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**HAMILTON AND TEAL COLLECTION
CA. 1910–1947**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half-size manuscript box, 1 folder of photographs

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1910–1947

PROVENANCE: Donated by Alan M. Hamilton, 1996 and 1999

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Paul Emerson Hamilton was born 23 February 1904 in Marion County, Indiana, to Thomas M. and Arminta A. Whiteside Hamilton. He attended Indiana University in Bloomington and became a teacher. He married Margaret Florence Smith, daughter of Isaac Henry Smith and Lenna L. Van Zant Smith, on 31 May 1930 in Hancock County, Indiana. At the time of the 1940 census he lived in Oaklandon with his wife, who went by her middle name of Florence, and their son Alan (born 8 May 1937 in Indianapolis). At that time, Paul taught at a public school. They soon had another son, Stanley K. Hamilton, born ca. 1941. Paul died 15 November 1988 in Greenfield, Indiana, and was buried in Washington Park Cemetery East in Indianapolis.

Florence Smith Hamilton was born in Indiana on 28 April 1904 and died in Greenfield on 12 December 1986. Her mother, **Lenna L. Van Zant Smith**, was born in Indiana on 17 April 1866, the daughter of Francis Van Zant and Malissa Sherman Van Zant. Lenna died on 17 February 1950 in Oaklandon.

Alta Elmira Teal was born 18 April 1900 in Marion County, Indiana, to John Willard Teal and Adelia E. Bolander Teal. She married Chester E. Lawson (1897–1965) in Marion County on 5 February 1921. Alta died 11 October 1979 in Greenfield, Hancock County, Indiana, and was buried in Old Oaklandon Cemetery in Oaklandon, Marion County.

Alta had an older sister, Lura Etta Teal (31 August 1883–5 April 1973), who married Martin D. Apple (1880–1910) on 9 December 1903 in Marion County. However, it could not be determined how or whether the members of the Apple family who are identified in the photographs in this collection were related to Alta Teal Lawson.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of papers pertaining to Paul E. Hamilton and his family and their house in Oaklandon, Marion County, Indiana. There are also school photographs that show groups of students and teachers in the Oaklandon area, including Paul Hamilton and Alta Teal. After Alta Teal Lawson's death, the school photographs, which had belonged to her, were given to Paul Hamilton. Both went to school in Oaklandon, both died in Greenfield, and both were buried in Marion County. It is not known if they were related or how they may have been acquainted. The collection is arranged into five series as follows:

Series 1, Certificates: This series includes two certificates: teaching license for Paul E. Hamilton [1933], and dimit from the Order of the Eastern Star releasing Florence Hamilton from her membership [1934].

Series 2, Real Estate Documents: This series of papers pertains to the property composed of the west half of lots numbered 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42 in Fye's Addition to the town of Oaklandon in the Lawrence township of Marion County. These papers show that property was transferred from Harold and Gladys Fye to James and Delitha Ann Weaver, and later to Paul and Florence Hamilton [1927–1942]. The papers include warranty deeds, abstracts of title, etc.

Series 3, Household and Financial Papers: This series includes billing statements, checks, and check stubs for construction work, notes about the house and its furnishings, and a statement from the Oaklandon State Bank [1938–1947].

Series 4, War Ration Books: This series contains seventeen war ration books for Paul E. Hamilton and Florence S. Hamilton, their two sons Alan and Stanley, and Florence's mother, Lenna L. Smith. Some of the books still hold ration stamps. The books also include physical descriptions and other personal information about their recipients [1942–1943].

Series 5, School Photographs: This series is composed of five black-and-white group portraits. One of the photographs is identified as being in Oaklandon, which is in the Lawrence Township of Marion County. The other photographs are not identified as to location, but appear to also be in Lawrence Township, and possibly also in Oaklandon. A few students, including Alta Teal and Paul E. Hamilton, are identified [ca. 1910 to late 1910s, n.d.].

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Certificates

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Teaching license issued to Paul E. Hamilton by the Indiana State Board of Education: "Regular High School license, first grade -- mathematics, music." Issued 20 June 1933 and signed by Geo. C. Cole, state superintendent of public instruction. Signed in upper left corner: "Recorded Oct. 13, 1933 / J.M. Dunn, Co. Supt."

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Box 1, Folder 1

Dimit from the Order of the Eastern Star, McCordsville Chapter number 156, releasing Florence Hamilton from her membership, 1 August 1934. Signed by Edna Apple, secretary.

