

HEATH FAMILY COLLECTION: A Guide to the Collection

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Heath, Nellie F., 1914- , collector.
- Title:** Heath Family Collection.
- Dates:** 1873-1980.
- Abstract:** The Heath Family Collection was assembled by genealogist and historian Nellie Heath (b. 1914). It concerns the Fell, Heath and related families, mainly of Washington County, New York. Included are albums for births, weddings, and a funeral; correspondence; legal papers; certificates; photographs; and newspaper clippings.
- Quantity:** 0.6 cubic feet (2 boxes)
- Identification Number:** Archives and Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Nellie Heath (b. 1914), the person who assembled this collection, was a genealogist and historian. She married Archie Rapp in 1946. From 1958 to 1975 she served as Warren County Historian, first under her married name, Nellie Rapp, but eventually under Nell Heath. Her mother, Agnes Fell, was the daughter of Albert Fell and Nellie Bradway. The Fell family lived in Fort Ann, Washington County, NY. Agnes Fell married Harley Heath in 1913, and she died in 1980. Harley Heath (ca. 1881-1935), was born in Warrensburg, Warren County, NY and became chief physician at Great Meadow prison, Comstock, NY. Nellie had two sisters, Mary, and Alice.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

Papers of Albert Fell, 1911-1945 and undated. Includes legal and estate papers; correspondence; and membership certificates for Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Queen Anne, Rebekah Lodge 472, Fort Ann, NY. Also includes for Nellie Fell, his wife, her membership cards and correspondence for Order of the Eastern Star, 1915-1934.

There are also papers for their daughter, Agnes R. Fell, along with papers of her husband, Harley Heath (ca. 1881-1935). Included is their 1913 wedding album. Also present are papers of Harley Heath, 1909-1935, including correspondence received, 1909-1931; membership certificates for Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Troy, N.Y.; and a 1926 receipt. For Agnes Fell Heath there are the following papers: Daughters of the American Revolution, 1956; her will, 1967; a newspaper clipping for her 95th birthday party; and her funeral album, 1980. Related Heath family papers include photocopies of the marriage certificate for John Heath and Etta Smith, 1884; and wills for Mary and William Heath (probably parents of Harley Heath), 1935.

In addition there are papers of Nellie F. Heath, daughter of Harley and Agnes Heath. Included is her birth album, 1914; education certificates, 1932-1934; her wedding album, 1946 (for her marriage to Archie Rapp); and correspondence, 1924-1965;

Finally there are seven photographs, showing members of the Heath, Myers, McConnell and Fell families, and ten school photographs – eight class pictures, one picture of Glens Falls High School, and one picture of an unnamed boy (perhaps Dale Rapp).

Miscellaneous papers include inventories of household goods for an unidentified family; Fort Ann Cemetery papers, concerning a plot for Fell and Heath families, 1929-1959; newspaper clippings concerning will and estate of Oliver J. McConnell, 1935-1936, and genealogical notes and correspondence concerning the Bradway, Chadwick, Codner, Edwards, and Harris families.

INDEX TERMS

Places: Fort Ann (N.Y.)—History—Sources.
Comstock (N.Y.)—History—Sources.

Important People: Fell, Albert H.
Fell family.
Heath, Agnes Ruth (Fell), d. 1980.
Heath, Harley, ca. 1881-1935.
Heath family.
McConnell family.
Myers family.

Form/Genre: Photographs.
Correspondence

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Series 1: Albert and Nellie (Bradway) Fell. Box 1

Albert Fell legal papers, 1873-1904. These are deeds and bonds for property in Fort Ann, NY.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) certificates for Albert and Nellie Fell, granted Queen Anne, Rebekah Lodge 472, Fort Ann, NY, 1911 and 1920.

Nellie Fell, Order of the Eastern Star (OES) membership cards and correspondence, 1915-1934.

Correspondence received by Albert H. Fell, 1925-1926, Fort Ann, NY. Most of the letters were sent from Mount Tolmie, B.C., Canada by Sister Ema. Some of the correspondence concerns a search for a missing person, Albert J. McCrady.

Albert Fell estate papers, 1944-1945 (Agnes Ruth Heath, executrix)

Series 2: Heath Family, early generations. Box 1

John Heath and Etta (Smith) Heath.

Marriage certificate for John Heath and Etta Smith, 1 January, 1884, (photocopies)

Mary and William Heath.

Wills for Mary and William Heath, 1935. They were probably the parents of Harley Heath.

Harley and Agnes (Fell) Heath.

Bridal Flowers (wedding album), for marriage of Harley Heath and Agnes R. Fell, 16th September, 1913, Fort Ann, NY. Includes photographs, summary of honeymoon journey, list of wedding guests, and list of wedding gifts.

Harley Heath correspondence (received), 1909-1931, Comstock, N.Y., mostly from family members including wife Agnes and daughter Nellie. Harley Heath was chief physician at Great Meadow prison.

