

**La Porte County, Account Book of Alfred F. Earl Livery Stable,
April and May 1897**

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For those genealogists who are not content to merely determine the names and important dates in the lives of their ancestors, searching through historical society collections may reveal intriguing information. One such source, an account book for the Alfred F. Earl Livery Stable, can be found in the William Henry Smith Memorial Library at the Indiana Historical Society.¹ In the late nineteenth century, horses provided the primary mode of transportation. In rapidly growing cities the livery stable became a necessary part of life for urban residents who either boarded their horses and rigs at or rented them from a livery stable.²

Earl's account book provides information about the customers he served as well as the many types of carriages and wagons he rented. Names and dates of transactions are standard, and frequently more interesting data appears, such as the address to which a rig was dispatched or the intended destination of a customer.

According to the 1860 U.S. census, Earl farmed in Michigan City, Indiana. An 1866 federal tax assessment list shows that his occupation involved the carriage trade, and the 1870 census indicates he was in the livery business.³ Michigan City directories reveal that Earl's livery stable was located at the corner of Washington and Michigan Streets in Michigan City. They also show that by 1893 Earl had added undertaking to his business pursuits.⁴ This was not uncommon, as liverymen generally provided funeral hearses for rent along with a proper pair of horses.⁵ The 1910 census indicates Earl was still working in the undertaking and livery trade. He died in 1915, at a time when the automobile quickly began to replace horses as the preferred mode of transportation.⁶

Earl's account book covers April 1897 through March 1898 and contains 408 pages of information. A label on the inside cover reads "The Handy Livery Record." Each page is also

headed “Handy Livery Record” with the following columns: “Date, To Whom Lent, Residence, Destination, Name of Horse, Style of Rig, Time Out, Time In, Feed., Rate, Amount of Bill.” However, other than the date, name, rate, and amount of bill columns, the column rule is generally not used—information is simply written across the columns. The handwriting appears to be that of several different individuals.

A quick glance at the records reveals that many of Earl’s customers rented hacks, wagonettes, and coupes. A “hack,” or hackney carriage, was a term applied generally to hired carriages, and remains a common name for taxicabs in Great Britain today. A wagonette was a small horse-drawn wagon with a front-facing bench for the driver and two side benches in the back for passengers; it could be used to haul goods or to transport a large party. The coupe, on the other hand, was a lighter, enclosed carriage that could seat two passengers within and had a seat for the driver without.

The account book listings for April and May 1897 are provided below by date. Items of interest include the large number of rentals to the Grand Army of the Republic for Memorial Day celebrations, the use of a coupe (spelled with many variations) for funerals, and rentals to businesses such as Bell Telephone Company, the prison, and a postal company.

One can also learn about Earle’s customers. For example, William Hartke almost exclusively rented hearses. A quick glance at the 1900 census shows that he worked as a carpenter, indicating that part of his business included building caskets.⁷ J. H. Barker, by far the livery’s most frequent customer, primarily used a hack. There are several occasions on which Barker used the services twice in one day, suggesting he traveled to and from work via hack in inclement weather.

The following list is a transcription of entries for the months of April and May 1897, but includes only selected data: date, to whom lent, style of rig, rate, and account book page number. Researchers who find an individual of interest in this index should call or visit the IHS library to view more information and should be sure to check the account book for listings on the rest of the available dates.

Notes

1. A. F. Earl Livery Stable Account Book, 1897–1898, BV 2410, William Henry Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society, collection guide:
<http://www.indianahistory.org/our-collections/collection-guides/af-earl-livery-stable-account-book-1897-1898.pdf>.
2. Clark C. Spence, “The Livery Stable in the American West,” *Montana: The Magazine of Western History* 36 (Spring 1986): 36–49, available on JStor, <http://www.jstor.org>.
3. 1860 U.S. census for La Porte County, Indiana, online at Ancestry.com; “U.S. IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862–1918, Record for Alfred Earl,” online at Ancestry.com; 1870 U.S. census for La Porte County, Indiana, online at Ancestry.com.
4. Advertisement for “A. F. Earl’s Up-to-Date Rubber Tired Livery” in “Michigan City, Indiana, City Directory, 1905,” in “U.S. City Directories, 1821–1989,” online at Ancestry.com; Entry for Alfred F. Earl in *Michigan City, IN, 1890–91* (La Porte, IN: La Porte Printing, 1890) and in *Michigan City, IN, 1893* (La Porte, IN: R. L. Polk and Co., 1893), in “Michigan City, Indiana, Directories, 1890–91, 1893–94,” online at Ancestry.com; Entry for Alfred F. Earl in *La Porte County, IN, 1896* (La Porte, IN: J. R. Chowning and W. W. Huffman, 1892), in “La Porte County, Indiana, Directory, 1896,” online at Ancestry.com.
5. Spence, “The Livery Stable in the American West,” 38.
6. 1910 U.S. Census for La Porte County, Indiana, online at Ancestry.com; Entry for Alfred F. Earl in “Michigan City, Indiana, Obituary Index, 1887–2011,” Michigan City Public Library, online at Ancestry.com.
7. 1900 U.S. Census for La Porte County, Indiana, online at Ancestry.com.

