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**EVANSVILLE AREA
PHOTOGRAPHS & MATERIALS, 1860–1970**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: 1860–1970

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Evansville is a city in the southernmost portion of Indiana in Vanderburgh County. It was founded in 1812 and incorporated in 1817. It is the economic hub of the Indiana/Illinois/Kentucky tri-state area. It is also home to the Angel Mounds Historic Site among other museums, monuments, and historic places.

James Bethel Gresham (23 August 1893 – 3 November 1917) was the first Indiana native and perhaps first American to die serving in WWI. Gresham had attended Centennial School in Evansville. He, along with Private Merl Hay and Private Thomas Enright were killed by the German Imperial Army near Artois, France. A memorial was erected for the men where they perished in France. It was later moved to Evansville.

Sources:

Ancestry.com, Indiana Birth Records 1880-1920, U.S. Military Service Records WWI, U.S. Find A Grave Index.

James Bethel Gresham Memorial. Locust Hill Cemetery. City of Evansville.
<<http://www.evansvillegov.org/city/topic/subtopic.php?topicid=67>>.

Evansville.org and VisitEvansville.com

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains 112 photographs, approximately 50 advertisements (on 35 sheets of paper), fifteen postcards, fourteen miscellaneous manuscript/document materials, one newspaper, one catalogue, and two illustrations.

The photographs include photographs pertaining to James Bethel Gresham, the Navy, Evansville area buildings and structures and mostly unidentified persons.

The advertisements are mostly early to mid-20th century ads for Evansville area businesses. The catalogue is a Chicago grocery wholesale price list from Jan./Feb. 1907.

The postcards were received by residents of Evansville or are unused.

The miscellaneous manuscript items include a travelogue invitation, a tailor's receipt, a leaflet of the ninth and tenth commandments of Christianity, a Regulator Diary or Pocket Companion, a DOJ registration card for a female alien, a clothing requisition document from the Southern Indiana Hospital for Insane, several 1860's letters or official documents from the state of Indiana, several photocopies of diary or journal entries and book texts, a government receipt, and a troop billet.

The newspaper is a copy of The Journal (Evansville) from July 5, 1876.

One illustration is of a Graham Paige auto manufacturing building built by Hoffman Built Inc. The other is of Bosse Field Stadium in Evansville.

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Automobile related items

Evansville area buildings – inside

Evansville area photographs 1960–1970

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Miscellaneous manuscript items

Evansville area advertisements

Grocery Catalogue [Chicago, 1907]

The Journal [Evansville, Indiana], July 5, 1876

Ice Cream Parlor photograph

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