

## **Information Sheet**

**R**      **Maggi, Esther, 1893-1912.**  
**1010**      **Collection, ca. 1910.**  
                 **One folder.**

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This is an undated postcard view showing Esther Maggi and a group of young women in a drawing class in front of the Phelps County Courthouse in Rolla, Missouri. Also included are copies of the funeral card and obituary of Maggi, who died of burns suffered at St. Louis in 1912.

Esther Maggi, born in Monett, Missouri, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galdino D. Maggi. Her father, his brother, and several cousins came to Missouri from Switzerland in the 1870s and 1880s. Experienced stonemasons, they worked for the Frisco and other railroads, and on contracts such as construction of the Baltimore Hotel in Rolla. Galdino married Josephine Gillioz of Phelps County in 1885. They purchased land from her family near Dillon, Missouri, and Galdino later gave up masonry for life on the farm. Esther was the fourth child and third daughter of the Maggis. She attended schools in Rolla, and went to St. Louis to live with a relative while taking stenographic training. She was severely burned after accidentally putting gasoline on a kitchen cook fire and died the next day at City Hospital in St. Louis. She is buried in the Flat Grove Cemetery in Phelps County.

The collection consists of an undated “real photo” postcard showing Maggi with a group of young women in front of the Phelps County Courthouse in Rolla, and photocopies of her funeral card and obituary. The postcard shows eleven young women seated on the lawn of the courthouse. Esther Maggi is fourth from the left. A note on the reverse indicates that the group was drawing the Main Street bridge over the Frisco railroad tracks.

The postcard has been copied on 35mm black and white negatives.

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