

**Collection #
SC 3104**

**D. GENEVIEVE CONWAY
PAPERS, 1915–2004**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 2 manuscript folders, 1 photograph folder, 2 color photograph
folders

COLLECTION
DATES: 1915–2004

PROVENANCE: Doris Jane Conway, Indianapolis, Indiana, July 2004

RESTRICTIONS: None

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FORMATS:

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HOLDINGS:

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NUMBER: 2004.0425

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Doris Genevieve Smith was born to Herb and Lottie Smith on December 17, 1907. The family, which consisted of Genevieve, her parents, and older sister Lucille, moved to a farmhouse at the edge of the Southern Indiana town of Birdseye soon after Genevieve was born. Her father was a business man who made money in a variety of ways, including through a movie theater, livery stable, poultry house, farm, buying and selling iron, and an ice house.

Her father left the family when she was 16 years old. Genevieve and Lottie could not afford to live in Birdseye because of the debt Herb had left, so they traveled to Cincinnati and got jobs in a window shade factory, and afterward in a playing card factory. They had moved to Indianapolis by 1930.

Genevieve met Chester Conway (June 14, 1904–Feb. 1977) through their church in Indianapolis and they were married on June 6, 1936. Chester wanted to go to medical school in China but could not afford to because of the depression; instead, he worked as a postman while attending Indiana University medical school.

Genevieve and Chester had three children: Doris Jane, John Michael, and Kathleen. Genevieve died on February 25, 1999, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is buried under a shared headstone with Chester in Washington Park Cemetery East, in Indianapolis.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

Ancestry. "Doris Smith." *Ancestry.com*. Accessed Mar. 3, 2015. [Ancestry](#).

Ancestry. "Chester Conway." *Ancestry.com*. Accessed Mar. 3, 2015. [Ancestry.com](#).

"Dr Chester C Conway." *Find a Grave*. Accessed Mar. 3, 2015.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=68162082&ref=acom>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Doris Genevieve Smith Conway's scrapbook contains a 65-page typed account of her life. The scrapbook also contains photographs which, for preservation purposes, were separated and placed in two folders: black and white photographs and color photographs.

The collection also contains materials written and compiled by members of Genevieve's family. Her daughter, Doris Jane Conway's notes on Genevieve's life consist of a succinct representation of Genevieve's type-written account, Doris Jane's introduction to Genevieve's account, and photocopies of photographs.

The second folder contains a scrapbook compiled by Genevieve's daughter-in-law, Marcia Conway, the wife of Genevieve's son, John Michael. It includes paragraphs about Genevieve's life, as well as color photographs of Genevieve and her family.

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Doris Genevieve Smith Conway scrapbook, ca. 1990.

Doris Jane Conway notes on Genevieve's life, 1992–2004.

Doris Genevieve Smith Conway scrapbook (black and white photographs, ca. 1915–30).

Doris Genevieve Smith Conway scrapbook (color photographs, ca. 1915–74).

Marcia Conway scrapbook, 1996.

CONTAINER

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Folder 1

Color Photographs:
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