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Date [1897]	To Whom Lent	Style of Rig [Description]	Rate	Account Book Page No.
April 1	H. W. Johnson	Hack	1.00	1
April 1	Mrs. Haskell	Hack	1.00	1
April 1	Birt Walkowits[?]	HB	1.00	1

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Date [1897]	To Whom Lent	Style of Rig [Description]	Rate	Account Book Page No.
April 2	William Hartke	Hearse, Hack Capue[?]	9.00	2
April 2	Cris Paseskie	Hack [Time out] 2:15	2.00	2
April 2	Libbey[?]	h.B to house 315 E. B St.	1.00	2
April 2	William Bertles	Hack [Time out] 2:30	2.00	2
April 2	Bill Kuskie[?]	2 Seat	2.00	2
April 2	B. Schruetcer[?]	HB	2.00	2
April 2	Mr. Harley	Hack	1.00	2
April 2	Fred Frank	HB	2.00	2
April 2	Paul Nast	HB	1.50	2
April 2	Rev. Karnapp[?]	HB	1.00	2
April 3	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	3
April 3	Robt. Currass	Feed	3.00	3
April 3	R. M. Hutchinson	By Buggy	Cr.	3
April 4	Ford[?] Bartholomew	Single	1.50	4
April 4	John Grandarb[?]	2 Seat	3.00	4
April 4	R. M. Hutchinson	Wagonette	2.00	4
April 4	Mrs. Blewit[?]	h.B. @ house 1 OC	1.50	4
April 4	Father Rable	team 3 OC	2.00	4
April 4	Fred Westphall	team 1 Seat	3.00	4
April 4	Wm Tilock	team 3 Seat		4
April 4	Mr. C. Wheeler & Davis	team	3.00	4
April 4	Mrs. Williams	HB	1.00	4
April 4	Mrs. Haskell	Hack	1.00	4
April 4	Phill Demares	HB	1.50	4
April 4	Oscar Ramel[?]	HB	2.00	4
April 4	Henry Colburn	HB	1.50	4
April 4	Mr. Moar	HB	1.50	4
April 4	C. Willits	HB	1.00	4
April 4	H. Clarkson	team	3.00	4
April 5		[Blank Page]		5
April 6	Mrs. Temsteck	hearse 2 hacks 1 wagonette Cope		6
April 6	Mrs. Haskell	Hack	1.00	6
April 6	Mrs. Rieley	HB	1.50	6
April 6	Elmer Nichols	team	3.00	6
April 6	C. Ragurski	HB	1.00	6
April 6	Mrs. Haskell	Hack	1.00	6
April 7	W. Hartke	3 Hacks capue 1029 W 9th	8.00	7
April 7	Mr. Miller	hearse 3 hacks 1 wagonnett, 1 horse & Bug	10.00	7

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April 7	William Lutz	2 Seat 1101 W 9th	1.50	7
April 7	C. Fent	2 Seat	1.50	7
April 7	W. Fent	2 Seat	1.50	7
April 7	H. Sanwater	2 Seat	1.50	7
April 7	Lymn[?]	2 Seat 11:45	1.50	7
April 7	Fred Peters	2 Seat	1.50	7
April 7	Bob Stephenson	House H & B 1:30	1.00	7
April 7	Cahner[?]	hB to house	1.00	7
April 7	Hise[?]	2 Seat	2.00	7
April 7	Bell Telephone Co.	team	3.00	7
April 7	Jim Cale	team	3.00	7
April 7	John Shultz	HB	2.00	7
April 7	Mrs. Case	team	2.00	7
April 7	Rev Gordon	HB	1.00	7
April 8	Father Rable	team 2 Seat to house @ 7 OC	2.00	8
April 8	Will Feallock[?]	team	2.00	8
April 8	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	8
April 8	Ott. Offerman	HB	1.00	8
April 8	Burt Furness	Buggy	25.00	8
April 8	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	8
April 9	Wm. Kemper	Balance	1.65	9
April 9	Mrs. Haskell	Hack	2.00	9
April 9	George Johnson	HB	1.00	9
April 9	Charles Aldriger	HB	1.50	9
April 9	Mr. Moore	team	2.00	9
April 10	Prof. Snow	HB all day	2.00	10
April 10	Agent	HB	1.00	10
April 10	Miss Culborn[?]	HB	1.00	10
April 10	C. Regeski	HB	2.00	10
April 10	Robt. Curran[?]	Feed	3.00	10
April 11	Mr. Gurish	to house 3 Seat	2.00	11
April 11	Sanmater	to house E. Boston St. 3 Seat	2.00	11
April 11	Mrs. Ryan	hearse, 2 hacks cope	6.00	11
April 11	St. Pauls Society	Wagonnet	2.00	11
April 11	Mrs. Soverin[?]	2 Seat to house	1.50	11
April 11	Speckin	2 Seat	1.50	11
April 11	Mrs. Swank[?]	HB	1.00	11
April 11	Mrs. Shultz	2 Seat to house	1.50	11
April 11	Wm Eggert	hB to house 406 E. Boston St.	1.00	11

