**Paul Frank Beich**

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Materials Included in this Packet:

1. Summary of Paul F. Beich compiled by Candace Summers
2. Research Summary of Paul F. Beich compile by Denise Fries-Romack
3. Biography of Paul F. Beich by Maria Mears
4. Finding aid for Beich Collection
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