

PRESTON C. LEBLANC FAMILY PAPERS

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SUMMARY

Size	0.6 linear ft.
Geographic Locations	Louisiana, Mississippi, Indiana.
Inclusive Dates	1923-1969.
Bulk Dates	1923-1925.
Languages	English.
Summary	Personal letters to Floris M. Showers from her suitors, Preston C. LeBlanc and Herbert W. Hutchins, discusses personal activities and affection for her.
Organization	Arranged in chronological order.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Preston C. LeBlanc of Erath, La., was a member of a prominent family of Vermilion Parish, who served as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Louisiana State Senate. LeBlanc married Floris M. Showers of Gulfport, Miss. in the fall of 1925. Before their marriage, Herbert Hutchins of Hammond, Ind. also courted her.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers are comprised of letters written to Floris M. Showers of Gulfport, Miss., by two suitors, Herbert Hutchins of Hammond, Ind., and Preston C. LeBlanc of Erath, La. In their letters, the two young men express affection for Floris and the desire to marry her. Herbert Hutchins also writes at length about his personal activities involving sailing, attending car races and stunt flying (May 9, 1924). He describes an automobile race in Indianapolis, naming the drivers and their cars (June 4, 1923). He recounts his activities as an assistant scoutmaster, as well as the landscape around the Boys Scout camp at Berrien Springs, Ind., situated on the St. Joseph River (Aug. 20, 1923). Other topics he discusses include the political environment in Europe, German politics, the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana (Oct. 20, 1923), prohibition (Dec. 22, 1923), and the death of President Harding (Aug. 4, 1923). He also writes at length about his job at a lead refinery (Dec. 31, 1923-April 6, 1924).

Preston LeBlanc, writing from Erath, La. and the Gulf Coast Military Academy at Gulfport, Miss., mentions his personal activities.

Papers also contain Leblanc's military draft registration card (1940), his calling card showing him as the sergeant-at-arms of state senate, and a memorial card noting the death of Floris Showers LeBlanc (1969). Additionally, papers include an illustrated postcard of the train station in Lafayette, La. (undated), a colored portrait of Leblanc (undated), photographs of unidentified persons, and an illustrated newspaper page depicting the different characteristics of nurses (April 6, 1924).

INDEX TERMS

Boy Scouts of America.
Camping--Indiana-- Berrien Springs.
Europe--Politics and government--1918-1945.
Germany--Politics and government--1918-1933.
Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel)--1865-1823--Death and burial.
Indiana--Social life and customs--20th century.
Lafayette (La.)--Buildings, structures, etc.
Lead industry and trade--Indiana.
LeBlanc, Preston C., d. 1989.
Louisiana--Social life and customs--20th century.
Mississippi --Social life and customs--20th century.
Prohibition--United States.
Race relations--Indiana--20th century.
Racetracks (Automobile racing)--Indiana.
Railroad stations--Louisiana--Lafayette.
Showers, Floris M., 1906-1969.
Stunt flying--Indiana.
United States. President (1921-1923 : Harding).

CONTAINER LIST

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UU:76	1		Preston C. LeBlanc Family Papers: 1923:Jan.-1924:March.
	2	1-9	1924:April-1969.
OS:L		1	Illustrated newspaper page, 1924:April 6; portrait of Preston C. LeBlanc, undated.