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**BROOKVILLE AREA PORTRAITS
CA. 1860S–1890S, N.D.**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Many of the portraits in this collection are of people who lived in the Brookville Township of Franklin County, Indiana. Surnames of those pictured include: Buckingham, Farmer, Harwood, Jaques, Lee, Marsh, Myers, Nabb, Seal, Smalley, Stout, Tabor, Templeton, Updike, and Warren. Many of the people pictured in this collection were neighbors, and some intermarried. Several of them, including members of the Farmer, Myers, Stout, and Updike families, migrated to Marion, Kansas, by the 1880s.

Buckingham

Levi W. Buckingham was a farmer in the Brookville area of Franklin County. He and his wife, Margaret J. Black Buckingham had three sons and three daughters: William, George, Erasmus, Elizabeth, Mary Jane “Jennie,” and Cora. The three daughters have portraits in this collection.

Elizabeth was born in August 1857. She married John J. Hall (1850–1930), a farmer, in December 1876. It appears that they had one child who did not survive. Sometime between 1880 and 1900 they moved to the Jackson Township of Clinton County, Indiana, where Elizabeth died 30 May 1905.

Mary Jane “Jennie” was born 30 October 1859. She married Benjamin Franklin Smith (1859–1932), a farmer, about 1880. They had five children; the youngest three were born after the family had moved to Illinois in the mid- to late-1880s. Their children were: Erasmus Edward (1880–1964), Clyde A. (1883–1921), Clarence Vernon (1889–1959), Retta May (Gardner) (1893–1980), and Mabel Ethel (Goodfellow) (1896–1984). By 1910 the family had moved to Madison County, Indiana. Although living in Elwood, Indiana, at the time of her death, Jennie died in Detroit, Michigan, perhaps while visiting her son Clarence, on 15 October 1922.

Cora Estell was born in 1863. She married George Ray King in Brookville in November 1886. The couple had a daughter, Helen, on 9 September 1887. Cora died on 10 March 1888.

Farmer

Stephen Benjamin Farmer (1801–1885) was born in Virginia. He moved to Ripley County, Indiana, where he married Elizabeth Allen (1810–1890), who had been born in New York. They moved to a farm near New Liberty in Union County, Indiana, and in 1845 moved to Whitcomb in the Brookville Township of Franklin County. In their later years they lived in Brookville. They had fourteen children: Caroline, Eleanor, David (died as an infant), John Allen, Francis M., Melissa, Lucretia, Milton, Nancy E., Louis, twins Sarah and Andrew, George, and Mary Jane. This collection includes photographs of George Farmer and of John Allen Farmer’s son, Benjamin F. Farmer.

George Farmer was born ca. 1850. He is listed in the 1860 and 1870 census records as living with his parents and siblings in the Brookville Township of Franklin County. His occupation in 1870 was farm hand. No other record could be found for him.

John Allen Farmer married Rachel Updike in May 1854. Their daughter, Lillian Ellen Farmer, married Ira Eugene Myers, who is pictured in this collection. Benjamin F. Farmer was born on 30 May 1862. After Rachel's death in 1865, John married Rachel's sister, Nancy Ellen Updike in January 1867. Rachel and Nancy's brother, Samuel Updike, is also pictured in this collection. By 1880 the family had moved to Kansas. Benjamin married Eliza Frances Staley, ca. 1881. Their children included: Betsey May, Charles Clifford, Lulu Caroline, Rachel, Anna, and Harry. Benjamin died 23 March 1929 in Kansas City, Missouri, but was buried in Marion, Kansas.

Jaques

Harvey Samuel Jaques married Martha Jane Stout in September 1862. They lived in Brookville, where Harvey was a teacher. He later was a merchant and grocer in a store he purchased in Whitcomb. Their children included Jennie, John, Eliza "Lida" Mary, Ira Albert "Bert", Anna, Lenora, Edna India, and James. There is a portrait of Lida and Bert in this collection.

Eliza "Lida" Mary was born 17 October 1866 in Whitcomb, Franklin County. She never married and lived with her father and mother until their deaths in 1912 and 1913 respectively. In the 1920 census she and her sister Edna (1880–1960) are listed as living together in Brookville, with Lida working as a dairy farmer and Edna as a teacher. Lida died 19 April 1927 in Whitcomb.

