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## JAMES BEAUCHAMP FUNERAL SERVICE LEDGERS, 1911-1939

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder, 2 bound volumes.

COLLECTION DATES: 1911-1939, 1950-1951.

PROVENANCE: James L. Beauchamp Jr., Lees Summit, MO, February 2017.

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

James L. Beauchamp (1878-1959) was the son of Milton and Emma Beauchamp of Hillsboro in Fountain County, Indiana. James worked on his family's farm, taking a share in the wheat crop, until he married Mary Doyne Stephens (1882-1959) also from Hillsboro, Indiana. James and Mary moved in together after their marriage in 1902. Their son Paul Beauchamp was born in November 1903.

The Beauchamp family moved onto their own small farm in Perrysville, Indiana. After an accident that left him permanently injured, Beauchamp sold the farm and found a job at a furniture store and undertaking shop in Covington, Indiana. While working at the undertaking shop, James went to Indianapolis to learn the art of embalming in order to open his own funeral service store in Perrysville. By 1911, James had established a new funeral service shop in Hillsboro, Indiana. The Beauchamp funeral shop remained successfully in business until the Great Depression hit them in 1935. In the following years, James owned and worked in a variety of shops in Hillsboro, Indiana. These shops included a movie theater, furniture store, the Sugar Cream Creek Station, and a gas station. The Beauchamp family remained in Hillsboro for rest of their lives. Mary and James died within a few months of each other in 1959.

Sources:

Material in collection.

*Ancestry*, Library Edition, accessed 12 October 2017.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains two funeral service expenses for James Beauchamp's Funeral Service of Perrysville, Indiana, 1911–1939. It also includes a short family history titled: "Hillsboro Indiana, 1950 a short biography of the Beauchamp Family," Hillsboro Indiana. 1950: record of descendants of J.S. Stephens," and "Hillsboro Indiana, January 1951: part 3" written by Mrs. James Beauchamp.

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