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**ALBERT ASCHE
SCRAPBOOK, 1860-1957**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Albert Asche (July 28, 1881-January 31, 1959) was born to George and Mary Poppenseaker Asche in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was one of five children and his father, George, a German immigrant, became ill and had to quit working when all the children were young, thus leaving Mary to support the seven-person family by working in a laundry. Albert's father died when he was six years old, and Mary moved the family to Indianapolis, where she had grown up and her family still lived. However, his mother was unable to provide for all her children, so Albert, his brother Harry and his sister Lottie were sent to stay at the German Orphan's Home until his mother could improve the family's circumstances. After seven years in the institution, Mary remarried to Penrose McCreary and was able to bring her children back home. At the age of fourteen, Albert enrolled in a bookkeeping course at the Indianapolis College of Commerce, where he worked odd jobs around the college to pay his tuition. Unfortunately, the college closed its doors after a year and Albert decided to seek employment. The law offices of Morris, Newberger & Curtis hired him as an office boy in 1897. During the next few years of his employment at the law firm, he took classes at Manual Training School and Shortridge High School before deciding to pursue a career in law himself, perhaps inspired by the mentorship he received from Nathan Morris at the firm. In 1902, Albert enrolled in classes at the Indiana College of Law and graduated in 1903. He remained with Morris & Newberger until June of 1906 when he set up law offices with Craig & Pettijohn at the Indiana Trust Building, downtown Indianapolis, practicing commercial law. In June 1917, Albert married Hope Schiela of Mt. Vernon, Indiana. The couple divorced in 1930. The Great Depression hit Albert's law practice particularly hard, as he generally worked in the areas of commerce and real estate. During the slow times, Albert began writing poems and song lyrics, which he submitted to contests and publications, many times successfully winning competitions or receiving a check for a submission that was selected for publication. He even had a book of his poems and lyrics called *Heart Throbs* published in 1944. In addition to professional associations, Albert was a member of the Scottish Rite and sang in their choir.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is made up of a scrapbook kept by Albert Asche for around sixty years of his life. Asche took to recording events that happened in his life every few years, as well as relevant clippings, correspondence, sheet music of his lyrics, and photographs of himself, his family, his business partners, and his friends. Most of the photographs in the scrapbook are identified, and the names that appear in the book are as follows:

George Breier
Charlotte "Lottie" Asche Petty (sister)
Frank Showers
Harry Asche (brother)
Nathan Morris
Cornelia Maier
Edith Butler
Elmer Scott
Elmer Scotten
Dr. BB Pettijohn
Clyde Cranor
Gertrude Pettijohn
Charles C. Pettijohn
Dr. O.B. Pettijohn
Mrs. B.B. Pettijohn
Miss Jordan
Mabel Lumerce
Mary McCreary
Charles P. Trask
Homer Archer
Lula McClister
Dave Lewis and Family
Bernice Petty (niece)
Elmer Wasson (nephew)
Marie Wasson (niece)
Hope Schiela (ex-wife)
Mr. and Mrs. William Russell
Anna Kirby
Tim Kirby
Fern Holleman
Harrison Green
Ted Green
Jeanette Wesser
Jean Raub
Julia Greenwald
Virginia Fletchall

The scrapbook also contains a baptismal certificate for Caroline Wilhelmine Anna, who was most likely Mary Poppenseaker Asche's sister.

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