Date [1897]	To Whom Lent	Style of Rig [Description]	Rate	Account Book Page No.
April 11	Adolph Bartles	2 Seat	2.00	11
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April 11	Henry Grunke	HB 107 Columbia St.	1.00	11
April 11	Henry Sigert	hB to house	1.00	11
April 11	G. Meyer	HB	1.50	11
April 11	Mr. Moore	HB	1.50	11
April 11	Tom Debrick	HB	2.00	11
April 11	Mr. Tujm[?]	team	3.00	11
April 11	Frank Gidow	HB	1.50	11
April 11	Frank Coffin	HB	1.50	11
April 11	H. Ainske	HB	1.50	11
April 11	Fred Frank	HB	1.00	11
April 11	J. Burbank[?]	Hack	1.00	11
April 11	John Ulrich	HB	1.00	11
April 12	Mr. Wilber	HB	1.00	12
April 12	Agent	HB	1.00	12
April 12	W. Beckman	HB	1.00	12
April 12	Rev Gordon	HB	1.00	12
April 12	John Faulkner	team	2.00	12
April 12	Theo Hiser[?]	HB	1.00	12
April 13	Peter Munson	HB	1.00	13
April 13	Mrs. Sundene[?]	Hearse 2 Hacks Capice[?] Wagonette	8.00	13
April 13		1501 Elston HB		13
April 13	Mr. Johnson	HB	1.00	13
April 13	Guss Eskeson	Hack	2.00	13
April 13	Mrs. Haltgreen	2 Seat	1.50	13
April 13	John Erickson Call at Mrs. Case	Hack @ 108 Kruse[?] St. East	2.00	13
April 13	A. Peski	team	3.00	13
April 13	Ben Sternfield	HB	1.00	13
April 13	Mr. Calburn[?]	Hack	1.00	13
April 13	George Deming	Hack	1.00	13
April 13	Ralph Brown	HB	2.00	13
April 13	Peddler[?]	HB	1.50	13
April 13	Fred Frank	team	3.00	13
April 13	Fred Frank	HB	1.00	13
April 13	C. Hamel Painter	HB	1.00	13
April 14	Mr. Culbert	HB	1.00	14
April 14	Mr. Omie	HB	1.00	14

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April 14	Rev Wrable	HB	1.00	14
April 14	Mrs. Case	HB	1.00	14
April 14	J. H. Barker	[Residence] works [style of rig] Hack	1.00	14
April 14	J. H. Barker	[Residence] works [style of rig] Hack	1.00	14
April 14	H. W. Johnson	Horse	1.00	14
April 15	Jared Orr	HB Laporte	2.00	15
April 15	Mrs. Bluett	HB	1.00	15
April 15	J. H. Barker	[Residence] office [Style of Rig] Hack	1.00	15
April 15	J. H. Barker	[Residence] office [Style of Rig] team	1.00	15
April 15	C. Howell Painter	HB	1.00	15
April 16	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	16
April 16	Fred Frank	team	2.00	16
April 17	Mrs. Bluett	HB	1.00	17
April 17	H. R. Colburn	HB	1.00	17
April 17	Bill Staret	team	4.00	17
April 17	Emma Beckman	team	2.00	17
April 17	Team to Rolling Prairie		3.00	17
April 17	G. Winters	team	3.00	17
April 18	Guss Sarge	2 Seat	3.00	18
April 18	Bill Steibb	2 Seat	3.00	18
April 18	Krager[?]	2 Seat	1.50	18
April 18	McNully[?]	White horse	5.00	18
April 18	J. Bertz	2 Seat	3.00	18
April 18	Arther[?] Hillman	HB	1.50	18
April 18	H. Finske	Rig to house 2:30 HB		18
April 18	Bob Donnal	hB to house 6 OC am	1.50	18
April 18	Albert Johnson	hB		18
April 18	Mrs. Haskell	hB	1.50	18
April 18	Anton Redsack	hB to house	1.00	18
April 18	Pahl	hB	1.50	18
April 18	Frank Wilson	HB	2.00	18
April 18	David Powell	team	3.00	18
April 18	Rev. Blackman	team	2.00	18
April 18	Sanford Davidson[?]	team	2.00	18
April 18	Fred Frank	HB	1.00	18
April 18	Bill Huncle	Hack	2.00	18
April 18	W. Schmidt Mcwife[?]	HB	1.00	18
April 19	A. Peterson	Hack to house 109 W. Williams St.	2.00	19

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April 19	John Peterson	Hack 112 Belden[?] St 1:30	2.00	19
April 19	Andrew Walter	Hack 210 Belden[?] St 1:30	2.00	19
April 19	Guss Eckeson	Hack 216 Barker Ave 1:30	2.00	19
April 19	Andrew Palm	Hack 134 Fulton St 1:30	2.00	19
April 19	Anderson	hearse hack & Palbars & HB		19
April 19	Andrew Johnson	134 B Ave[?] hack	2.00	19
April 19	John Keoner	hearse hack wagonette	6.00	19
April 19	Mr. Anderson	hB	1.00	19
April 19	Charles Engsham	2 Seat 112 Fulton St	1.50	19
April 19	C. Ackalein[?]	2 Seat	1.50	19
April 19	L. Errickson	hB 120 Barker Av to house	1.00	19
April 19	P. Zarn	hack call at Kuhn & 7 St	2.00	19
April 19	Gus Young	hB	1.00	19
April 19	Prof. Snow	HB	2.00	19
April 19	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	19
April 19	C. Frank	HB	2.00	19
April 20	Louis[?] Wilson	2 Seat 828 Cedar St	2.00	20
April 20	Mrs. L. Heick	HB	1.00	20
April 20	Mrs. Brodie	HB	1.00	20
April 20	J. E. Schultz	team Laporte	3.00	20
April 20	Bill Beckman	team	2.00	20
April 20	Mrs. Bluett	HB	1.00	20
April 20	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	20
April 21	Mr. Yoder	hack 1510 Elson St	2.00	21
April 21	Mr. Harbut	hack 313 Geen[?] St	2.00	21
April 21	Wm. Jentz	hack	2.00	21
April 21	Wm. Jentz	h.B.	1.00	21
April 21	Ed Miller	HB 11:30	2.00	21
April 21	Mr. Shultz	HB to house	1.00	21
April 21	Mr. Angle	2 Seat	1.50	21
April 21	Hermaz[?] Gader	hack Elson St.	2.00	21
April 21	C. Schwenke	HB	1.00	21
April 21	J. H. Barker	Hack theirs	1.00	21
April 21	H. Johns	HB	1.00	21
April 21	Guss Pahl	team	3.00	21
April 21	Mrs. Bluett	Buss	0.50	21
April 21	George Loops	HB	2.00	21
April 21	Fred Frank	HB	2.00	21
April 21	J. H. Barker	Hack Theirs	1.00	21

