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**BUSCHMAN FAMILY  
PHOTOGRAPHS AND PAPERS, CA. 1890–1945**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 4 photograph folders, 2 OVB photograph folders, 2 manuscript folders

**COLLECTION DATES:** Ca. 1890-1945

**PROVENANCE:** Joan E. Hostetler, Heritage Photo Services, Indianapolis, Indiana

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

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**NOTES:**

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Charles L. Buschman was born in 1867 (d. 1964) to German immigrant parents, August William Buschman (1824-1893) and Catherine Buschman (b. 1844).

In 1885, August William Buschman became a business partner with fellow German immigrant Lewis Meier (1841-1901), a merchant tailor. The two formed a partnership to expand Meier's business manufacturing workmen's clothing. They named the business Lewis Meier & Co. Indianapolis. Two years later, August's son Charles joined the team as a general superintendent. By 1891, Charles had proven himself an effective leader and was made a partner of the business.

Charles married Grace C. Rhoades Buschman (b. 1880) in 1901 and the pair had two sons, Charles Edgar (1905-2000) and C. Severin (1897-1980).

Charles E. Buschman graduated from Princeton University in 1929. He married Constance Fowler in 1934, and they had one child, Ann, who was born in 1939. The couple divorced, and in 1964, Charles remarried to Martha Louise Hofmann (1923- 2010).

Martha was born in 1923 to John William Hofmann (b. 1888) and Lili Lieber Hofmann (born in 1895 to Carl Lieber of H. Lieber and Company). She had one sibling, older sister Charlotte Marie Hofmann (b. 1921).

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Materials in Collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection is primarily made up of photographs (ca. 1890-1945) of Buschman, Hofmann, and Lieber family members as well as photographs of Lewis Meier & Co. employees. There is also a Lewis Meier & Co. booklet, ca. 1910 that describes the company and includes photographs of its offices and work spaces. Four letters/postcards are included in the collection dating from 1914 to 1932. One postcard is written to Carl and Carolyn Lieber. Two letters are written about Mrs. Lieber's performance in a concert.

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