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Finding Aid to the Blandford Family photographs Collection 462

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title:	Blandford and De Korn family photographs
ID:	Collection 462
Date [bulk]:	bulk
Physical Description:	.2 Linear Feet
Physical Description:	Fair
Abstract:	The Blandford and De Korn family photographs collections contains 31 photographs, fascimiles and originals, of the Blandford and De Korn nuclear and extended family. There are several photographs of Christina Catherine Blandford's as a teacher at Godfrey-Lee School, including her first classroom and her first class of students at Godfrey Lee Elementary School. There are also two photos, one identified as Rev. Hulst and the other of two young girls identified as Minnie and Tressa.

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Historical Note

Christina Catherine Blandford (22 Jun 1884 - 11 Oct 1979) was the only daughter born to Isaac Roberts Blandford and Lily Georgia Kemp Blandford. Christina's parents immigrated to Walker, Michigan, from Ontario in the decade before her birth. Isaac Blandford was a packer in the furniture industry. Christina was raised with five brothers, one of whom, Victor (1890-1983) donated the old Collins farm/woods property he'd purchased to the city to become the Grand Rapids Public Museum's nature center.

Christina married Joseph Peter DeKorn (30 Jun 1881 - 24 Mar 1962) in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on 09 Dec 1919. Joseph was born to Richard DeKorn and Alice Paak DeKorn, both immigrants from the Netherlands. Joseph worked as an engineer, and he and Christina had at least one son, Richard Blandford DeKorn (1920-2004)

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Content Description

31 photos, originals and facsimiles, of Blandford and De Korn family members

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Controlled Access Headings

- Christina Catherine Blandford
- Joseph Peter De Korn

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
DeKorn, Leeuwenhoek, Zuidweg Photos, 1920-1960 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1920-1960	Box 1	Folder 1
Blandford & De Korn, City Engineer Office, Grand Rapids, 1912	Box 1	Folder 2

Date [inclusive]: 1912

Christina Catherine Blandford - Teaching and Classrooms,
1900-1920

Box 1

Folder 3

Date [inclusive]: 1900-1920

Christina Catherine Blandford portraits, 1880-1910

Box 1

Folder 4

Date [inclusive]: 1880-1910

Joseph Peter De Korn childhood portrait, 1880-1910

Box 1

Folder 5

Date [inclusive]: 1880-1910

Rev Hulst, Minie, & Tressa photographs Photo, 1880-1910

Box 1

Folder 6

Date [inclusive]: 1880-1910

Large Portrait of Christina Catherine Blandford, 1880-1910

Drawer FF

Drawer IX.D

Date [inclusive]: 1880-1910