Harley Heath certificates (rolled):

Membership certificate for Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Troy, N.Y., 8th June 1920. (rolled)

Life member of the Oriental Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Oasis of Troy, N.Y., 19th December 1925. Also included is a receipt for \$60.00. (rolled)

Harley Heath receipt for a xylophone, 1926, sold to Great Meadow Prison.

Harley Heath estate papers, 1935-1936. He died on the 11th of February, 1935.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) papers for Agnes Heath, 1956.

Will of Agnes Ruth Fell Heath, 8th August, 1967.

Newspaper clipping (undated) for Agnes Heath's 95th birthday party.

Funeral album for Agnes R. Heath, died January 4, 1980.

Series 3: Nellie F. Heath. Box 1

A Record of Our Baby's Life (an album) for Nellie Heath, born September 15, 1914. Contains notes, photographs, and related papers.

Correspondence, 1924-1965. Contains April Fool note to Nellie, Mary, and Alice, 1924 (from G & G, Rouses Point); Nellie Heath, letter re Mary Heath estate, 1942; correspondence regarding Glens Falls Insurance Company stock, 1947, and a letter (to Mrs. [Nellie Heath] Rapp) and related papers concerning a farmhouse in the Town of Montague, Lewis County, NY, 1965. Additional correspondence: letters to Nellie from "Sid", 1932; Charles Reynolds, 1931; Nels Albert Leonard Systrom 1935; Christmas Cards from Cecilia Andrews 1939 and Marjorie and Bill Harrison (n.d.).

Nellie Heath, certificates for Institute Credit, 1932, 1934, Board of Education of the Methodist Church.

Bride's Book of Nellie Heath, 1946. This is her wedding album, celebrating her marriage to Archie H. Rapp. Includes photographs, newspaper clippings, documents of honeymoon journey, correspondence, list of wedding guests, and list of wedding gifts. Includes (at back) a brief genealogical chart of the Heath, Fell, Bradway, Rapp, and Myers families. With the *Bride's Book* is the Certificate of Marriage, Archie H. Rapp and Nellie F. Heath, 24th February, 1946, Christ Church (Methodist), Glens Falls, NY. This booklet provides the complete service used in the church on that day.

Series 4: Photographs . Box 2

Portrait of Mary Heath (Mrs. Henry B. Heath) and a boy (John H. Heath) and a young woman (Alice M. Heath) (cabinet card, late 19th century)

Portrait of Ella Heath Crandall as a baby (daughter of Henry B. and Mary Wood Heath) – photograph taken by A. L. Mix, Warrensburgh, N.Y.

Myers family photograph (reproduction), Centralia, Illinois. Baby on her father's lap is "Grandma Rapp." – probably Grace Myers who later married Daniel Rapp.

Family group of the McConnell family, 30th November, 1905 (includes Albert Fell and Nellie Fell).

Group of nine women seated on a porch – includes Agnes Heath, Nellie Fell, Florence McConnell and Dorothy McConnell (probably after 1900)

Portrait of Nellie Bradway Fell. (ca. 1900?)

Small portrait of a man at Great Meadow Prison, 23 June, 1934 (possibly Harley Heath)

Additional Photos:

Photograph of Glens Falls High School on Glen Street in June, 1964.

Five small photographs of a young man (probably Dale Rapp)

Broad Street School Kindergarten. Miss Wilbur's class, 4/21/1958. Richard Dean photo. Includes: Dale Rapp.

Class photograph of First grade girls in front of a school, June 1959. (names on back)

Class photograph of children in front of a school. Mrs. Allen's class (names on back) Includes Dale Rapp.

Class photograph of First Grade boys in front of a school, June 1959 (names on back).

Sanford Street School Grade 2. 2/26/1960. Richard Dean photo. (names on back)

Sanford Street School Grade 3. Mrs. Reynold's class, Richard Dean photo. Includes "me" (probably Dale Rapp).

Sanford Street School Grade 4. Miss Holighton's class. Richard Dean photo.

Sanford Street School Grade 6. Mr. Smith's class, 5/21/1964. Richard Dean photo.

Series 5: Miscellaneous papers. Box 1.

Inventories of household goods, possibly done for estate settlement. Dates and persons involved are not mentioned. Inventories could involve three or more households.

Fort Ann Cemetery papers, concerning plot for Fell and Heath families, 1929-1959.

Newspaper clippings concerning will and estate of Oliver J. McConnell, Henderson Harbor, NY, 1935-1936.

Genealogical research file concerning Bradway, Chadwick, Codner, Edwards, and Harris families (correspondence and notes).

Pamphlet "Sabbath Day Point" by Robert K. Quale.

Dale H. Rapp: 1971 class schedule; list of pets; 1963 note on the death of a pet.