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**L. ROY ZAPF COLLECTION  
CA. 1890–1972 (BULK 1890S–1906)**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 half document case of photographs, 2 OVB graphics folders, 2 printed items, 1 ephemeral item
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1890–1972 (Bulk 1890s–1906)
PROVENANCE:	Purchased from Raymond M. Featherstone, Jr., in August 2002.
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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**NOTES:**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

L(ewis) Roy Zapf was born 22 October 1884 in Delaware County, Indiana, the son of Jacob (b. 1855) and Lydia (Green) Zapf (b. 1854). Census records indicate that Jacob was born in New York, although an item in the collection states that he was born in Indiana. Jacob worked in the furniture business and as a cabinet maker.

There is some confusion about Roy's siblings. One source states that he was the third of four children. There is a photograph in the collection identified as being of Roy Zapf with brother Lacy (or Lacey) and sister; the girl appears to be the youngest. The 1900 census lists Jacob and Lydia with no children, but with a "boarder" named Harry Zapf (born September 1880 in Ohio) and his wife, Laura. In the 1910 (Alabama) census, Harry and Laura are still living with Jacob and Lydia, but are listed as son and daughter-in-law. In 1920, Jacob and Harry and their wives are all living in Georgia, but not together. No census record was found that showed Lewis Roy, Lacy, or a daughter living with Jacob and Lydia. Lacy Courtland Zapf was born ca. 1882, but appears to have been a junior at Muncie High School the same year that his younger brother Roy was also a junior there.

L. Roy Zapf graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, in 1906. He received a master's degree in diplomacy from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in 1909, and a law degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., in 1912. He practiced law in the District of Columbia until returning to Indiana around 1914–15. He practiced corporate and commercial law in Indianapolis, and maintained his practiced until he retired in 1968. He also served as a law professor at the Indiana Law School in Indianapolis, teaching courses in international and constitutional law, trusts, and conflict of laws from 1918 until 1945. He was also corporation attorney and vice-chairman of the board of directors of Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

Roy Zapf married Mabel Rose on 21 October 1910, and they had a daughter Margaret Rose Zapf (later Mrs. Kennard K. King). He was a founder of the Indianapolis Morris Plan and the Hillcrest Country Club, and a member of the Downtown Optimist Club (elected "Outstanding Member" in 1950), the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity (along with his brother Lacey while at DePauw), the Indiana and Indianapolis Bar Associations, and the Columbia Club. He attended Meridian Street United Methodist Church. He enjoyed gardening and owned a farm in Hendricks County, Indiana. He died in April 1972 at the age of eighty-nine.

**Sources:**

Items in the collection.

Psi Phi of Delta Kappa Epsilon. "Psi Phi Chapter: The Brothers 1891–1910" ([http://www.godeke.org/Psi\\_Phi/Ancestors\\_1891\\_1910.htm](http://www.godeke.org/Psi_Phi/Ancestors_1891_1910.htm)). Accessed 8 March 2006.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of materials relating to L. Roy Zapf, a Delaware County, Indiana, native and an Indianapolis attorney, and some of his family members. The collection is arranged into series as detailed below.

**Series 1, Photographs:** This series consists of seven black-and-white photographs, including one of Roy Zapf as a child (about age 7) with his brother and sister, one of him during his high school years (about age 16), and one of him at age 65. One photograph is identified as being of Roy Zapf's grandparents, but does not indicate whether they are his mother's or father's parents. The other three photographs were identified simply as Zapf family members. Most of the photographs were taken in Muncie, Indiana. All but the one of Roy Zapf at age 65 were taken around the 1890s or 1900.

**Series 2, Muncie High School Yearbooks:** This series is composed of two issues of the *XYZ Annual* – from 1902 and 1903.

**Series 3, Manuscripts, Clippings, and Ephemera:** This series includes a photocopy of a newspaper obituary for Roy Zapf, two typed pages of biographical information about Roy Zapf, a 1900 certificate with Roy Zapf's name entered as a Muncie High School Cadet, Roy Zapf's 1906 diploma from DePauw University, and the 1906 commencement program for DePauw.

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### Series 1: Photographs

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Roy and Lacy Zapf with their sister, ca. 1891 (cabinet card photo by A.G. Arrasmith of Muncie, Ind.).

Roy Zapf as Muncie High School cadet, dressed in uniform and holding a bugle horn, ca. 1900 (cabinet card photo by Arrasmith of Muncie, Ind.).

Unidentified Zapf family member: man with a dark beard (cabinet card photo by Arrasmith of Muncie, Ind., n.d.).

Seated man with white beard and standing woman in dark dress, identified as Roy Zapf's grandparents. Written on back: "Father & Mother" (cabinet card photo by Arrasmith of Muncie, Ind., n.d.).

Unidentified Zapf family member: man with unkempt hair and beard and a pipe in his mouth (cabinet card photo by M.D. Goodlander of Muncie, Ind., n.d.).

Unidentified Zapf family member: older man with glasses and a beard, seated with a book at a table

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(mounted photograph, unknown photographer, n.d.).

Roy Zapf with “Outstanding Member” award from the Indianapolis Optimist Club, 6 September 1950 (photo by George Tilford of the *Indianapolis News*).

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## Series 2: Muncie High School Yearbooks

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*XYZ Annual*, June 1902. Includes photographs of the faculty and of students in the graduating classes of 1902, 1903, 1904, and 1905; various clubs, and athletic teams. Also includes advertisements from local businesses. Lacy Zapf is listed as the treasurer for the class of 1903. Roy and Lacy Zapf are listed as members of the junior class in Kappa Alpha Phi. They are both listed on the XYZ staff: Roy as literary editor and Lacy as business manager. Roy and Lacy are both listed in the boys’ tennis club, of which Roy was president. Many of the photographs are by Neiswanger.

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*XYZ Annual*, 1903. Includes photographs of the graduating classes of 1903, 1904, 1905, and 1906; various clubs, athletic teams, and the school building. Also includes advertisements from local businesses. Roy and Lacey (sic) Zapf are listed as alumni members of Kappa Alpha Phi. Faculty members are listed but not pictured. Many of the photographs are by Neiswanger.

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## Series 3: Manuscripts, Clippings, and Ephemera

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Photocopy of obituary: “L. Roy Zapf Was Ex-Bank Director” (*Indianapolis News*, 17 April 1972, page 20).

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Two-page typed biographical sketch: “L. Roy Zapf, Attorney-at-Law, Peoples Bank Building, Indianapolis, Indiana,” Indiana State Library Clipping File Biography, 16 October 1948.

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Certificate appointing Roy Zapf as a Third Sergeant of the Muncie High School Cadets for the school year 1900–1901. Dated 9 October 1900, and signed by W.R. Snyder, Supt., Walter E. Ervin, Princ., and Wilbur Ryman.

OVB Graphics, Folder 1

Diploma for Roy Zapf’s bachelor’s degree (“*Liberalium Artium Baccalaurei*”) from DePauw

OVB Graphics, Folder 2

University, dated 13 June 1906, with a bright orange seal affixed. Signed by Edwin Holt Hughes, President, and fourteen professors.

Program for DePauw University's sixty-seventh annual commencement, 13 June 1906. Includes a schedule of activities for June 5–13, but no names of graduates. Commencement speaker is listed as "the Rev. William A. Quayle, D.D., Chicago." This was for Roy Zapf's graduation.

Ephemera: 2002.0721

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