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## **HANNAH WITT HADLEY COLLECTION, 1849–1935**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscript boxes; 2 oversized folders; 1 box post cards; 1 photo album; 1 folder photographs.

COLLECTION DATES: 1849–1935

PROVENANCE: Hilda Hadley, Carmel, Indiana, 2013

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS:

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NOTES:

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Hannah Witt Hadley (1885–1969) was the daughter of Horace M. Hadley (1852–1905) and Elva Witt Hadley (1854–1930.) The family lived in Indianapolis and Hilda attended Shortridge High School followed by three years of college.

Bennett F. Witt (1830–1892) was born in Dublin, Wayne County, Indiana. He moved to Indianapolis where he operated several businesses. He was also a Civil War veteran and the grandfather of Hannah Hadley.

Sources:

Ancestry.com Library Edition. Accessed 2 June 2014.

Information in collection.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The majority of the collection centers around Hannah Witt Hadley's trip to Europe from June–September 1914, visiting primarily Switzerland and Italy. Included are letters to her family in Indianapolis, a trip diary and trip log, a scrapbook, an extensive trip record book, a trip scrapbook, a photo album and her passport. The letters and diaries describe the locations visited with some historic and geographical background.

Also included are literary compositions and writings. Most are undated but were presumably written by Hadley's parents or family members for literary societies or school assignments. Additional items include an unknown letter, Hadley's correspondence regarding membership in the D.A.R, 1913, 1923, and business papers for B. F. Witt including the patent on his harvesting machine, 1860–1870

## **SERIES CONTENTS**

### **Series 1: Travel Abroad, 1914**

#### CONTENTS

Hannah Hadley Letters to Mother, June–Aug., 1914

European Trip Diary, June–Sept., 1914

European Trip Log, 1914

Printed Items from European Trip, 1914 (1 of 2)

Printed Items from European Trip, 1914 (2 of 2)

Trip Record, June–Sept., 1914

Trip Scrapbook, 1914

Photo Album of European Trip, 1914

Hannah Hadley Passport, 1914

#### CONTAINER

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Box 1, Folder 3

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Box 1, Folder 1

### **Series 2: Compositions and Writings**

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High School, 1903–1932

High School Essay, n.d.

Composition, Women's Rights, Nov., 1874

Essay, John Quincy Adams, n.d.

Essays, n.d.

Literary Papers, ca. 1840s–1880s

Lecture Notes, n.d.

"The Star," Otterbein University, 1849

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Box 1, Folder 7

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### **Series 3: Family Materials**

#### CONTENTS

Hannah Hadley D.A.R. Correspondence

Letter, n.d.

Bennett F. Witt Business Papers, ca. 1870s

Bennett F. Witt Harvesting Machine Patent, 1860–  
1870

2 photographs, Hannah Hadley; 1 photograph, B. F.  
Witt

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Box 1, Folder 14

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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 1091).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.