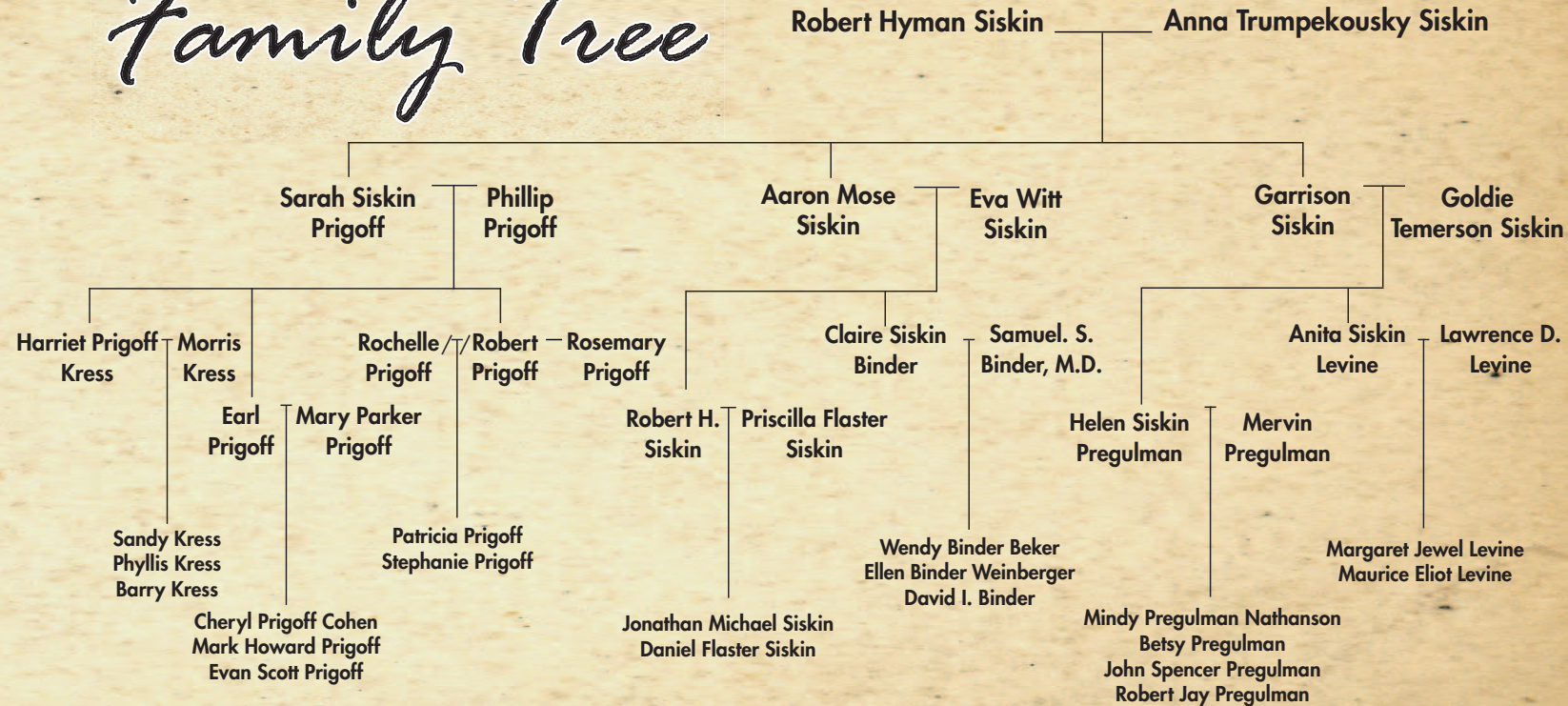


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*Two men. One vision.
Thousands of lives changed forever.*



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Siskin Children's Institute makes life better for children with special needs and their families. Founded in 1950, the nonprofit organization achieves its mission locally and nationally through four initiatives: education, outreach, health care and research. The Institute provides early childhood education where children with and without disabilities learn together; family support and professional development programs; developmental behavioral pediatric health care; and innovative research in early childhood development and special education.

More than a half century ago, Chattanooga businessmen Mose and Garrison Siskin dedicated their lives to assisting those with disabilities. It was a personal mission for the brothers, born out of a spirit of giving and their own experiences with physical challenges.

In 1942, Garrison Siskin suffered a life-threatening injury while boarding a train. Surgeons told him that his leg would have to be amputated. He prayed to God that his life and leg would be spared, and he promised to commit himself to helping others if his prayers were answered. A deeply religious man, his supplication was more than an empty deathbed petition. He returned home resolute.

When Mose learned of Garrison's vow, he said, "If it's your promise, it's my promise, and we will keep it together." In 1950 they formalized their philanthropic work by establishing the Siskin Memorial Foundation.

During the next 30 years, the brothers championed numerous community projects focused on services for adults and children with disabilities. A highlight was the 1959 opening of an outpatient rehabilitation center that included a preschool for young children with physical and developmental disabilities. The Siskin School was a precursor to today's multi-faceted Siskin Children's Institute, which serves children, families and professionals through four areas of focus—education, outreach, health care and research.

In the late 1970s, both Siskin brothers passed away, but their legacy continues in the countless lives they have touched.



1942

Garrison Siskin is injured when stepping off a train platform. He vows to help others if his leg is saved.

Early 1950s

Educational buildings on Vine street open to provide rent-free space to local organizations.

The Siskin Museum of Religious Artifacts and Siskin School open.

Early 1960s

The Siskin brothers establish the 365 Club and host the first 365 Club benefit show.



Late 1970s

Siskin's first fashion show benefits the 365 Club.

Mose and Garrison Siskin pass away.

Early 1990s

Siskin School and religious museum move to Carter Street

Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation opens.

2008

Siskin Early Learning Center-East Brainerd opens.

The Siskin Center for Child and Family Research opens.

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1890s

Mose and Garrison's father, Robert Hyman Siskin, immigrates to America from Lithuania.



1950

The Siskin Memorial Foundation established

Late 1950s

The Siskin Memorial Foundation is awarded the President's Distinguished Service Award for encouraging employment of people with disabilities.

"Operation Crossroads" opens on and Siskin School moves to Oak Street

1975

Mose Siskin's leg amputated after an accident at the Siskin Steel & Supply Co.

Late 1980s

First StarNight fundraiser

A separate corporation established by the Foundation to develop a rehabilitation hospital.

2001

Siskin School's name changes to Siskin Children's Institute.



2009

The Siskin Children's Institute-T.C. Thompson Center for Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics opens.