

Collection #  
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**HOWARD C. BAKER  
COLLECTION, CA. 1918–1950**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder, 1 black-and-white photo folder

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1918–50

PROVENANCE: Carolyn J. Gaugh, Indianapolis, IN; April 1999

RESTRICTIONS: None

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Howard Christopher Baker was born 16 March 1891 in Bellaire, Ohio to Everett Baker and Lena McKeen. By 1900, the family had moved to Jackson Township in Hamilton County, Indiana. A decade later, they were living in Indianapolis, Indiana, where Baker worked as a freight office clerk. By 1918, he worked as the treasurer at O.D. Haskett Lumber Company. Baker began his military service in April 1918. He served as a private in Company L, 323rd Infantry, 81st Division. He was discharged on 28 May 1919. After the war, Baker returned to Indianapolis and his job at the lumber company. Between 1935 and 1940, he moved to Chelsea, Michigan with his wife, Marian (Mae) Baker, and his stepson, John Stone. Baker died on 29 April 1948 and was buried at Lauderdale Memorial Park in Lauderdale, Florida.

Sources:

Collection materials.

Ohio, Births and Christenings Index, 1774-1973, via Ancestry.com

U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925-1963, via Ancestry.com

U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007, via Ancestry.com

U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, via Ancestry.com

1900, 1910, 1920, and 1940 U.S. Federal Censuses, via Ancestry.com

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains correspondence related to Howard C. Baker and his family. Included in the collection are two World War I era letters written by Baker. The first, dated 27 March 1918, is to Baker's friend, Clarence T. Myers, and describes Baker's draft status. The second, dated 24 November 1918, is to Baker's mother and details his battle experiences leading up to and on Armistice Day, November 11th. Also included is a 1950 letter from Baker's wife, Mae, to Clarence T. Myers, giving him Baker's letter of 24 November 1918. Finally, the collection contains a black-and-white photo of Baker in his military uniform.

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Howard Baker photo, ca. 1918

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