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April 22	Prof. Snow	HB twice	2.00	22
April 22	Stranger	HB	1.50	22
April 22	Mr. Cofflin	HB	1.50	22
April 22	Mrs. Brudi	HB	1.00	22
April 23	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	23
April 23	J. Gallaher	HB	1.50	23
April 23	C. Howell	HB	1.00	23
April 23	Rev. Wrable	Hack	1.00	23
April 23	C. Hintz	HB	1.00	23
April 24	L. Myer	hack	2.00	24
April 24	Mrs Eddy	2 Seat to house	1.50	24
April 24	Fred Eggert	2 seat to house 1 OC	1.50	24
April 24	Mr. Myer	hearse 6 hacks & Cope send for Mrs. Hausch 1:30	19.00	24
April 24	St. Pauls Society	Wagonnet	2.00	24
April 24	Mr. Monk	2 Seat	1.50	24
April 24	John Tiym[?]	3 Seat	2.00	24
April 24	Mr. Schlindt[?]	Hack 440 E. 8th	2.00	24
April 24	Mr. Weigman	2 Seat 909 Willard Ave.	1.50	24
April 24	Bill Flagle	HB	1.00	24
April 24	Fred Lawrence	lite 3 seat	2.00	24
April 24	Mr. Sanwader	2 Seat E. Boston	1.50	24
April 24	William Eggert	HB 406 E. Boston	1.00	24
April 24	Fred Eggert	HB	1.00	24
April 24	Mr. Culbert	HB 6:30 AM	2.00	24
April 24	Fred Fent	2 Seat	1.50	24
April 24	H. Enler	HB	1.00	24
April 24	Prof. Miller	HB	1.00	24
April 24	C. Thomas	HB	1.00	24
April 24	Mr. Wilbur	HB	1.00	24
April 24	Rev. Blackman	Hack	0.50	24
April 24	Bill Kruger	HB	1.00	24
April 24	W. Kruger	team	2.00	24
April 24	Will Henkel	HB	1.00	24
April 25	Ed Miller	HB	1.00	25
April 25	Art Raeske	team	3.00	25
April 25	Paul Nast	HB	2.00	25
April 25	Mr. Wright	Laundry[?] HB	2.00	25
April 25	John Holtz	HB	1.50	25

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April 25	C. Howell	HB	2.00	25
April 25	Ben Leggett	team	3.00	25
April 25	W. Beshem	team Laporte	3.00	25
April 25	Mr. Colburn	team	2.00	25
April 25	Mr. Culbert	team	2.00	25
April 25	Frank Bartholomew	HB Laporte	2.00	25
April 25	Mrs. Myekeb[?]	HB	1.00	25
April 25	Bill Lagman	team	3.00	25
April 25	Sanweder[?]	HB	1.50	25
April 25	Mr. Wanckeff	HB	2.50	25
April 25	Mr. Casey	team	3.00	25
April 25	Dick Hutchinson	team	2.00	25
April 25	Mrs. Mott[?]	Hack	1.00	25
April 25	Frank Boeckling	HB	1.50	25
April 25	H. Finske	HB	1.50	25
April 25	Rob Frazer	team	2.00	25
April 25	Rv. Blackman	Hack	1.00	25
April 25	Mr. Waid	team	2.00	25
April 26	Rev. Wrable	team	2.00	26
April 26	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	26
April 26	Fred Frank	HB	2.00	26
April 26	Mr. Cawgill[?]	team	6.00	26
April 26	Mrs. Myikeb[?]	HB	1.00	26
April 26	Mr. Miller	team	2.00	26
April 26	Mrs. Vanfelt	HB	1.00	26
April 26	Albert Johnson	HB	1.50	26
April 27	C. Herbert	2 Seat	1.50	27
April 27		1116 Green St. 2 Seat	1.50	27
April 27	Bill Jentz	Spat[?]	1.50	27
April 27	C. Schwenke	HB	1.00	27
April 27	Bert Manning	HB	1.50	27
April 27	H. W. Johnson	Hack	1.00	27
April 27	H. W. Johnson	Hack	1.00	27
April 27	Mrs. Myskeb	HB	1.00	27
April 28	Mr. Hanke[?]	Hearse 3 Hacks & Coupee[?]	8.00	28
April 28	Mrs. Werdean[?]	Big 3 Seat	2.00	28
April 28	Mr. Nielap	2 seat driver	1.50	28
April 28	Mrs. Wirdean	hB to house 715 W. 4th St.	1.00	28
April 28	John Westman	2 Seat	1.50	28

