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BAKER–BEVINGTON–HODSON–HUSSEY FAMILY COLLECTION, 1880S– 1926

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The William H. Baker family lived on a farm in Bakers Corner, Indiana, which is in the Adams Township of Hamilton County. William H. Baker (b. September 1838 in Indiana) was married to Lizzie Hussey Baker (b. August 1843 in Ohio), and their children included Estella (b. January 1875 in Indiana, also known as "Flora") and Otto (b. ca. 1880). By the time of the 1920 census, William H. Baker was widowed. Lizzie Hussey Baker appears to have been the daughter of Thomas (b. ca. 1800) and Jane (b. ca. 1803) Hussey.

Estella Baker married Jesse Hodson (b. October 1869 in Indiana), who worked as a farmer. Their children included Myrna Hodson (later Stapleton) (b. January 1897 in Indiana), a son named Jewett Hodson (b. ca. 1905), and Elizabeth "Ippie" Hodson (later Bevington) (b. ca. 1908).

Elwood Baker (b. 1871 in Indiana) worked as a farmer in Hamilton County, Indiana, at the time of the 1900 census. By 1910, the census record shows that he was married to a woman named Anna, that they had an eight-year-old daughter named Jenny Lind, and that Elwood was then working as a merchant of general merchandise. At the time of the 1920 census, he was working as a truck driver for a milk company.

At the time of the 1900 census, Bertha Hussey (b. July 1873 in Indiana) was working as a stenographer and living in Muncie, Indiana, with her sister Carrie Hussey Mong (b. March 1872 in Ohio) and her brother-in-law, Zachary Mong (b. March 1849 in Ohio).

The 1900 census record shows Willis Murlin (b. January 1868 in Ohio) working as an editor and living in Miami County, Ohio. His wife, Mary E. Sealscott Murlin (b. May 1866 in Ohio), was the daughter of German immigrants, George Sealscott (b. ca. 1817 in Hanover) and Louisa Sealscott (b. ca. 1830 in Hanover). Their children, all born in Ohio, were Mabel (b. January 1890), Ettie I. [possibly Irene?] (b. October 1891), Harmon (b. December 1892), Willis [possibly also known as Leon?] (b. January 1895, and Dortha (sic) E. [Dorothea?] (b. February 1897).

Willis Murlin (b. 1868) had a brother, Harry E. Murlin (b. October 1878 in Ohio); they were the children of John H. Murlin (b. August 1843 in Ohio) and Sarah E. Murlin (b. January 1839 in Ohio). The family lived in Mercer County, Ohio.

At the time of the 1910 census, Harry E. Murlin worked as a teacher and lived in Mercer County, Ohio, with his wife Zoa (b. ca. 1883 in Ohio), and their children, all born in Ohio: Charles H. [Homer?] (b. ca. 1901), Esther (b. ca. 1903), Ruth (b. ca. 1905), and John S. (born ca. 1908). Harry's widowed father John H. Murlin also lived with him at that time. By the time of the 1920 census, Harry himself was a widower, and had two additional children: Emmett (b. ca. 1913) and Mary (b. ca. 1915). A photograph in this collection shows Harry with a woman identified as Grace

Howick Murlin, and two children, Homer and Esther, in the early 1900s. The 1900 census lists a Grace Howick (b. April 1883 in Ohio) as the daughter of George and Frances Howick in Mercer County, Ohio.

At the time of the 1900 census, G. Wilson Beam (b. March 1840 in Ohio), a farmer, and his wife Ellen (b. February 1841 in Indiana) lived in the Adams Township of Hamilton County, Indiana. Their children, all born in Indiana, included Edmon [Ted?] (b. ca. 1880?), Rosa (b. April 1877), Effie (b. August 1878), George (b. November 1882), and another son (possibly named John).

Sources:

Items in the collection.

U.S. Census, 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920 (<http://www.heritagequestonline.com>). Accessed 2 November 2006.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists primarily of family photographs of the Baker, Bevington, Hodson, Hussey, and other related families who lived in the Adams Township of Hamilton County, Indiana, as well as in Ohio and Michigan. There are also two large photographs of employees of the New York Central Railway in Youngstown, Ohio, which include E.W. Bevington. A few manuscript items are also included in this collection: a railroad journal book containing notes from the 1880s; and bills, contracts, receipts, guarantees, etc., involving the Baker and Hodson families. The collection is arranged into four series, as detailed below.

