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## WILLIAM HANDFORD HERSHMAN PAPERS 1893-1920

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

William Handford Hershman was born in Benton County, Indiana on July 20th, 1851. He married Sarah Jane Lyons, of Brook, Indiana, on July 3, 1873. Together they had two children, Ara (1875) and George (1886). Hershman began teaching school at the age of 18. Throughout his career, he taught in Newton County, Delphi, Attica, and New Albany, Indiana. He started at New Albany in 1894, staying for 6 years, where he implemented programs such as literary clubs. After leaving New Albany, William became president of Vincennes University, then went on to Hammond School. In 1905, he quit teaching and took up farming, buying land 3 miles south of Noblesville, once called the Old Spannuth. He renamed it White River Farm, as it was located on the East bank of the White River. While there, he frequently did business with the nearby town of Tipton, Indiana. Hershman eventually sold the White River farm, buying another 60 acre farm known as the Old Kroencke, 3.5 miles southwest of Columbus, and moved there in 1919. At some point in his career, he also served as a curator for the Indiana State Museum.

William attended a short term at National Normal University in Lebanon, Ohio. He eventually graduated from Indiana University in 1898 with his A.B., one year after his daughter, Ara. After graduating from I.U., he attended two summers at Colonel Parker's Normal School and three terms at University of Chicago. He received his A.M. at the latter. In his later years, Hershman developed Bright's Disease, among other health ailments, and passed on February 22, 1931. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery in Brook, Indiana.

Sources:

*Ancestry, Library Edition*, Accessed 31 May, 2017

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The bulk of this collection contains essays and manuscripts written by Hershman, along with an autobiography, and a school book register used as a scrapbook for poetry clippings. The "Civil War Story" essays had been sent to publishers Bobbs-Merrill Co. Most essays within the collection are not dated.

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