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**LESTER E. CAMPBELL
MATERIALS, 1937–2001**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 half-size document boxes

COLLECTION DATES: 1937–2001

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NOTES: WPA Recreation Training Releases

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Lester Elmore Campbell was born in Indiana to Charles and Ada Campbell on 3 June, 1899. He and his wife had three sons, Robert, Dewitt, and Duane. In 1937, Lester requested that a friend of his, Hugh A. Barnhart, write a recommendation for him regarding an appointment to a job in the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Mr. Barnhart complied and Lester attained employment in the Recreation Department for the WPA in South Bend, Indiana. Lester also sang in a quartet with his three sons, and wrote poetry. Lester Campbell died on 18 October, 1951.

Sources: Materials in the Collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of 2 letters, 1 photograph, 1 photo-copy of a newspaper article, 4 scrapbooks and 1 booklet. The letters regard Lester Campbell's request to be considered for a job with the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the photograph is one of Mr. Campbell taken circa 1940. The copy of a newspaper article from the New Albany Tribune, dated 14 August, 1947, indicates that Lester and his three sons, forming The Campbell Quartette, would be performing at Union Station in Indianapolis for the New Albany-Monon Centennial Celebration as well as at the Royal Order of Moose national convention held in Columbus, Ohio. The booklet originated in 2001, when Lester's grandson, Doug Campbell, consolidated some of Lester's poems into a booklet he titled 'Lessays'

The four scrapbooks contain typewritten training instructions and information for Recreation personnel from the WPA of Indiana, located at 1200-02 Kentucky Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana. Scrapbook 1, consisting of 287 hand-numbered pages, includes a history of recreation, pre-entry and in-service training guides, program planning ideas, training procedures, and community organization suggestions. There are also articles on recreational activities appropriate for different age groups and sexes as well as recreational calendars with suggested dates to use for celebrations. This is a compilation of information from various state WPA Recreation groups including Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, as well as several town organizations in Indiana.

Scrapbook 2, with 145 hand-numbered pages, contains information on games and activities for young children and pointers on furnishing/supervising a game room and game ideas designed with few rules which allow many participants to 'win.' Samples of age-appropriate stories and play are included.

Scrapbook 3, with 276 hand-numbered pages, primarily focuses on special events such as dances, picnics and mixers. Suggestions for party games are provided, and much discussion revolves around Special Day and Event options such as Christmas parties/crafts /carnivals and Easter, Halloween and summer events.

Scrapbook 4 contains 88 hand-numbered and 12 type-numbered pages focusing on drama, puppets, and music. The book also covers bicycles, youth hostels, nature clubs, camping and hiking. Eleven plays, primarily related to Christmas, and 16 stories that can be read to children are included, although many of these are duplicates of those found in scrapbook 2.

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Scrapbook

Scrapbook

Scrapbook

Letters, poems, newspaper article and photograph

CONTAINER

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Box 1, Folder 1

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