Series 1, Family Photographs: This series includes formal portraits and snapshots of the following related families: Baker, Barrington, Beam, Bevington, Blackburn, Cole, Curry, Faller, Foulke, Jones, Hodson, Howick, Hussey, Mong, Murlin, Pearson, Roberts, Sealscott, Simmonds, Stapleton, Thomas, Wade, and Wright. Locations include the Hamilton County, Indiana, towns of Bakers Corner, Noblesville, and Sheridan; Muncie, Indiana; Newcastle, Indiana; Celina, Ohio; Cottage Corner, Ohio; St. Marys, Ohio; Traverse City, Michigan; Fremont, Michigan; Keystone, Oklahoma; and possibly either Iowa or Missouri. The dates of these photographs range from the 1880s to the 1920s. Also included are two photos of groups of classmates of Myrna Hodson (later Stapleton); one from Boxley High School in Hamilton County in 1913, and the other from Muncie Normal Institute in 1914.

Series 2, New York Central Railway Train Dispatchers, Youngstown, Ohio: This series consists of two large photographs of employees of the New York Central Railway in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1926. Both are group photos of 14 men; the men are identified on one of the photographs, and include the name of E.W. Bevington.

Series 3, Railroad Journal Book: This series contains one journal book with accounting records and references to the Marion & Indianapolis Railroad Co., the Indianapolis & Fort Wayne Railroad Co., and the Madison–Monroe–Freeport Railroad Co. Dates of notes range from 1881–1889, although the date on the cover reads 1895. Most pages are blank.

Series 4, Bills, Contracts, Receipts, Guarantees, etc.: This series includes bills, contracts, receipts, guarantees, and other paperwork involving the William H. Baker and Jesse Hodson families. The dates range from 1883 to 1926.

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Series 1: Family Photographs

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Baker family—seven cabinet card portraits:

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<p>Adolphus Baker (photo by G.N. Glass of Sheridan, Ind., ca. 1890s); Elwood Baker (photo by O.A. Harnish of Noblesville, Ind., n.d.); Elwood Baker (photo by G.N. Glass of Sheridan, Ind., ca. early 1900s); Mary Pearson Baker (photo by Harnish of Noblesville, Ind., ca. 1880s); William and Lizzie Baker (photo by G.N. Glass of Sheridan, Ind., ca. 1900); William H. Baker, Lizzie Hussey Baker, Estella Baker Hodson, and Otto Baker (photo by Imperial Portrait Co. of Chicago, Ill., 1887); Lula Killane Foulke (“Baker family” written on back) (photo by G.N. Glass of Sheridan, Ind., ca. 1890s).</p>	1, Folder 1	
<p>Baker family—three real photo postcards: Estella Baker Hodson, holding baby Elizabeth Hodson Bevington, Jewett Hodson, Myrna Hodson Stapleton, William H. Baker, and Lizzie F. Hussey Baker in front of the Baker home in Adams Township of Hamilton County, Ind., 1909; a man, woman, and two girls identified only as “Baker family” in front of Joseph Yarnell Baker’s home in College Corner, Ohio, early 1900s; portrait of J.A. Roberts and Catharine Roberts in 1920 (“Baker family” written on back).</p>	Photographs, 1, Folder 1	Box
<p>Baker family—five snapshots: Edruanna Cole (daughter of George & Ruthanna Baker Wade / “Baker-Hussey-Hodson family”), early 1900s; Leroy Baker and Mrs. Adam Barrington in Keystone, Oklahoma, 1920s; Leroy Baker (son of Wayne Baker) and wife, ca. 1920; “Wayne Baker’s son & family / Iowa?” ca. 1920; two unnamed women of the “Baker family” “Iowa? Mo?” ca. 1920.</p>	Photographs, 1, Folder 1	Box
<p>Baker family—mounted photo: William H. Baker, Lizzie F. Baker, son Otto Baker, and Estella F. Baker Hodson in front of house “Taken 1883, Adams Township / Hamilton Co., Ind.”</p>	Photographs, 1, Folder 1	Box
<p>Baker farm and Bakers Corners, Ind.—print of photo taken in 1913 of the William H. Baker farm in Adams Township, Hamilton County, Ind.; snapshot of road construction in Bakers Corner, Ind., in 1923.</p>	Photographs, 1, Folder 2	Box
<p>Beam family—all taken in early 1900s, most or all in Sheridan, Ind.: Effie Beam; George Beam; Ted Beam; two portraits of Rosa Beam Thomas.</p>	Photographs, 1, Folder 3	Box
<p>Blackburn family—Bertha Hussey Blackburn (Muncie, Ind., 1890s); baby portrait of Mary Caroline Blackburn (“daughter of Walter & Bertha Blackburn”) (photo by Bowden of Muncie, Ind.,</p>	Photographs, 1, Folder 4	Box