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April 28	Gus Nielep	2 Seat	1.50	28
April 28	John Haltz	HB to home	1.00	28
April 28	Prof. Snow	HB	1.50	28
April 28	Mr. Nickels	team	3.00	28
April 28	John Kegles	HB	1.50	28
April 28	Prof. Snow	HB	1.00	28
April 28	Mr. Starns	Hack	2.00	28
April 28	Mr. W. Leeds[?]	Hack	2.00	28
April 28	A. Conan	Feed	1.75	28
April 29	Palander	2 Hacks	4.00	29
April 29	C. Getschew	team	3.00	29
April 29	C. Howell	HB	1.50	29
April 29	Lee Manihan	30 team	2.00	29
April 29	Frank Bartholomew	HB Laporte	2.00	29
April 29	Mrs. Haskell	Hack	1.00	29
April 29	Capt. Gables[?]	team Laporte	3.00	29
April 29	Robt. Curran	feed	0.25	29
May 1	Bill Wheatbrook	team	2.00	30
May 1	Mr. Schelberg	Hacks	4.00	30
May 1	Will Kittenbeck	HB	1.50	30
May 1	John Grandorf	HB	1.50	30
May 1	Prof. Miller	Hack	1.00	30
May 2	Will Kenuack[?]	3 Seat	3.00	31
May 2		team at Otis at 12 OC	2.00	31
May 2	David	hearse hack 2 Surreys 1 3 seat 1 Cope	18.00	31
May 2	Smelter	3 Seat	3.00	31
May 2	Harry Miles	HB	2.00	31
May 2	Mr. Lytle	Hack	1.00	31
May 3	Mr. Cuninngham	HB	1.00	32
May 3	Otis[?] Karding[?]	team otis[?]	2.00	32
May 3	Mr. Larson	HB	2.00	32
May 4	Mr. Anders	House 2 hack 1 horse & Bug[?]	5.00	33
May 4	Mr. Colson	2 Seat 404 E. Sixth	1.50	33
May 4	Mr. Andersen	2 Seat	1.50	33
May 4	C. Thomas	HB	3.00	33
May 4	Mr. Colburn	HB	1.00	33
May 5	John Voss	2 Seat	1.50	34
May 5	A. Miller	hack	2.00	34
May 5	C. Smelter	Hearse 6 Hacks wagonett cafue[?]	16.00	34

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May 5	Will Hartke	Hack 2 Seat HB	4.50	34
May 5	J. C. Colbert[?]	Hack	2.00	34
May 5	Luling[?]	hack to 1106 Tenesse St.	2.00	34
May 5	Luling[?]	hack to 1108 Mahaton St.	1.00	34
May 5	Mrs. Walters	hack 12:45	2.00	34
May 5	Mr. Wm. Koper	hack 417 E 9th St. 1 OC	2.00	34
May 5	Will Fealack[?]	2 Seat to House	1.50	34
May 5	J. W. Dabbert	2 Seat	1.50	34
May 5	Will Smelter	2 Seat	1.50	34
May 5	George Johnson	HB	1.00	34
May 5	Mr. Seebauer	2 Seat 814 Tenesece	2.00	34
May 5	C. Wheeler	team	4.00	34
May 5	H. A. Roat	team	4.00	34
May 5	Mrs. Witlie	HB	1.00	34
May 5	Ken Gordon	HB	1.00	34
May 5	Fred Frank	HB	2.00	34
May 6	Andy Gutchell	2 Seat driver	1.50	35
May 6	Fred Kenadar	2 Seat	1.50	35
May 6	Mike McLaughlin	Single driver	1.00	35
May 6	C. Smelter	Buss 1:30	2.00	35
May 6	Talket[?] Miller	team Laporte	3.00	35
May 6	John Curran	HB	1.00	35
May 6	Mr. Green	HB	2.00	35
May 6	Mullen Estate	Hearse 6 Hacks Capue Wagonett	16.00	35
May 6	Ed Mann	Hack	2.00	35
May 6	Mrs. Czurnuzk[?]	HB	1.00	35
May 6	Wm. Musky[?]	2 hacks 2 OC 1210 Elson St.	6.00	35
May 6		One to go to 306 union St. Canada[?]		35
May 6		One to go to 316 W. 6th St[?]		35
May 6		One to go to 1109 Green St		35
May 6	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	35
May 7	Geo[?] Nickel	HB	1.50	36
May 7	Mr. Ohmie	HB	1.50	36
May 7	Mrs. Geo Johnson	HB	1.50	36
May 7	Mrs. Haskell	HB	1.50	36
May 7	Mrs. Ford	team	2.00	36
May 7	Smeed	HB	1.50	36
May 7	Mr. Osburn	HB	1.00	36

