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CAROLINE DUNN COLLECTION, CA. 1870–1992

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	Manuscript Materials: 2 document cases, 2 oversize folders Visual Materials: 1 box of photographs, 4 folders of color photographs, 1 OVA box of graphic works Artifacts: 2 items
COLLECTION	Ca. 1870–1992

DATES:

PROVENANCE: Mary Dick and Caroline Dunn, no date; Caroline Dunn, Greenwood, Ind., 1975, 1980, 1991; Estate of Caroline Dunn, 1994; Robert G. Barrows, Indianapolis 1995

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Jacob Piatt Dunn Collection (M 0089); See catalog for published works.

ACCESSION NUMBER: 0000.0714, 1975.0706, 1980.0711, 1991.0787X, 1994.0992, 1995.0709

NOTES: Some visual materials were formerly located in P0004 and P0062.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Caroline Dunn (1903–1994) was born in Indianapolis, the daughter of Jacob Piatt Dunn and Charlotte Elliott Jones Dunn. Her father was State Librarian, secretary of the Indiana Historical Society, and author of *Greater Indianapolis* (1910) and *Indiana and Indianans* (1919).

Caroline Dunn attended Benjamin Harrison School #2 in Indianapolis and graduated from Shortridge High School and from Butler University (A.B. 1923). While in college she worked in the Children's Department of the Indianapolis Public Library. After college she worked four years in the School Libraries Department of the Indianapolis Library; she then went to Columbia University, earning a library science degree in 1928.

From 1928 to 1936 Caroline Dunn was librarian of the public library in Connersville. In 1936 she returned to Indianapolis as reference librarian at the State Library, and from 1939 to 1973 she was also librarian of the W. H. Smith Library of Indiana Historical Society. She also served from 1940 to 1990 as secretary of the Society of Indiana Pioneers.

In 1970 Indiana University, as part of the dedication of its new library, gave Miss Dunn the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters. She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church, and an active member of the Indianapolis Woman's Club. She wrote many short articles. Her longest work was a booklet published in 1937 on her father's work on the language of the Miami Indians.

Jacob Piatt Dunn, Jr., (12 April 1855–6 June 1924) was born in Lawrenceburg, Indiana and moved to Indianapolis in 1861. He graduated from Earlham College (1874) and the University of Michigan. Dunn's career included practicing law in Indianapolis, and prospecting for silver and working as a news reporter in Colorado. Dunn is recognized as a historian, journalist, politician, and ethnologist. He published a large number of historical works, and as an ethnologist he studied the Miami language and created a dictionary.

Aquilla Jones a native of North Carolina born 8 July 1811 spent his later years as a state treasurer and member of the

legislature. A personal friend of vice president Thomas Hendricks, he was also appointed postmaster at Indianapolis. He was married twice, first in 1836 to Sarah Ann Arnold, she died soon after, then in 1840 he married Harriet Cox. They were the aunt and uncle of Caroline Dunn's mother.

Sources:
Materials in the collection.
Ancestry.com *United States Federal Census*
Encyclopedia of Indianapolis. Bloomington: IU Press, 1994.
Reference Room Collection: F534. I55 E4 1994
Dunn, Jacob Piatt. *Greater Indianapolis*, Vol. II. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1910. General Collection: F534.I55 D8 1910

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains correspondence, club and church papers, historical notes, travel materials, and photographs and prints from the period 1875–1992.

Series 1 contains Correspondence arranged chronologically, 1887–1992. Within it are postcards written by her father to her when she was a child. There are also Christmas cards from various years including some made by her friend Indiana artist Floyd Hopper.

Series 2 Papers hold some records of Dunn's school and college work. There is a copy of her 1937 booklet on her father's work in the Miami language, records of her honorary doctorate at Indiana University in 1970, a Woman's Club paper of 1992 containing reminiscences of older club members including Dunn.

Series 3 Historical Notes contains historical notes, several of these are about personal experiences, records of the Society of Indiana Pioneers, and families.

The collection concludes with Series 4, Visual Materials and Artifacts. The photographs date from the 1870s to the 1960s. The formats represented include cabinet cards, cartes de visite, tintypes and studio portraits. There are photographs of Caroline Dunn alone and in groups, of family groups, of summer resorts in New York and Wisconsin. There are also portraits of Caroline's parents and other family members, including Aquilla and Harriet Jones, as well as friends of her parents.

Other photographs include early views of Indianapolis and the Dunn home, and color snapshots of the City-County Building and tunnel to the State Office Building under construction in 1960. The collection also contains postcards of Indiana scenes and the 1913 flood in Indianapolis, and original and reproduction graphic works.

The two artifacts are an Onyx clock and candelabra. These were gifts to Jacob Piatt Dunn, Jr. and Charlotte Elliott Jones from officials at the State House at the time of their marriage on 23 November 1892.

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Caroline Dunn in cap and gown, [1970]

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Portrait of Caroline Dunn, unidentified photographs
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Pennsylvania Railway workers, ca. 1910–1940

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Construction photos of tunnel to State Office
Building, State Library and Historical Building,
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Color Photographs:
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Defrichemens (cleared land) [etching and relief half
tone of rural scene with log cabin, three men clearing
land of logs, print from book, 2 copies] n.d.

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The Mustacheless Stranger [ink drawing of a man
seated at desk smoking a cigar, on verso note written
"Gaar Williams. Cartoon in News. White Jape was
City Controller. Mr. Williams sent it to me J.P.D."]
n.d.

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Onyx clock and candelabra, gifts to Jacob Piatt
Dunn, Jr. and Charlotte Elliott Jones at the time of
their marriage, 23 November 1892

Artifacts:
1991.0787X

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 0667).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.