# HERBAUGH AND SEELIG FAMILIES COLLECTION, CA. 1870-1980

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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#### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

The Herbaugh and Seelig families were both long time residents of Washington Township, Blackford County, Indiana. The families were united by marriage when Walter Seelig married Della May Herbaugh on February 3, 1915 in Hartford City, Indiana. Della May Herbaugh (March 5, 1888-March 28, 1980) was born to Samuel Herbaugh and Alice Casterline in Washington Township, Blackford County, Indiana. She had three siblings, Carl (Henrietta Sameuk), Lena (Ray Ford) and James (Mary Ellen Trant). Della attended the local schoolhouse at Wadle, Indiana and married former school teacher and farmer Walter Seelig. Walter (April 15, 1883-March 3, 1966) was a graduate of the Marion Normal School and was the grandson of early Blackford County resident Frederick Seelig and son of Isaac and Sarah (Russell) Seelig. Walter was the middle child, with an older brother, Frank (Inez Martin), and a younger sister, Millie. Della and Walter inherited Frederick Seelig's farm and had two daughters, Catharine (Seelig) Dick and Jessie (Seelig) Newton. Catharine went on to take over residence at the Seelig farm from her parents once they retired.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Materials in the collection

# **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains snapshots, posed studio portraits, postcard photographs, cabinet cards, cirkut photographs, and a few small manuscript materials all relating to the Herbaugh and Seelig families, both of whom resided for multiple generations in Blackford County, Indiana. In general, the images, most from the first half of the twentieth century, are mostly formal portraits of family members and family groups, some candids, and exterior shots of family residences. Many of the photographs are identified, likely by Catharine (Seelig) Dick. The photographs have been grouped together by family member or type of image, and the folders have been arranged in the boxes and in the guide chronologically.

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Daniel Russell

1870s-1900s

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One studio portrait of the Knox Family taken at Rex Studio, Hartford City, IN, ca. 1870s. Back row L to R: Daniel Knox, Ida Knox Stallsmith, James Knox, Mary Knox Russell. Front row L to R: Mariah Knox Fuller,

William Knox, Susan Clevenger Knox, Wesley Knox

One studio portrait of the Russell family, ca. 1870s.

Back row L to R: Albert Russell, Samuel Russell,
Mary Russell Moon, Sarah Russell Seelig, Henry
Russell, Francis Russell. Front row L to R: William
Russell, John Russell, Maria Clevenger Russell,

Three cabinet cards of Casterline and Herbaugh
relatives; two of Dearduff family members and one of
Charlotte Casterline; a photo postcard from a carry-in
dinner with the Perry and Casterline families, ca.

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 3

Six cabinet cards; one of Isaac and Sarah Seelig with their two oldest children Frank and Walter; and the other five are variations of the three Seelig children,

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 4

ca. 1880s-1890s

Tintype of infant Della May Herbaugh, ca. 1888

Tintypes,

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One cabinet card showing Carl and Della Herbaugh as

Photographs,

children; one photo portrait of Carl; two photos of
Carl and Walter Seelig hunting; one photo of Carl
with two unidentified men and their haul of fish
caught on a hunt; two photos of Carl, his wife

Harriotte and three of their shildren posing with an

Henrietta and three of their children posing with an automobile, ca. 1890s-1910s

One cabinet card portrait of Samuel, Alice, Carl and Della Herbaugh, ca. 1890; one photo postcard of the Herbaughs' new Studebaker with Samuel driving; one photo postcard of a large Herbaugh family gathering; five photos of Samuel and Alice with their children and grandchildren, ca. 1910s-1940s

Photographs, Box 1, Folder 6

One studio portrait of eleven young girls dressed in outerwear, with fur stoles and hats taken at G.W. Stewart Studio, Hartford City, IN, ca. 1900s. Back row L to R: Katy Walker, Della Herbaugh, Anna Stollmuth, Lelia Kitterman, Emma Walker. Middle Row L to R: Lizzie [Willmaur?], Ada Kitterman, Millie Seelig, Edith Fuller. Front Row: Eda Kitterman, Bertha Wise

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Two photos of Alice Casterline Herbaugh doing farm chores- feeding chickens and pumping water from the well, ca. 1900s

Photographs,
Box 1. Folder 7

Two photos of Della Herbaugh and her classmates outside Wadle School, ca. 1900s

Photographs,

Photographs,

One studio portrait of the four Herbaugh children, Carl, Della, Lena, and James, ca. 1900s

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photos, ca. 1900s

One class photo of Walter Seelig with his class outside

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One class photo of Walter Seelig with his class outside of Marion Normal School, ca. 1900s Photographs,

Two photos of Walter Seelig with his students at Wadle School and one photograph of the exterior of Wadle School with a short written reminiscence, ca. 1900s

Box 1, Folder 11 Photographs,

Box 1, Folder 12

Three photos of the exterior of the Seelig home and farm; ten photographs of the Isaac and Mary Seelig family- posing in front of their home, Mary and Millie posing with the family automobile, Walter doing farm chores, ca. 1900s-1910s

Photographs, Box 1. Folder 13 Seven studio portraits of Della May Herbaugh, one labeled as taken by the J.C. Adams studio in Hartford City, ca. 1900s-1910s

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Three photos of Seelig relatives in California
Photographs,
including a candid photo of Mable Seelig singing in a
choir, ca. 1900s-1920s

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 15

Four studio portraits of Millie Seelig, ca. 1900s-1930s Photographs,

Two photos of the exterior of the Herbaugh home, ca.

1900s, two photograph showing the Herbaugh home

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Box 1, Folder 16

Box 1, Folder 18

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Eight photos of Della Herbaugh, ca. 1900s-1910s; Photographs, 1980

Eight photos of Della Herbaugh posing with her
friends, including picnicking and showing off fur

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muffs in the winter, ca. 1910s

Box 1, Folder 19

Five studio portraits of Walter Seelig, taken at J.C.

Adams' studio, Hartford City, ca. 1910s

Box 1, Folder 20

Nine studio portraits of members of the Frank and Inez Seelig family, including their children Helen, Lena, Mable, Dorothy, Lavonne and Harold, ca.

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 21

One photo of the Fairview United Brethren church
exterior; one photograph of the church young people,
including Della and Walter, ca. 1910s, and another
unidentified group, ca. 1940s; One photograph of Rey

unidentified group, ca. 1940s; One photograph of Rev. Archie Grogan, his wife Lois and children Maureen

Two photos labeled "Courtship Days" of Walter Photographs,

and Orin, ca. 1940s; One photograph of older church

Seelig and Della Herbaugh, 1914

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years between infancy and as a young woman, ca.

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1916-1930s

members, ca. 1950s

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