29 Clevenger Hankins Genealogy Book No 1	Locations: Fayette Co, Ohio; Lee Co, Iowa; Taylor Co, Iowa; Lemon Co, Iowa
Clevenger Tab	Correspondences, family tree, ancestor chart, map, photos, family group sheets, obituaries, biographies, DAR application, military research, pension records, histories. <i>Clevenger Pioneers & Descendants</i> by George N Griffith 1980
Hankins Tab	Family group sheets, histories, copies of records
David & Jane Clevenger Hankins Tab	Family group sheets, copies of records
	Other surnames; Hickenhooper, Thompson, Large, McKeehan, King
	Copies of photos, histories, obituaries
Binder 8/29 Hankins Hillyer Book No. 2	Hillyer photo negatives, divided by family groups, includes family group sheets, copies of records, original photos
	Letters, obituaries, newspaper articles, death certificates, photos, Bible records
Binder 9/29 Hankins John Nelson's grandfather Book No. 3	Family group sheets, obituaries, photos, records, news clippings, JoAnn's parents' obituaries, lots of original photos
Note: Fayette Co Genealogy Society	
Binder 10/29 Hankins Workshop by Pauline Hankins Skeggs	Newsletters from 1984-1998
Binder 11/29 Concannon	Family chart, lineage chart, histories, biographies, family group sheets, research, letters, photos, obituaries, copies of original records

Binder 12/29 Volume I Yard, Long, Evans Wright Hankins Ford Genealogy	Wright film, negatives inside cover, <i>Supplement to Ancestor of Jonathan Evans</i>
	Wright family history, family chart, maps <i>Yard Family Record</i>
	Wright family group sheets, history, will, letters, <i>The Casto Story & Casto Collections 1985</i> Long: family group sheets, letters
	Wright: photos, records, history, letters, records index Evans/Hixon: family group sheets, letters, veteran records, photos, biographies
	Clark: photos, family group sheet, histories, articles, obituaries
Binder 13/29 Volume II Wright Gideon/Sarah; Long/Wright Harold Reding Ford/Ada Marie Hankins Joseph Yard Wright	Family group sheets, photos, original marriage certificate, obituaries, records, biographies, letters, wills Includes JoAnn Ford's birth certificate and photos.
Binder 14/29 Taylor Co. TA Cemeteries	Cemetery records, census, family group sheet
Book 15/29	<i>1949 Eagle Crest Dunlap High School Yearbook</i>
Binder 16/29 Levering/Speers/Frye	<i>Frey (Fry) Family Association Journal</i> 4 issues <i>HFFA News</i> , Heinrich Frey Family Newsletter Research, descendancy chart, DAR application

Binder 17/29 Conover Reding Pinkney	Surnames: Conover, Reding, Simonson, Pinkney
	Research, family group sheets, military research, will, original photos, pension, correspondence, probate, obituaries, birth and death certificates, burial bills, newspaper articles, Dr. bills (1868), transcribed letters (1863), original letters with stamps

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Binder 18/29 Frye/Shepler	Surnames: Shepler, Frye, Reding
	Census, Adm bond original, family group sheets, wills, biographies, letters, research, lineage, obituaries, Business directory records, probate, photos, marriage license, death certificates, family newsletter, original photos, maps, original letters & transcribed ones, funeral card, appraisement bill, Frey Family Assoc. Journal
Binder 19/29 Ford misc.	Surname: Ford 1908 Guest Book, Birth and death records, insurance policy, letters, obituaries, research notes, news articles, probate, family group sheets, music sheet and books, Irish ephemera, 1987 <i>Hilltopics</i> (Bradley University)
Binder 20/29 Ford History Book #1 William Ford I, William Ford II, William Ford III	Surname Ford, Reding, Harrington
List of who received copies. "There are 3 big Ford history books. This book contains some of the original articles, birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage certificates used in the 1800-1955 Ford History Books."	Family history, Bible records, news articles, 1 st Christian Church 1955 dedication book, 1973 ground breaking, photocopies, 1891 Church of Christ membership, timelines, citizenship, city directory biographies, family group sheets, probate, Springdale Cemetery, Ford grocery store ephemera, photos of grocery store, deed, obituaries, original photos, census, death index, birth, death, marriage certificates

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Binder 21/29 For History Book #2	
Maud Ford Rotchford family, Winnie Irene Ford, Mabelle Ford Miller family, Neva Ford Crowling family	Similar contents to Book #1 (Binder 20/29)
	Also, Peoria High School Class of '91 Class Day, honorable discharge announcement
Binder 22/29 Ford History Book #3	
Harold R Ford family	Similar contents to Book #1 (Binder 20/29)
	Also, baby journal, telegram, 1970 Farmington High School graduation, 1939 Farmington High School class Photo, DAR, War ration coupons, 100 Years in Dunlap booklet
Binder 23/29 Trip to the British Isles May 16, 1993-June 1, 1993	Photos, journal of trip
Binder 24/29 Fayette County Genealogy Society	Newsletters 1987-1993
Binder 25/29 Misc	Photo negatives, original photos, articles, Clifton family group sheet, McCurdy family group sheet, Dewey School photo copies 1922 & 1926, Wilkinson commission original 1777, DAR
Binder 26/29 Old Unidentified Photos	Copies, originals of photos with research notes
Binder 27/29 Grocery Orders & Receipts from Ford Grocery 529 Main Street Peoria, IL, #1 1869-1885	Ford store photo 1892, obituary, original orders & receipts
Binder 28/29 Grocery Orders & Receipts from Ford Grocery, 529 Main Street Peoria, IL, #2 1885-1891	

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Binder 29/29 Grocery Orders & Receipts from Ford Grocery, 529 Main Street Peoria, IL #3 1891-1896	
1855 John Shepler Day Book through 1858	This is a book and not in a binder.
1865 Cash Book (owner unknown)	This is a book and not in a binder.
Wm. Ford Debit Journals 1862-1866	Several thin workbooks kept together in an envelope.
Blue plastic file container	Surnames: Cowling, Ford, Frye, Shepler, Evans
	List Ancestors of JoAnn Ford, ISGS Probate record index, family group sheets, family association newsletters, correspondence

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