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May 8	William Hartke	Hearse 2 Hacks Wagonette HB 1: 2: seat	11.00	37
May 8	Mr. Blessing	HB	1.00	37
May 8	Chs[?] Harmmon	903 E. Michigon St. 1 OC to house	3.00	37
May 8	Henry Shanberg	HB 1009 Elston	1.00	37
May 8	Ben Leggett	Colts to house	3.00	37
May 8	Mr. Blessing	HB	1.00	37
May 8	Guss Hammon	HB	1.50	37
May 8	G. Kimball	HB	1.00	37
May 9	Frank Clarkson	Frank[?]	2.00	38
May 9	Will Feallock[?]	team	2.00	38
May 9	Isaac Burns	715 Spring St — 2 Seat — 1:30 Send	1.50	38
May 9	C. Norton	2 Seat	1.50	38
May 9	Dan Walkernits[?]	HB 6:30 to house	2.00	38
May 9	John Becks	2 Seat 1:30	3.00	38
May 9	Paul Nast	HB	2.00	38
May 9	John Ginther	HB	1.00	38
May 9	Mr. Zener	hB to house W. Boston St. at 12 OC	2.00	38
May 9	Burns	hearse 1 hack 1=hb at 3 OC	3.00	38
May 9	Will Feallack[?]	2 Seat 1:50	2.00	38
May 9	Prison Guard	HB	1.50	38
May 9	Mr. Fowler[?]	team	3.00	38
May 9	Mrs. Brudi	HB	1.00	38
May 9	J. Alwine	HB	1.00	38
May 9	Bill Kruger	HB	1.50	38
May 9	Norton Barker	Hack	1.00	38
May 9	Mr. Lescher	HB	1.50	38
May 9	H. Finske	HB	1.50	38
May 9	Frank Bartholomew	team	3.00	38
May 9	Modern Woodmen Rev Surge	HB	1.00	38
May 9	Mrs. Haskill	Hack	1.00	38
May 9	C. Willits	HB	1.00	38
May 10	Will Hartke	Hearse 2 Hacks 2:Seat HB	9.00	39
May 10	T. Conrad	HB 1303 Ohio	1.00	39
May 10	Mr. Eckert	Hack 1412 Elston	2.00	39
May 10	L. Eckert	HB	1.00	39
May 10	Mr. Newman	hack 1407 Manhatton St.	2.00	39
May 10	A. W. Furness	By Cash on Buy		39

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May 10	A. W. Furness	Balance Due on Buy	13.00	39
May 10	Mrs. Sack	HB	1.00	39
May 10	H. Jentz	HB	1.00	39
May 10	Bill Jentz	HB	1.00	39
May 10	G. Jentz	HB	1.00	39
May 10	Agent	HB	1.00	39
May 10	Estate of Mrs. Worthaly[?]	Hearse 6 Hacks Wagonett HB	15.00	39
May 11	Bill Beckman	HB	2.00	40
May 11	Mrs. Myrkeb	team	4.00	40
May 11	Mrs. Colburn	HB	1.00	40
May 11	Bill Rabe	HB	1.00	40
May 11	C. Thomas	HB	2.00	40
May 11	Mr. Deil	HB	1.50	40
May 11	A. E. Wortheley	team	3.00	40
May 11	Mrs. Haskell	Hack	1.00	40
May 12	L. Kunkel	Horse	2.00	41
May 12	Mrs. Deal	HB	1.50	41
May 12	Bill Waymer[?]	HB	1.00	41
May 12	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	41
May 12	W. Stibbe	HB	1.00	41
May 13	Henry Kull	team	3.00	42
May 13	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	42
May 13	H. Freeman	HB	1.50	42
May 13	Mrs. Wynkeb	HB	1.00	42
May 13	Wm. Wespheuw	hack & horse 6:30	3.00	42
May 13	Doc Johnson	HB	1.50	42
May 13	Will Feallock[?]	team	2.00	42
May 13	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	42
May 14	Miss Nabe	Hack	1.00	43
May 14	Agent	HB	1.00	43
May 14	Doc Millson	Horse[?] to relay		43
May 14	Bill Seadorf	HB	1.00	43
May 15	Jud Wheeler	team Valpo	4.00	44
May 15	William Smith	Hack & 2 Seat	4.00	44
May 15	Bill Wagoner	HB	1.00	44
May 16	Mr. Anderson	2 Seat	3.00	45
May 16	Otto Karding[?]	team	3.00	45
May 16	C. Thomas	Grey Mare	3.00	45
May 16	Fred Schreder	team & 1 Seat	3.00	45

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May 16	Pete Glesier	team	3.00	45
May 16	Bee Woodson	HB [Time Out] 1:50	1.50	45
May 16	Tim Olanar	team	2.00	45
May 16	Prison	team	3.00	45
May 16	Prison	team	3.00	45
May 16	Walter Becham	HB Laporte [Time In] 4:45	2.00	45
May 16	Fred Frier	HB	1.50	45
May 16	Miss Landon	HB	1.50	45
May 16	Mr. Lecker	team	3.00	45
May 16	Frank Brimmer	HB	1.50	45
May 16	Mr. Alato	HB	1.50	45
May 16	C. Babsiene	HB	1.50	45
May 16	H. Bennett	HB	1.50	45
May 16	Mr. Flax	HB	1.50	45
May 16	Mr. Street	HB	1.50	45
May 16	Mr. Kahase	team	2.00	45
May 16	H. Sudram	HB	1.00	45
May 16	C. Banedect[?]	HB	1.00	45
May 17	Ken Blackman	team	3.00	46
May 17	H. Godbey	team	3.00	46
May 17	Mrs. Ford	team	2.00	46
May 17	Jared Orr	HB	1.50	46
May 17	Mrs. J. B. Busbruk	HB	1.50	46
May 17	L. Schlunett	HB	1.00	46
May 17	Guss Hammon	HB	1.00	46
May 17	Mr. Marks	Team	1.00	46
May 18	J. H. Barker	Hack	1.00	47
May 18	Tom Shreve	HB	1.00	47
May 18	Tom Shreve	HB	1.00	47
May 18	C. Robb	HB	1.50	47
May 19	Mr. Dabbert	hears & hack one 2 Seat 1 Cope[?]	4.50	48
May 19	Mrs. Ritz	hack	2.00	48
May 19	Frank Cook	Hack Union St. Canada	2.00	48
May 19	Mr. Black	2 Seat to house 12 OC	3.00	48
May 19	C. Baumgarten	2 Seat	1.50	48
May 19	Mr. Dabbert	Hack	2.00	48
May 19	C. Dabbert	2 Seat	1.50	48
May 19	Mr. Miller	2 Seat	2.00	48
May 19	John Pitsch	horse to house 12 OC	1.00	48

