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Finding Aid For:	Lola Bell Trusty
Dates:	1910 to 1946, bulk 1916 to 1917
Size:	1 box; 0.42 linear feet
Creator/Collector:	Lola Bell Trusty and the Pontotoc County Historical and Genealogical Society
Call Number:	Special Collection (SC)
Language(s):	English
Abstract:	<p>Lola Bell Trusty was born to Thomas A. Trusty and Nancy “Nannie” Bell on February 1, 1898. She had two siblings, and they grew up in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Lola graduated from Fort Smith High School in 1917. The collection consists of Lola’s high school graduation ephemera book which contains notes from students, letters, programs, newspaper clippings, and personal memories of her senior year. Along with the scrapbook are records the Pontotoc County Historical and Genealogical Society put together to provide background on Lola Bell Trust. Those records cover the years 1910 to 1946 and consist of census records, her father’s death report, and her brother’s draft record.</p>
Subject Terms:	Thomas Trusty Nancy Bell Eugene Trusty Lola Bell Trusty Nell Jane Trusty Family history
Access Restrictions:	Collection is open for research.
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Preferred Citation:	[Item], [Series], Lola Bell Trusty, [Container #], Family Collection, Fort Smith Public Library, Fort Smith, Arkansas.
Acquisition Information:	The collection was donated by the Pontotoc County Historical and Genealogical Society on January 17, 2005.
Repository:	Fort Smith Public Library, Barbara Walker Genealogy and Arkansas History Collection, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Finding Aid Created By: Rachel Sanford, 2022

Processing Information: The collection was donated to us in great condition. The records were in a folder and the book was well preserved. Everything was placed into an archive box and the extra space was filled with archive paper. The book was wrapped in tissue paper. The collection was processed by Rachel Sanford in September 2022.

Collection Details

Biographical Note:

Trusty Family

1867 Thomas A. Trusty was born in Kentucky

1874 Nancy "Nannie" Bell was born in Arkansas

1894 Thomas and Nannie married on October 14 in Fort Smith, Arkansas

1895 Eugene "Gene" was born to Thomas and Nannie on August 6

1898 Lola Bell was born to Thomas and Nannie on February 1

1902 Nell Jane was born to Thomas and Nannie on April 13

1919 Nannie died on May 5

1946 Thomas died on August 16

1978 Gene died on May 13

1984 Lola died in November

1985 Nell died on August 3

Scope and Content:

The Lola Bell Trusty Collection includes census records, a death report, draft record, and Lola's graduation ephemera book. The graduation book was given to the Pontotoc County Historical and Genealogical Society, and they created the folder of genealogical information to give Lola Bell Trusty some background of who she was and where she lived. Within the graduation book for 1916 and 1917 are names of her classmates, notes from the students, invitations, letters, event programs, the 1917 Fort Smith High School Commencement, newspaper clippings, and various ephemera.

Collection Inventory

Container 34: Lola Bell Trusty, dates

Series 1: Trusty Family Collection, 1910 to 1946

- 1 Trusty Family Records, 1910 to 1946
 1. 1910 US Census, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Enumeration District 167, Household of Thomas A. Trusty.
 2. 1930 US Census, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Enumeration District 156, Household of Thomas A. Trusty
 3. 1930 US Census, New York City, New York, Enumeration District 192, Household of Eugene Trusty
 4. Report of Death, Thomas A. Trusty, 1946 August 16
 5. World War I Draft Registration Card, Eugene Trusty, 1917 June 5
- 2 The Girl Graduate: Her Own Book by Lola Bell Trusty, 1916 to 1917
 1. This Book Belongs To: Lola Bell Trusty
Graduated From: Fort Smith High School, Fort Smith, Arkansas 1916