

Baxter Family Papers

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Biographical Note:

The Baxter family is based in the Indianapolis area. Arthur Reyburn Baxter, born December 8, 1876, was a prominent figure Indianapolis. He was president of the Keyless Lock Company and worked there for over forty years. He was also known for his financial and civic contributions to the city including the building of the Scottish Rite Cathedral and the donation of the 63-bell carillon. He was also on the board of directors for Riley and Methodist hospital boards, a member of the Rotary Club, Meridian Hills Country Club, Colombia Club, Indianapolis Athletic Club, the Central Ave. Methodist Club and was a 33rd degree Mason. In 1936, he founded the Baxter Foundation whose charities support many different organizations around Indianapolis. Baxter also served as the state senator for Marion County from 1920 to 1925. He died December 14, 1957. His wife Frances Delight Doyle Baxter was also heavily involved in civic organizations.

His son Emory Russell Baxter was also a leader in the community. Born December 1, 1901, he served in the Army Air Forces World War II and was the ranking colonel of the ROTC in Indianapolis. Emory married Ruth Fromm in 1925, they had two children Marjorie born in 1927, and Robert born 1931. Emory owned both Baxter Rural Electrification and the Baxter Co. a distributor of Hupmobile and Studebaker automobiles. He was president of the Baxter Foundation for 25 years, a member of the YMCA board of trustees, life trustee at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, board member of the Boy Scout Council, was past president of the Advisory Council of the Marion County Juvenile Court and was a 32nd degree Mason. He received an honorary degree from the University of Indianapolis and was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash. He died February 12, 1991.

Source:

Information Found within Collection

Indianapolis Star 14 February 1991: B-16.

Ancestry Library. *Emory R. Baxter*. 15 January 2013.

Scope and Content:

The collection contains photocopied materials relating to the Baxter family, their relatives, and ancestors. Other major families included in this collection are Kimberly, Jordan, McLaughlin, and Gilmore. Major figures in the collection include Arthur R. Baxter, Emory R. Baxter, and Arthur Jordan. Information included in the collection are various correspondence, pictures, obituaries, newspaper articles, genealogical charts from the mid nineteenth to mid twentieth century. Also included is material regarding the Baxter family's participation in World War II, and the Kimberly family's connection to the Society of Cincinnati. There is also correspondence between the cousins during the Civil War including; Captain Gilmore Jordan's service with the Army of the Virginia, John A. McLaughlin service with the 47th Indiana Volunteers, Harry B. McLaughlin's time at the Johnson Island prison and Camp Morton and his sister's request to Abraham Lincoln for his release.

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Collection Inventory Box and Folder Listing:

Box 1. *Baxter Family Papers*

Folder

1. Baxter Photos 50-60 anniversaries
2. Baxter- Arthur R. Baxter-Civic
3. Baxter- Arthur. R. Baxter – Houses
4. Baxter- Arthur R. Baxter – Businesses
5. Baxter – Arthur R. Baxter – Boy Scouts
6. Baxter- Arthur R. Baxter – Indianapolis Staff of Honor
7. Baxter – Arthur Reyburn – Christmas Letters
8. Baxter – Letters
9. Baxter – Arthur Reyburn – Riley
10. Baxter – Arthur Reyburn, Frances Delight Doyle – Obituaries
11. Baxter – Arthur Reyburn Baxter – Scottish Rite
12. Baxter – Arthur R. Baxter – Foundation
13. Baxter – Arthur R. Baxter – YMCA
14. Baxter – Arthur R. Baxter – Wabash
15. Baxter – Arthur R. Baxter – Culver
16. Baxter – Arthur R. Baxter – Miscellaneous
17. Baxter – Emory Russell Baxter – Pictures
18. Baxter – Emory Russell Baxter – Engagement and Wedding
19. Baxter – Emory Russell Baxter – Business/Civic

20. Baxter – Emory Russell Baxter – Letters
21. Baxter – Emory Russell Baxter – Pictures
22. Baxter – Emory Russell Baxter – World War II
23. Baxter – Emory Russell Baxter – 80th Birthday/ 60th Anniversary
24. Baxter – Emory Russell Baxter – Indiana Central

Box 2. *Baxter Family Papers*

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1. Surnames of Ancestors and Pedigree Charts in Alphabetical Order
2. Blagge, Fitch, Goodrich, Gregory, Marvin, Osborn, Reese
3. Angle, Drum, Erb
4. Desbrow/Disbrough, Hoyt, Ketchum, Knapp, Riggs, Roosa, Smith, St. John, Stowers, Whitney
5. Kimberly, Atwood, Howe
6. Kimberly – Society of Cincinnati
7. Kimberly – Ephraim(and Mary Riggs)
8. Kimberly – Phoebe Mariah K. Robinson (d/o Ephraim and Mary Riggs Kimberly) Robinson Cemetery
9. Kimberly – Zenas (and Isabella Drum)
10. Kimberly – Children of Zenas and Isabella Drum
11. Kimberly – Emily K. Miller (d/o Zenas)
12. Kimberly – Elizabeth K Harrison(d/o Zenas) and her children, George Kimberly(s/o Zenas)
13. Kimberly – Lucian Bush Kimberly (s/o Zenas)
14. Kimberly – Miscellaneous
15. James Jordan (and Margaret Armstrong)
16. Ephraim Gilmore (not family)
17. Ansley, Goodlin, Robbins
18. Ephraim Jordan (not Elizabeth Goodlin)
19. Phineas Jordan (brother of Ephraim Gilmore Jordan)
20. McLaughlin – Alexander, John

Box 3. *Baxter Family Papers*

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1. McLaughlin – John (married Gabel)
2. McLaughlin – James (and Mary Ann Kimberly)
3. McLaughlin – Brady, Henry (s/o Mary Brady who later married John)
4. McLaughlin – Children of James
5. Civil War Papers
6. Ephraim Gilmore Jordan (and Harriet Isabella McLaughlin)
7. Arthur Jordan (Rosealba Burke)
8. Arthur Jordan (children Robbie, Alma, Esther)
9. Arthur Jordan (children of Esther Day Jordan Iles)
10. Clokey – Genealogy Sheets
11. Baxter – Addresses, Bibles, City Directories, Compendium
12. Baxter / Clokey – Cemeteries
13. James Baxter
14. James Emory Baxter (and Mary Alice Jordan)

15. Elinor Nevins Baxter and Charles B. Ford
 16. Florence Baxter (and George Thornton)
 17. Contents List
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Collection Information:

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