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May 19	Fred Long	2 Seat	2.00	48
May 19	John Gerither	2 Seat 1102 Tennessee	1.50	48
May 19	J. C. Halty	2 Seat to Store	1.50	48
May 19	John Voss	HB	1.00	48
May 19	Fred Cabert	2 Seat	1.50	48
May 19	J. Kuhn	HB 701 Wabash	1.00	48
May 19	C. Wheeler	HB	1.50	48
May 19	Ben Leggett	2 Seat to house 6:15	2.00	48
May 19	Mr. Wright	team	2.00	48
May 19	Will Steib	HB	1.50	48
May 19	Mrs. Barker	HB	1.00	48
May 20	Fred Sable	3 hacks at 305 Park St.		49
May 20	Fred Sable	1 at 1 OC	10.00	49
May 20	Fred Sable	2 at 3 OC		49
May 20	Bill Rabe	2 Seat 7:50	2.00	49
May 20	Fred Peters	Hack 4:30	3.00	49
May 20	Ben Leggett	Balance of act. to Date	2.00	49
May 20	Fred Whiffle	HB	1.00	49
May 20	Fred Frank	HB	2.00	49
May 20	Birt Manning	HB	1.50	49
May 21	C. Robb	team Laporte	3.00	50
May 21	Agent	HB	1.00	50
May 21	Prof. Snow	HB all dy	2.00	50
May 21	James Orr	HB Laporte	2.00	50
May 21	Walter Berham	HB Laporte	2.00	50
May 21	J. H. Barker	team	2.00	50
May 21	Ed Hartke	Buss	6.00	50
May 21	Miss Colburn	HB	1.50	50
May 22	Rob Fryer	2 Seat at 12:30 PM	3.00	51
May 22	Fred Lock	3 Seat		51
May 22	Capt. Gables	team	2.00	51
May 23	C. Baensterott[?]	HB	2.00	52
May 23	Fred Darmen	2 Seat 6:45	3.00	52
May 23	Mr. Cass	HB	2.00	52
May 23	Mr. Jergens	2 Seat	3.00	52
May 23	George Commel	3 Seat 8 Oc	3.00	52
May 23	Louis Erixon	2 Seat house 5 OC 1516 Lafayette St.	3.00	52
May 23	L. Huff	2 Seat 5:30	7.00	52
May 23	C. Thomas	Gray Mare	2.00	52

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May 23	Mr. McHarty	2 Seat 6:45	3.00	52
May 23	Bob Danell	2 Seat to house at 8 OC	3.00	52
May 23	Pierce	hB	2.00	52
May 23	L. Becham	HB to house 1:45	1.00	52
May 23	Frank Boeckling	HB	1.50	52
May 23	Frank Tailor	HB	1.50	52
May 23	Mrs. Myrkeb	HB	1.00	52
May 23	John Hurbert	HB	1.50	52
May 23	Mr. Drescher	HB	1.00	52
May 23	Bill Kruger	team	2.00	52
May 23	Mr. Wilkinson	team	3.00	52
May 23	L. Debrick	HB	2.00	52
May 23	H. Finske	HB	1.00	52
May 23	Tom Shreve	HB	2.00	52
May 23	Frank Wilson	HB	1.00	52
May 24	Mrs. McKinnon	team	3.00	53
May 24	Norm Seward	HB	2.00	53
May 24	David Talbot	HB	2.00	53
May 24	Birt Anger	HB	2.00	53
May 24	GAR Rev. Barrow	HB	1.00	53
May 24	Geo. Marks	HB	1.00	53
May 25	Father Wrable	team	3.00	54
May 25	Frank Brimmer	team	2.00	54
May 25	Jared Orr	HB Laporte	2.00	54
May 25	A. O. Berner	HB	2.00	54
May 25	Postal Co	team	2.00	54
May 25	C. Thomas	HB	1.00	54
May 25	Dewalb Estate	HB	1.00	54
May 25	E. Brinkman	HB	1.00	54
May 25	Ben Steinfield	HB	1.00	54
May 25	Mr. Lytle	HB	1.00	54
May 26	Thomas Ryan	Herse 2 Hacks Cafue Wagonnet	8.00	55
May 26	Mrs. T Keneda	Hack	2.00	55
May 26	John Cassada	2 Seat 8:30	1.50	55
May 26	Gus Shreve	2 Seat	1.50	55
May 26	William Tutt[?]	2 Seat 1101 9 St to house	1.50	55
May 26	Tim Phalen	HB	1.00	55
May 26	Mrs. Cavanaugh	HB to house	1.00	55
May 26	John Curn	HB to house 705 W. 8 St.	1.00	55

