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**ANNA GLEIS MESS
COLLECTION, 1895-1949**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Anna Gleis Mess (1875-1961) was born on July 8, 1875 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Henry (1836-1916) and Anna Gleis (1840-1883). Her parents came to the United States from Holland and Germany, respectively. Anna had four brothers, George (1861-1938), Henry (1866-1950), William Edward (1872-1956), and John Bernard (1877-1948) as well as three half-siblings from her father's second marriage to Katherine Glurich (1851-1931), Rose Catherine (Burke) (1887-1976), Frank (1890-1891), and Mary (Dietz) (1884-1966).

Anna M. Gleis married Joseph John Mess (1871-1933) in Hamilton County, Ohio on June 12, 1895. The couple had three children, Arthur G. (1896-1973), George Joseph "George Jo" (1898-1962), and Gordon Benjamin (1900-1959). In 1899, the Mess family moved to Indianapolis. Joseph was employed as the foreman of the photoengraving department of the *Indianapolis News* for thirty-three years. In Indianapolis, Anna devoted her time to the New Century Club, a group that was dedicated to social improvement and charity. She served as President of the club in 1930. Anna and Joseph Mess are buried at Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sources:

Ancestrylibrary.com

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings and various ticket stubs. The topics include the New Century Club and its activities, obituaries of its members, and mentions of Mrs. Mess' involvement in the club. Other clippings mention other organizations Mess was interested in, such as the Women's Department Club, Indiana Artists Club, Art Institute, and the Hoosier Salon. In addition, the scrapbook contains ticket stubs from railway and air travel, a recital program for her son Arthur, Indianapolis 500 tickets from the 1931 race, and a scrap of fabric from her wedding dress.

Also included in the collection is Anna and Joseph Mess' marriage license from June 12, 1895, which features photographs of the bride and groom at the bottom of the document. The signatures of the witnesses include George Mess, Lizzie Kalenberg, John Scheehy, Mamie Rott, Gus Krieger, and Lizzie Mess. The wedding was officiated by Reverend Joseph A. Meyer, Rector of St. Rosa Church of Fulton in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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