Box 1, Folder 1

Series 2: Real Estate Documents

CONTENTS

Warranty Deed transferring real estate of specified lots in the Oaklandon area from Harold and Gladys Fye to James and Delitha Ann Weaver, 18 December 1928. First Mortgage Bond borrowed by James and Delitha Ann Weaver, 4 January 1929. Real Estate Mortgage for James and Delitha Weaver, 4 January 1929. Warranty Deed and handwritten settlement transferring real estate from James and Delitha Ann Weaver to Paul and Florence Hamilton, 13 August 1931. Affidavit of Title transferring property from James and Delitha Ann Weaver to Paul and Florence Hamilton, 13 August 1931. Hand-drawn diagram of property. Letter to Paul Hamilton from John H. Rader (attorney) regarding Oaklandon property, 13 August 1931. Warranty Deed transferring lots from Harold and Gladys Fye to Paul and Florence Hamilton, 14 February 1942.

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Box 1, Folder 2

Abstract of Title prepared for Harold F. Fye by L. M. Brown Abstract Company, 1927 (46 pages). Abstracts of title including affidavit from Margaret Apple, statements of lien, judgments, assessments, taxes, etc., 1928 (3 pages). Abstracts of title stating conveyance of property from Harold and Gladys Fye to James and Delitha Ann Weaver, 1928 (3 pages). Abstracts of title prepared for James Weaver, 1931 (3 pages).

Box 1, Folder 3

Series 3: Household and Financial Papers

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Bill from the Service Wrecking Co. to Paul Hamilton, 28 December 1939.

Box 1, Folder 4

Note from Paul Hamilton to O. G. Moore & Company, 7 March 1939. Billing statement from O. G. Moore & Company to Paul Hamilton, 7 March 1939.

Box 1, Folder 4

Invoice from J. K. Miller Cement Block Co. to John Brill, 5 January 1938.

Box 1, Folder 4

Handwritten list of furniture with measurements.

Box 1, Folder 4

Handwritten list of payments by Paul Hamilton for ventilators, digging, and dirt, 30 December 1938.

Box 1, Folder 4

Hand-drawn floor plan showing bedroom, kitchen, and living room.

Box 1, Folder 4

Check signed by Paul Hamilton on Oaklandon State Bank account to Service Wrecking Co., 29 December 1938.

Box 1, Folder 4

Eight checks signed by Lenna Smith on Oaklandon State Bank account for various work and supplies such as cement blocks, lumber, plastering, and insurance, 1939, 1942, 1947.

Box 1, Folder 4

Oaklandon State Bank checkbook with stubs filled in for expenses, 1938–1947.

Box 1, Folder 4

Statement from the Oaklandon State Bank addressed to Lenna Smith in care of Paul Hamilton, 31 March 1947.

Box 1, Folder 4

Series 4: War Ration Books

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Four ration books for Paul E. Hamilton, including his signature, address, age, physical description, and occupation (teacher). Book 1 signed by Amy Beverland (registrar); book 2 signed by Leone Patrick (issuing officer). [1942–1943]

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Box 1, Folder 5

Four ration books for Florence S. Hamilton, including her signature, address, age, physical description, and occupation (housewife). Book 1 signed by Amy Beverland (registrar); book 2 signed by Leone Patrick (issuing officer). [1942–1943]

Box 1, Folder 5

Four ration books for Alan M. Hamilton, including his mother's signature, address, age, and physical description. Book 1 signed by Amy Beverland (registrar); book 2 signed by Leone Patrick (issuing officer). Inserted in book 4 are two ration coupons each for five pounds of sugar. [1942–1943]

Box 1, Folder 5

Four ration books for Stanley K. Hamilton, including his mother's signature, address, age, and physical description. Book 1 signed by Amy Beverland (registrar); book 2 signed by Leone Patrick (issuing officer). [1942–1943]

Box 1, Folder 5

War Ration Book One for Lenna Leota Smith of Oaklandon, including her signature (Mrs. Lenna Leotie Smith), age, and physical description. Signed by Virginia Lee Zaiser (registrar). [7 May 1942]

Box 1, Folder 5

Series 5: School Photographs

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Group portrait of male teacher with 23 students outside brick building. Caption reads: Intermediate Grade, Oaklandon, Ind. Alta Teal is second from left in third row (light colored hair, plaid dress). The rest are unidentified. Real photo postcard [ca. 1910].

Room with more than 100 students seated and seven adults standing by a wall. Paul Hamilton is in front row, second from left. The rest are unidentified. [ca. 1912]

Classroom with nineteen students seated and two men standing at the back of the room. Identified in far right row are: Vernon Apple, Kenneth Apple, Alta Teal, Beatrice Apple, and Bertha Watson. [ca. 1915]

Classroom with 21 students seated and two men standing by a side wall. No one is identified, n.d. [possibly ca. late 1910s]

Classroom with 29 people seated and eleven people standing. No one is identified, n.d.

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Photographs, Folder 1 of 1

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