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May 26	Bill Rabe	HB	1.00	55
May 26	Mrs. Haskell	Hack	1.00	55
May 26	Birt Mannings	HB Laporte	2.00	55
May 26	Roy Hamick	HB Laporte	2.00	55
May 26	Bill Kruger	team Valpo	4.00	55
May 27	G.A.R. N. Cole	team	2.00	56
May 27	G.A.R. G. Brown all day	team	3.00	56
May 27	G.A.R. John Bausched	twice HB	1.50	56
May 27	Bill Hart	team	2.00	56
May 27	T. Geoffrey	team	3.00	56
May 27	Doc Kerrigan	HB	1.00	56
May 27	Jo Kilnabbase[?]	HB	1.00	56
May 27	H. Speckene	HB	1.00	56
May 27	J. Burbank	HB	1.50	56
May 27	H. Meyer	took horse to relay		56
May 27	C. Howell[?]	HB	1.00	56
May 28	John Gessie	Herse Capue[?] 2 Seat 6 Hacks	16.00	57
May 28	Mr. Shultz	2 Seat & Driver	1.50	57
May 28	Amel Scheimel	2 Seat driver	1.50	57
May 28	Mrs. Minks Tim St.	Surrey & 1 Horse 3:30 PM to House	1.50	57
May 28	Mr. Garbut	hB to house	1.00	57
May 28	Gus Harmon	hB horse Penterhouse[?]	1.00	57
May 28	Albert Cramm	HB 922 East 2nd St Driver 1 o'clock	1.00	57
May 28	R. Kruger	HB	1.00	57
May 28	Elnser	2 Seat	1.50	57
May 28	Roman	HB Laporte	2.00	57
May 28	G.A.R. N. Cole	team	2.00	57
May 28	G.A.R. Bauschard	HB	1.00	57
May 28	G.A.R. Berron	HB	1.50	57
May 28	Mrs. W. Leeds	team	2.00	57
May 28	J. Shultz	Spat[?]	1.00	57
May 28	John Grandorf	HB	1.50	57
May 28	Tom Mahern[?]	HB Laporte	2.00	57
May 28	Man at Prison	team	2.00	57
May 28	C. Elmer	team	2.00	57
May 28	H. Prestene	HB	1.00	57
May 28	Miss Calburn	HB	1.00	57
May 28	Capt. Gables	team	2.00	57
May 29	J. H. Barker	Per Regus Hack	1.00	58

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May 29	Mr. J. G. Mott	one 3 & one 2 Seat	6.00	58
May 29	Mrs. Hoyt	HB to house	1.00	58
May 29	Fred Washer	HB to house 2:45	2.00	58
May 29	Mr. Morris	Sidspring[?] Buy at 2 OC	2.00	58
May 29	Mr. Ohmie	HB	1.50	58
May 29	Mr. Powell	HB	1.00	58
May 29	John Enenburg	HB	2.00	58
May 29	Mr. Franklin	HB	1.00	58
May 29	August Vetereby[?]	HB	1.50	58
May 29		Bleocks[?]	3.00	58
May 29	Peter Jensen	team	2.00	58
May 29	Guss Hankie	HB	1.00	58
May 29	Ben Leggett	HB	1.50	58
May 29	Harry Bennett	team	5.00	58
May 29	G.A.R.s	3 Busses 1 Wagonette	8.00	58
May 29	G.A.R.s	3 = 3 Seats	6.00	58
May 29	G.A.R.s	1 = 2 Seat	2.00	58
May 29	G.A.R.s	4 = Hacks	8.00	58
May 29	G.A.R.s	4 = 3 Seat	8.00	58
May 29	G.A.R.s	team Snook[?]	2.00	58
May 29	Mr. Cass	Hack	1.00	58
May 29	J. Gallaher	team	2.00	58
May 29	Bill Knock	HB	1.50	58
May 29	G.A.R.	Baker Laporte	3.00	58
May 30	Frank Tailor	Team [Time Out] 5:30	3.00	59
May 30	Mrs. Will Murray	HB	1.50	59
May 30	Miss Ritter		1.50	59
May 30	Mr. Koncle	2 Seat at 4 Pm	2.00	59
May 30	Fred Cook	3 Seat 5:30	3.00	59
May 30	Bill Rabe	2 Seat to house 7:45	3.00	59
May 30	William Hartke	Hearse Hack 2 Seat HB	7.00	59
May 30	Mr. Tijm	3 Seat 1105 Kentucky	2.00	59
May 30	Albert Ricctar	HB	2.00	59
May 30	Albert Fritz	HB	1.00	59
May 30	Mr. Baensteadt[?]	HB	1.00	59
May 30	Frank Boeckling	2 Seat	2.00	59
May 30	Fred Johnson	HB	1.50	59
May 30	J. Smith	[Name of Horse] Babe	2.00	59
May 30		[Name of Horse] Dick[?]	1.50	59

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May 30	Andy Carie	HB	1.00	59
May 30	Mrs. J. Petterson	HB	1.00	59
May 30	Frank Bartholomew	HB	2.00	59
May 30	G. Venchusen[?]	HB	1.00	59
May 30		Stud[?]	2.00	59
May 30	Paul Nast	HB	2.00	59
May 30	Jane[?] Shreve	HB	1.00	59
May 30	Emel Hankie	HB	1.50	59
May 31		herse 3 hacks 1 wagonet 1 cape	10.00	60
May 31	Benner[?]	2 Seat & Driver	1.50	60
May 31	John Voss	HB	2.00	60
May 31	H. Blessing	HB	2.00	60
May 31	Mrs. R. Hutchinson	Buss		60
May 31	Pedler	HB	1.50	60
May 31	H. Paul	HB	1.50	60
May 31	Emel Hankie	team Laporte	3.00	60
May 31	Mrs. Fish	team	3.00	60
May 31	L. Debrick	HB	1.50	60
May 31	James Murphy	Buss 1:30	0.25	60

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