

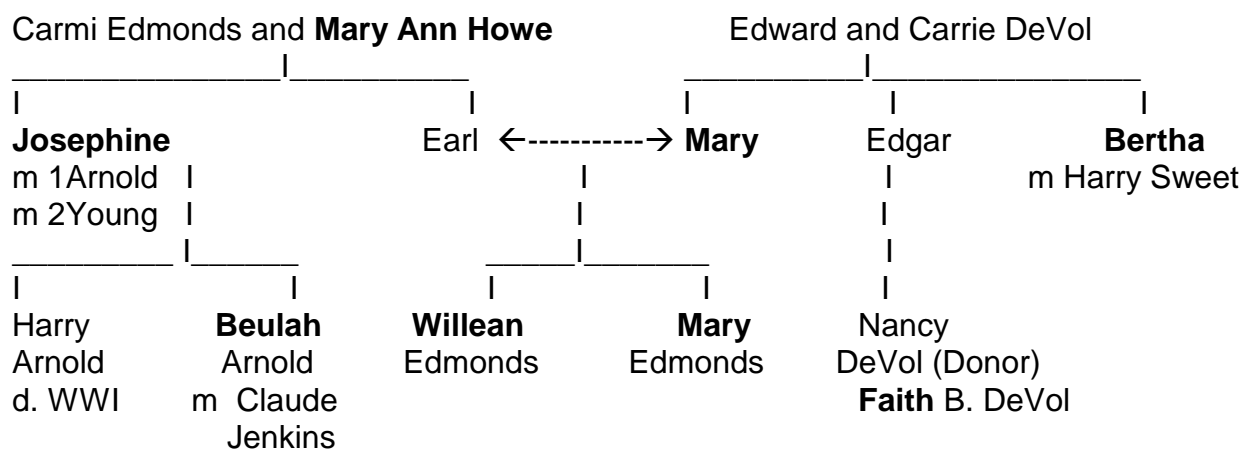
DeVOL / EDMONDS / JENKINS FAMILY COLLECTION

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library – The Folklife Center
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Members of the DeVol, Edmonds and Jenkins families
- Title:** DeVol/Edmonds/Jenkins Family Collection
- Dates:** 1905-1992
- Abstract:** This collection contains documents, memorabilia, photos and newspaper clippings compiled by several generations of an extended family in Glens Falls, NY.
- Quantity:** 1 cubic foot; 3 boxes
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

The following is a diagram of the relationship of the various persons of significance in this collection:



Mary Louisa DeVol was born in May, 1887, a daughter of Edward and Carrie DeVol. She grew up in Glens Falls, where Edward was variously a carpenter, a poultryman and, eventually, a janitor – first at a church and later at Crandall Free Library. Edward died in 1918 and Carrie in 1920 and they are buried in Glens Falls Cemetery.

Mary graduated from Glens Falls High School in 1906. She married Earl Edmonds in December 1911, and they had two daughters, Willean Louise, born 1912 and Mary Elizabeth b. 1923. Willean graduated from Glens Falls High School in 1931 and Mary in 1941.

Earl's sister Josephine married twice and had two children by her brief first marriage: Harry and Beulah Arnold. Harry died in 1918 in World War I. Beulah married Claude Jenkins and died in 1933. The scrapbook in this collection was put together by Beulah, who was a first cousin of Willean and Mary on their father's side. The donor of the collection, Nancy B. DeVol, is a first cousin of Willean and Mary on their mother's side.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

This collection contains documents, memorabilia, photos and newspaper clippings compiled by several generations of an extended family in Glens Falls, NY. Three generations of women in the family graduated from Glens Falls High School and the collection includes high school graduation memorabilia, diplomas, or yearbooks from 1906, 1931, 1941 and 1953.

INDEX TERMS

- Places:** Glens Falls, Warren, NY
Greensburg, PA
- Important People:** Arnold, Harry 1892 - 1918
DeVol, Mary Louise (Mrs. Earl J. Edmonds) 1887- 1957
DeVol, Carrie W. J. 1862- 1920 (Mrs. Edward DeVol)
DeVol, Edward 1855-1918
DeVol, Bertha 1889 – 1961 (Mrs. Harry C. Sweet)
DeVol, Edgar D. 1885 – 1952
DeVol, Faith Bowen ca.1935
Edmonds, Earl J. 1887 – 1971
Edmonds, Willean Louise 1913 -
Jenkins, Beulah 1893 – 1933 (nee Arnold)
Young, Josephine Arnold 1869 - (nee Edmonds)
- Form/Genre:** Photos, news clippings, scrapbook, yearbooks and school memorabilia, post cards, photographs

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred Citation: De Vol/Edmonds/Jenkins Family Collection

The Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library
Glens Falls, NY.

