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**SOUVENIR OF BEECHWOOD FARM, MILTON, INDIANA  
PHOTO ALBUM, CA. 1905**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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NOTES:

## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Rufus P. Lindsay (19 August 1840–28 March 1924) was born in Georgia. He married Viola L. Branson (14 Oct. 1852–12 March 1936) of Henry County on 2 May 1883. The couple had one son, Harper W. Lindsay, born 24 August 1891 in St. Louis, Missouri. Census records show that by 1900 the couple was living in Washington Township of Wayne County at Beechwood Farm. At the time this group of photographs was created, ca. 1905, Mr. Lindsay was a farmer in his sixties and the couple lived at Beechwood Farm with their son and Viola's parents, Elisha and Mary Branson.

Beechwood Farm, located in Washington Township of Wayne County, Indiana is now known as the Isaac Kinsey House. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. Built in 1871, the two-story, Italianate style brick dwelling has a hipped roof topped by a cupola. The semicircular stone arched main entry is surrounded by a two-story, wrought iron verandah with a projecting two-story semi-hexagonal bay. There is also a dairy house, smokehouse, granary, barn, cow shed, and carriage house.

Sources:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beechwood\\_\(Isaac\\_Kinsey\\_House\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beechwood_(Isaac_Kinsey_House))

[www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection is comprised of a hand-made loose-leaf photo album that was tied with dark green silk ribbon. The silk ribbon disintegrated during processing and was removed but retained with the album. The cover is embossed and hand colored with the title "Souvenir of Beechwood Farm" and stamped on the inside front cover with "R. P. Lindsay, Beechwood Farm, Milton, Ind."

The album contains 12 photograph plates pasted on the album pages with exterior and interior views of the farm and house. The album pages were numbered and that order has been maintained. Each photograph is described by the processor in square brackets [ ]. The pages measure 5 ½ x 6 ¾ inches.

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### CONTENTS

Cover:

"Souvenir of Beechwood Farm"

Inside front cover stamp:

"R.P. Lindsay, Beechwood Farm, Milton, Ind."

Page 1:

[front view of house from across road with picket fence]

Page 2:

[close up view of front of house with older man with mustache seated on a horse, probably R.P. Lindsay]

Page 3:

[view of back of house with terraced gardens and windmill]

Page 4:

[view of fields and unidentified piece of equipment in the foreground]

Page 5:

[view of barns and cattle with house in the distance, man on horse behind the cattle]

Page 6:

[ivy covered shelter with older couple seated in the shade on wicker chairs, probably Elisha and Mary Branson]

Page 7:

[enclosed porch interior filled with potted plants]

Page 8:

[garden view with fountain]

Page 9:

[view of pond surrounded by trees]

Page 10:

[horse drinking from a trough, young boy possibly Harper, seated on the fence, older man and two women wearing bonnets are behind the horse looking towards the camera, probably R.P. Lindsay and his wife and mother-in-law]

### CONTAINER

Photographs:

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Page 11:  
[view of pond surrounded by trees]

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Page 12:  
[room interior with chairs, desk, book shelves, photographs  
on the walls, and rifle leaning against a chair]

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