1906 or 1907).

Hodson family—four cabinet card portraits: Estella **Baker** Hodson, age 16 (photo by O.A. Harnish of Noblesville, Ind., 1891); Estella **Baker** Hodson (photo by G.N. Glass of Sheridan, Ind., 1893); Jesse Hodson and Estella Baker Hodson (photo by G.N. Glass of Sheridan, Ind., ca. 1895); Jesse Hodson (photo by [O.I. or O.J.?] DeHart of Noblesville, Ind., early 1900s).

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Hodson family—two mounted oval portraits: Myrna Hodson **Stapleton** and Jewett Hodson as children (photo by W.H. Darby, 1903 or 1904); Jesse Hodson, Estella **Baker** Hodson, Myrna Hodson **Stapleton**, Jewett Hodson, and Elizabeth Hodson **Bevington** (1911).

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Hodson family—six snapshots: Jewett Hodson and “Ippie” (Elizabeth Hodson **Bevington**) with dog and bicycle (1914); Estella **Baker** Hodson, Florence **Stevens Wann**, Elizabeth Hodson **Bevington**, and Lizzie **Hussey Baker** (Muncie, Ind., 1915); Jewett Hodson and “Ippie” (Elizabeth Hodson **Bevington**) with a horse in the snow (1915); Estella **Baker** Hodson, Elizabeth Hodson **Bevington**, and Jewett Hodson with Model-T Ford car (Sheridan, Ind., late 1910s); Jesse Hodson on a farm (Sheridan, Ind., 1918); Myrna Hodson **Stapleton** outside Boston Restaurant (Newcastle, Ind., December 1918).

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Elizabeth Hodson Bevington (“Ippie”)—five snapshots: sitting on grass with dogs “Rags” and “Alexander” (Sheridan, Ind., 1914); sitting on porch with snow and the two dogs (1914–1915); standing outside house, age 10 (Sheridan, Ind., 1918); standing in yard, holding a puppy (1918); as a child on horseback with an older girl named Anna Stephens, and “Carrie” and “Mom” standing nearby (n.d.).

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Myrna Hodson Stapleton—three portraits: cabinet card portrait as 6-month-old (1897); seated three-quarter portrait holding rose (1919 or 1920); “Four generations” portrait of William H. **Baker**, Estella **Baker Hodson**, Myrna Hodson Stapleton, and Christine S. **Curry** as a baby (Myrna’s daughter) (1922 or 1923).

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Myrna Hodson Stapleton—two snapshots of school groups: (1) “Girls from Boxley High School, 1913”: Fern **Wilson Smith**, Myrna Hodson Stapleton, Capitola **Wilson Thompson**, Elsie **Dunn Burton**, Aletha **Teter Hinshaw**, Mary **Pickett**

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Mendenhall, and Lettie **Dunn Downing** (“Taken at Bishop’s Party, Hamilton Co., Ind.”). (2) “Muncie Normal Institute 1914”: shows Myrna Hodson and five other unidentified young women.

Hussey family—five photos: Lizzie Hussey **Baker**, Carrie Hussey **Mong**, Jennie Hussey, and Bertha Hussey seated on porch with two cats (Muncie, Ind., late 1890s); Cora **Rider**, Claude **Jones**, Stella **Musselman**, and Flora **Jones** (two copies with different mounts, photo by Smith of St. Marys, Ohio, ca. 1900); Julia Hussey **Jones**, Flora **Jones Wright**, and baby (photo by F.A. Yacmett of St. Marys, Ohio, early 1900s); Lois Hussey, Flora **Jones Wright** and baby boy, and Julia **Jones** (photo by F.A. Yacmett of St. Marys, Ohio, early 1900s).