Ira Albert "Bert" was born 23 October 1868 in Whitcomb. He graduated *Summa cum Laude* from Purdue University with a degree in civil engineering. He worked for the railroads in Ohio and Indiana, and owned a farm in Palestine in Franklin County. He later was a banker in Bath in Franklin County. He married Melissa Isabel Young (1865–1937) in January 1900 in Ohio. Their children were Martha Isabel, Robert Stout (died as infant), Richard Young, and Philip Jordan. Bert died 12 March 1942 in Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio.

Myers

William S. Myers (1826–1906) married Elizabeth Elmira Stout (1832–1886) in Franklin County in August 1849. He was a farmer in the Brookville Township. Their children included: John McNutt, Alice Rosetta, Viola Celestia, Ira Eugene, Martha "Mattie" E., Charles Harvey, Elizabeth "Lida" Frances, Ada Harriet, William S. Jr., Frank Edgar, and Harry H. There are photographs of Ira Eugene, Mattie, Charles, and Lida in this collection. After William Sr.'s wife died in 1886, he married Mary Elliott in Richmond, Indiana, in June 1889.

Ira Eugene was born 30 August 1857 in Brookville. In 1878 he married Lillian Ellen Farmer (1857–1906) in Franklin County. By 1880 the couple had moved to Kansas, where he worked as a farmer. At the time of the 1900 census, he was working as a coal dealer. Their children included LeRoy, Myrtle, Ova Estella, and N.S. Oscar. After Lillian died, Ira Eugene married Angelia Emeline Stout (1870–1960) in 1907 in Kansas. By 1910 Ira Eugene was working as a real estate agent. He died on 13 April 1931 in Marion, Kansas.

Mattie was born in November 1859 and died on 15 March 1876 at the age of sixteen.

Charles was born 1 May 1863 in Brookville. In February 1898 he married Lora Lulu Mitten (1875–1957) in Huntington County, Indiana, where she was from and where the couple made their home for a while. Their children were Glenn Royce, Bess Lyde (Kern), Bert Morin,

Frank Howard, and Richard Charles. By 1920 the family had moved to Martin County, Indiana, where Charles farmed, and by 1930 they had moved to Lawrence County, Indiana, where Charles was still farming. By 1940, Charles and Lora were living in Owen County, Indiana, with their son Glenn and his wife, Olive. Charles died on 5 August 1942 in Lawrence County, where his daughter Bess lived.

Elizabeth "Lida" was born in 1865 in Franklin County. In spring 1903 she married George Elwood Morin (1872–1922) in Franklin County. By 1910 the couple had moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where George was a wholesale merchant of dry goods. It appears that Lida's sister Ada was married to George's brother Albert. Lida and Ada lived together as widows in Florida. Lida died 7 December 1936.

Nabb

John Henry Nabb was a shoemaker from Maryland who married Temperance Carman in Franklin County in 1851. They had two daughters: Sarah and Temperance. After his first wife's death in 1854, John married Charlotte Melinda Filer in October 1856. Their children were: Clarissa J., Mariah E., twins Florence "Flora" and Indiana "Anna," Rosetta, George W., Martha, and Minnie. This collection includes a photograph of twins Flora and Anna.

Florence "Flora" Lincoln Nabb was born 17 April 1861 in Franklin County. She married George Albert Sizelove (1858–1936) in April 1884 in Franklin County. By 1900 the couple was farming in Ohio and had four children: Arthur Garfield, Orpha Lois (Wright), Harry Morton, and Charles Raymond. Florence died 21 May 1928 in Ohio.

Indiana "Anna" Nabb, also born 17 April 1861, married Edward Updike (1857–1919) in September 1878 in Franklin County. He was a farmer, and at first the family lived near Bath in Franklin County. By 1900 they had moved to Union County, Indiana. Their children were Omer Millroy (or Milroy), Charles Ernest, Estella Myrtle (Bicknel), George Clifford, and Ada Ethel (Paddock). Anna died 7 March 1918.

