BESSIE W. BRENDEL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1880–1955

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half-size photograph box, 1 color photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1880-1955

PROVENANCE: Unknown

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NOTES:
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Bessie Winnifred Johnson Brendel was born in March 1875 in Hamilton County, Indiana to Theodore and Alpha Johnson. Bessie studied music at DePauw University Seminary and was later employed as a real estate agent. She married Wallace Wilson Brendel (born 1870) in 1895. Wallace was a blacksmith. The couple had two daughters, DeEtte and Eleanor Brendel. DeEtte Brendel Vankoevering was born in 1897, but died at the relatively young age of 28 years old in 1925. Bessie outlived her first child, dying on 29 December 1955.

Eleanor Brendel was born on 18 November 1905. She attended Purdue University and worked as an interior decorator. On 17 April 1927, Eleanor married Herschel E. Miller (born 1902). Herschel attended Butler University and was an engineer. The couple had one child, Donald Haydon Miller (born 20 December 1935). Eleanor passed away 11 August 1972.

Sources:
Ancestry.com
Materials in Collection
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This family collection contains photographs, mainly black and white, of the Brendel, Johnson, and Miller families. The majority of photographs are portraits of individuals. There is also a laminated memorial obituary for Bessie Brendel.
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Dorothea Johnson, Theodore Johnson, and Alpha Johnson, n.d.
Photograph, Box 1, Folder 1

Bessie and Wallace Brendel, ca. 1880-1920s
Photograph, Box 1, Folder 2

David J. Miller, 1903-1905
Photograph, Box 1, Folder 3

DeEtte Brendel and Eleanor Brendel Miller, ca. 1904-1925
Photograph, Box 1, Folder 4

Herschel E. Miller, ca. 1907-1920
Photograph, Box 1, Folder 5

Unidentified Men, 1917 and n.d
Photograph, Box 1, Folder 6

Eleanor Brendel Miller, ca. 1920s
Photograph, Box 1, Folder 7

Bessie W. Brendel, Eleanor Brendel Miller, and Donald Miller, ca. 1930s
Cold Storage: Color Photograph, Folder 1

Donald H. Miller, ca. 1937-1943
Photograph, Box 1, Folder 8

Bessie Brendel, Memorial Obituary, 1955
Photograph, Box 1, Folder 9