Accession Information: This collection was donated to the Folklife Center by Nancy B. DeVol
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747-2441
It was donated in three batches in 2011 and 2012; additional material was donated in August 2013 and July of 2014. A further donation was received from Nancy B. DeVol, via Maury Thompson of the *Post-Star* of Glens Falls, in June of 2015.

Processing Information: Arranged and described by Erica Wolfe Burke, June 2013, 2014, 2015

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Box 1

Series 1: Family and Ephemera

1. Balloon Festival
2. Crandall Library
3. DeVol, Faith Bowen: 1953 Red & Black yearbook
4. DeVol, Mary Louisa: High School Graduation, 1906
5. Edmonds – Draft registration, ration books, etc.
6. Edmonds, Willean Louise: 1931 Red & Black yearbook
7. Edmonds, Willean Louise: "Iroquois" Spring 1931
8. Edmonds, Willean Louise: Class of 1931
9. Edmonds, Mary Elizabeth
10. Ephemera
11. Glens Falls – Ephemera and Postcards
12. Schools
13. Song books
14. Young, Josephine Arnold nee Edmonds
15. Notarized family chart made by Nancy B. DeVol in 1994.

Series 3: Photographs

One album, compiled by the arranger, containing a few family photographs, 2 post cards, and many snapshots of local places and events, including the International Arts and Culture Festivals in City Park in 1985 and 1986.

From 2014 donation: 13 small photos, mostly of the Hudson River and Lake George (1911 and 1923).

From the 2015 donation: photos of Harry Arnold, E.J. Edmonds, and other family members.

Box 2**Series 2: Newspaper clippings bulk 1952, 1942-43**

1. Banks
2. British Royal Family
3. Church
4. Crandall Library
5. Glens Falls + vicinity
6. Local History including High School reunions
7. Marriages/Wedding Anniversaries
8. National and Political
9. Prof. Richard A. Moss
10. World War 2 – mostly local soldiers
11. 1942-43 NOT World War 2
12. Draft Contingents (group photos of inductees). Copies have been added to the binder Group Portraits of Inductees, HOLDEN 974.751 Gro, and will be added to the index to that volume.

Series 5: Postcards (1900 – 1956)

The 2015 donation included many postcards. They have been sleeved and put in an album. Those with messages and addresses on the verso have been sleeved such that this writing is visible. Some postcards have been removed from an album prior to being donated.

One batch of the postcards are pictures of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where E.J. Edmonds worked as a baker for several years ca. 1910-1912. [There are also photographs of the bakery in the photo album].

Another set are addressed to people in Glens Falls from travelers in Canada. One of these is addressed to Mrs. Jerome Tucker, Crandall Library – **SEE** Dorothy Townsend Tucker Collection.

Additional postcards were mailed from various parts of the United States, and from Europe. It appears that someone in the family, probably Josephine Arnold Young, collected postcards, as many of these were not addressed to family members but to other people –friends? neighbors?—who passed them on to her.

There is a fold-out flyer and two postcards from the Powers Hotel in Rochester. On the fliers is penciled E.J. Edmonds wedding trip, 12-25-1911.

Box 3**Series 4: Scrapbooks**

Scrapbook 1905 – 1919 compiled by Beulah Arnold Jenkins

9 1/4 inches high, 13 1/2 wide. Paper cover. Edges of pages crumbling. Some pages detached from the book. The scrapbook was stored in a 10 X 15 dress box, which also held some loose clippings, some relating to the 1918 Armistice.

Items in the scrapbook are almost entirely newspaper clippings. Many of them are poems, sweet stories, kittens, recipes, etc. The rest are local events and deaths and marriages.

The items of interest to other family historians (deaths and marriages primarily) have been scanned and added to the Folklife Center Biographical Vertical Files to make them more accessible.

Scrapbook 1907 compiled by Beulah Arnold Jenkins.

8 1/2 x 6 3/4 inches, brown "Composition Book". Newspaper clippings. Mostly Y.M.C.A. notes; also clippings about the wedding of Mary Louise DeVol and Earl J. Edmonds.

Some items have been removed from this collection and housed elsewhere, primarily due to their size.

In Diplomas and Certificates Collection:

Folder # 2: DeVol/Edmonds

DeVol, Mary Louisa	Glens Falls High School	1906
	Regents Diploma	1906
	4 Academic Certificates 1902-1905	
Arnold, Harry	Memorial certificate signed by General Pershing	1918
Edmonds, Willean Louise	Glens Falls High School/Regents Diploma	1931
	University of the State of New York: Training Class Certificate	1932
Edmonds, Mary Elizabeth	Glens Falls High School	1941

In Crandall Library Photographs:

Panorama photo of Lake George

8" x 10" photo showing two boys in front of a brick house.

On verso: Harry Sweet's home, 134 Ridge Street, Glens Falls, NY. Harry C. Sweet and Louise DeVol Sweet, former proprietors of Sweet's Bakery.