MARGUERITE MOFFITT ROSS REAGAN PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1910-1922

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF 1 half box of photographs, 1 manuscripts folder

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marguerite Moffitt Ross Reagan (13 July 1895-7 May 1924) was born to Mary Moffitt and Frank M. Ross in Pine Village, Warren County, Indiana. Marguerite was an only child and grew up in Oxford, Indiana where her father worked as a carpenter/contractor. She attended Oxford High School, graduating in 1912. After her high school graduation, Marguerite passed the exam to become a teacher and she began working for Oxford schools. She taught 7th grade and then eventually became the physical training director at the school. It also appears that she spent time taking classes at Indiana University during the summer of 1918 and 1919. On January 31, 1920, Marguerite married the Assistant Principal at Oxford, George William Reagan in Shelbyville, Kentucky. In 1922, Marguerite and George moved to Putnamville, Indiana, where George was taking a new job. On April 22, 1924, the couple welcomed a daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) in Urbana, Illinois. A few days later, Marguerite passed away on May 7, 1924 and Mary Beth was sent to live with her grandparents.

Sources:

Materials in the collection.

Ancestry.com

Oxford Gazette and Fowler Benton Review via Newspaperarchive.com

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This collection contains an album of black and white photographs that belonged to Marguerite Moffitt Ross Reagan. Photographs in the album feature Marguerite and what are presumably her friends, family, and students. There are snapshots of Oxford High School staff and students, outdoor adventures hiking and fishing, and travels to Illinois and Michigan. Most notably there are a few snapshots from what looks like a parade welcoming home servicemen from World War I in Bloomington, Indiana, as well as a few scenes with friends around Indiana University. Also contained in this collection are a few family portraits that are presumably of the Ross family, as well as some copies of genealogical information and newspaper clippings giving some historical background on the Ross family.

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