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Hussey–Thomas–Faller family—four photos: Hugh Thomas, Lillian Hussey Thomas, Maude Thomas Faller, George Thomas, Clyde Thomas, Frank Thomas, Harry Thomas, and Paul Thomas (Celina, Ohio, n.d.); Lillian Hussey Thomas, Maude Thomas Faller, and Maude’s daughter (Celina, Ohio, 1919 or 1920); older portrait of Lillian Hussey Thomas (Celina, Ohio, n.d.); postcard photo of Thomas Faller as a toddler (son of Maude Thomas Faller) (Celina, Ohio, n.d.).

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Murlin family—five photos: portrait of Harry Murlin (photo by Shafer of Celina, Ohio, early 1900s); portrait of Homer Murlin as a baby (Celina, Ohio); portrait of Harry Murlin, Grace **Howick** Murlin, Homer Murlin as a toddler, and Esther Murlin as a baby [ca. 1903]; postcard photo of “Harry Murlin’s [children?] / **Hussey** family” (photo by Boosz of [Celina] Ohio, early 1900s) shows four children in sailor outfits holding musical instruments; portrait of Willis Murlin, Mary **Sealscott** Murlin, Mabel Murlin, Irene Murlin, Harmon Murlin, Leon Murlin, and Dorothea Murlin (“**Hussey** family / taken either in Ohio or perhaps Monticello, Ind. / early 1900s”).

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Simmonds family (“Baker family” written on back)—three photos: portrait of Bart Simmonds (photo by Smith & Price of Traverse City, Mich., [ca. early 1900s]); portrait of Bart Simmonds and wife (photo by Smith & Price of Traverse City, Mich., ca. 1900); cabinet card portrait of Claude Simmonds (photo by Noble’s Cottage Studio, Fremont, Mich., [ca. 1900]).

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Series 2: New York Central Railway Train Dispatchers, Youngstown, Ohio

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“New York Central Train Dispatchers, Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 21, 1926” shows 14 unidentified men in suits in an office (photo by Silliman Photo of Andover, Ohio, 1926). *See listing of names below.*

“New York Central Ry. Train Dispatchers, Youngstown, Ohio. Sunday Nov. 21 – 1926” shows the same men as in the photo described above, identified as: C.A.A. **Shakely**, F.C. **Snow**, J.A. **Snow**, R.E. **Bender**, A.K. **Beebe**, A.E. **Dohme**, L.G. **Heath**, C.H. **Price**, F.E. **Whitman**, V.E. **Neely**, L.C. **Salliotte**, E.C. **Murray**, E.W. **Bevington**, and M. **Humphrey** (photo by Silliman Photo of Andover, Ohio, 1926).

Series 3: Railroad Journal Book

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Journal book with accounting records and references to the Marion & Indianapolis Railroad Co., the Indianapolis & Fort Wayne Railroad Co., and the Madison–Monroe–Freeport Railroad Co. Names mentioned include: James F. **McDowell**, James **Brownlee**, John **Brownlee**, John G. **Clark**, Elijah **Kitch**, M.F. **Tingley**, Albert L. **Rice**, among others. Dates of notes range from 1881–1889, although date on the cover reads 1895. Most pages are blank.

Series 4: Bills, Contracts, Receipts, Guarantees, etc.

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Paperwork involving William H. **Baker**: bill for a ditch from S.B. Wells dated 1883; receipt from Noblesville Heat, Light & Power Co. for \$75 (n.d.); contract with Marshall Furnace Co. dated 1908; two guarantees from Dodd & Struthers for pure copper cable lightning rods, dated 1908 and 1909; “Consumer’s Application and Contract” from Noblesville Heat, Light & Power Co. dated 1915; contract for rural electric service dated 1916; accounting statement between W.H. Baker and T.L. Baker (n.d.).

Paperwork involving the **Hodson** family: loan receipt for Estella B. Hodson for \$50 from the First National Bank [ca. late 1910s]; accounting statement for Jesse Hodson from G.H. Palmer’s lumber company, dated 1926.

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“United States of America Victory Liberty Loan Application”—blank form, dated 1919.

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