Seal

Lydia Seal was born on 22 October 1818 in Ohio. She was the daughter of John and Harriet Myers and the sister of William S. Myers Sr. (mentioned above). Lydia Myers married Henry Harrison Seal (1813–1902) in April 1837 in Franklin County, where they farmed and raised their children. Their children included: John M., William, Harriett (Shafer), Eliza, Ira Stout, George, Mary Jane (Holden), Margaret, Sylvester Monroe, James Henry, Martha Eldora (Stout), and Francis "Frank" E. Seal. Lydia died 27 May 1896 in Brookville Township.

Stout

The name Stout appears several times in the Biographical Sketches alongside other surnames.

"India Stout" was perhaps Indiana Stout, who was born 2 December 1865 to John and Jane "Jennie" Brady Stout in Franklin County. Indiana married Perry M. Elwell (1864–1946) in January 1886 in Franklin County, where they farmed in the Springfield Township. Their children included: John William, Samuel Roberts, and Lucinda Jane (Clawson). Indiana Stout Elwell died on 9 March 1914 in Franklin County.

Updike

Samuel Updike (1835–1894) was a farmer in the Springfield Township of Franklin County. He married Josephine Goudie (1844–1906) in June 1862. Their children were Etha L. (Pautzke), George E., India M., Ellen Rebecca (Muchmore), Sarah “Sadie” H. (Clapp), Bertha, and Pearl Edith (Duckett). Writing on the back of the photo of Samuel Updike in this collection indicates that he was the son of Benjamin, who was the son of John, who was the son of Lawrence Updike. It also indicates that Samuel lived in Westport (Decatur County), but no Samuel Updike could be found there in records searched. A Samuel Updike is listed as Postmaster at Whitcomb in 1865. Obituaries for Samuel Updike in newspapers in Marion, Kansas, state that he was from Franklin County, Indiana, and had moved to Kansas around 1888, where he lived with his sister Nancy (1838–1900) and her husband, John Allen Farmer (1831–1912). Samuel died 17 February 1894; his funeral was held at a Baptist Church.

Levi S. Updike was born 2 May 1857 to Levi and Lucinda Sumpter Updike. He had several siblings, and the family lived on a farm near Whitcomb in the Brookville Township of Franklin County. He married Mary H. Driffill (1853–1920) in May 1873 in Franklin County, where they farmed. They had no children. Levi S. Updike died on 16 March 1928 in Brookville. One of Levi’s siblings, Isaac Newton Updike (1854–1938), married Melissa Lee, who had a sister named Louisa Lee (b. ca. 1859). This Louisa Lee is possibly the subject of a portrait in this collection.

Rhoda Updike was born Rhoda Thurston in December 1838 to Isaac and Margaret Lee Thurston. Margaret was the sister of Joseph J. Lee, who was the father of Melissa and Louisa Lee, mentioned above. Rhoda married John Williams Updike (1829–1871) in December 1860 in Franklin County. John Williams Updike was the brother of Samuel Updike, Rachel Updike Farmer, and Nancy Ellen Updike Farmer (all mentioned above) and the son of Benjamin and Lydia Ann Williams Updike. The children of Rhoda and John Updike included: Perry (1862–1871), Abraham Thurston (1864–1908), and Harvey Lee (1869–1894). At the time of the 1900 census, widowed Rhoda is listed as having her “niece” living with her, namely Estella McClure, the daughter of Louisa Lee, who had married Thomas McClure. Rhoda and Estella would have actually been first cousins, once removed. Rhoda died 4 March 1904 in the Springfield Township of Franklin County.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of forty-five photographic portraits that were removed from an album for preservation reasons. The original owner of the album is unknown, but many of the portraits are of people who lived in the Brookville Township of Franklin County, Indiana. All of the photos are either tintypes or cartes-de-visite, except for one photo that is slightly larger than a carte-de-visite. Many of the portraits were identified in pencil in the album, but unfortunately, some of the writing was so badly faded or smudged as to be unreadable. The original order in which the photos were found in the album is indicated on the backs of the photos, with page number written in pencil by the processor. The photographs have been rearranged for this collection, with names in alphabetical order. The unidentified portraits are in the last folder.

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