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**ELIZABETH M. ENIX
PAPERS, 1905–1994 (BULK 1990–1994)**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box
COLLECTION DATES:	1905–1994 (bulk 1990–1994)
PROVENANCE:	Jane Elizabeth Enix, 5354 W. 62 nd St., Apt. 115-B, Indianapolis, IN 46268-2427
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jane "Elizabeth" Martin Enix (25 November 1906–18 January 1999) was born in Indianapolis, the daughter of James I. (1879–1957) and Francis Baird Martin (1882–1917). Her only sibling was James "Jimmie" Dandridge Martin (1912–1992).

Elizabeth Martin married Howard Enix. At the time of his death in 1989, they were married for 47 years. They reared two daughters, Sharon Hines and Margaret Dunlop. They adopted Hines when she was four years old.

Enix was educated at the local Indianapolis Public Schools, graduating from Shortridge High School in 1923. She received a bachelor degree from Butler College (later university) in 1927. She completed her masters degree at Butler also. She did graduate work at Indiana University, the University of Michigan, Purdue University, Atlanta University, and the Christian Theological Seminary. A school teacher for four decades, she taught in Mississippi, Texas, Georgia, and Indiana. Enix retired in 1971, after teaching at Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis for 34 years.

Enix was a member of Light of the World Christian Church. The first female president of the church board; she also served as deaconess and elder emeritus. From 1972 to 1975, she was an associate regional minister with the Disciples of Christ denomination. She participated in the national convocation, serving as vice president.

Active in several organizations, Enix was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, the ladies auxiliary of the Edward S. Gaillard American Legion Post, Eastern Star, Woman's Improvement Club, and the National Interfaith Coalition on Aging. She was also a life member of the National Council of Negro Women.

Elizabeth and Howard Enix are buried at the Crown Hill Cemetery in Section 98, Lot 1503, in Indianapolis.

SOURCES: Materials in the collection; "Jane E. Enix had been a teacher and a leader in Disciples of Christ Church (obituary)," *Indianapolis Star*, 22 January 1999; E-mail from Sue Buckner, Crown Hill Cemetery, to Wilma Gibbs, 4 June 2001.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection, contained in 1 manuscript box, includes correspondence, memoirs, programs, and a few family photographs. Enix spent most of her life in Indianapolis. In an autobiographical work, "The Life and Times of Elizabeth M. Enix" (folder 2), she recounts many of her family, educational, and social experiences. More specifically, she recalls several local buildings including Tomlinson Hall, William H. Block Company, and Lauries. She remembers living in the city during the early 1900s. Enix describes varied events including the birth of her brother Jimmie in 1912, the 1913 flood in Indianapolis, and the passing of her mother in 1917. Folders 3-9 include

manuscript drafts of her memoirs. Much of the information is not contained in her autobiographical work. Notes from a memoirs class that she took at Robin Run Village, an Indianapolis senior retirement facility where Enix resided at the time of her death, are in folder 10. As a class project, Denise Waas, a local college student, interviewed Elizabeth Enix in 1995. Notes from the interview are in folder 11.

There is a 1905 announcement for the wedding of James and Frances Baird Martin, Enix's parents, in folder 12. Her father, along with his brothers, Samuel and Jesse, owned the Martin Brothers' clothing store located on Indiana Avenue. The store manufactured and sold duck clothing, khaki and novelty uniforms and garments, and ladies and gentlemen furnishings. An informational booklet about the store that incorporated in 1922 and closed in 1957 is in folder 13.

Folders 15 and 16 relate to individuals at Robin Run Village. The "Ballads of the Bards" reference writings of a resident poetry group. Elizabeth W. Kelly taught a memoirs class that enrolled Elizabeth Enix. "A Thanksgiving Story," written by Kelly, relays some of her childhood memories.

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Visual Collections:
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