

**Collection #**  
**M 1050**

**CARL L. ROST**  
**COLLECTION, CA. 1880S–1952**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

<b>VOLUME OF COLLECTION:</b>	Manuscript Materials: 1 manuscript box Visual Materials: 1 photograph box, 2 OVA photographs, 1 OVB Photograph, 1 OVA graphics folder, 3 PAB albums
<b>COLLECTION DATES:</b>	circa 1880s–1952, bulk circa 1880s–1898
<b>PROVENANCE:</b>	Jerry Marver, Greenwood, Indiana, 2007; Kathleen Langone, Middleton, Massachusetts, 2009, 2013
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<b>ALTERNATE FORMATS:</b>	
<b>RELATED HOLDINGS:</b>	Rost Family Papers, 1882–1898 (M 0668)
<b>ACCESSION NUMBER:</b>	2007.0333; 2009.0232; 2013.0368
<b>NOTES:</b>	Addition to collection made September 2014.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Carl L. Rost (1864–1946) was born in Friendship, Indiana. He studied optometry and watch making in Chicago and then moved to Columbus, Indiana, to start a jewelry business with his brother, Herman L. Rost. Carl married Helena Roesgen on October 3, 1888, and they had a daughter, Helen Irene Rost, in 1898. Helena remained in Columbus while Carl moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana, to open a jewelry and optometry business with his cousin, Louis Otto. Rost and Otto Jewelers and Opticians was located at No. 113 South Green Street, in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Carl and Helena Rost lived apart from 1888–1898. In 1900, Carl Rost moved to Indianapolis to open Carl L. Rost Diamond Merchants at 25 North Illinois Street. He retired in 1920 and the business was known as Rost Jewelers until the company closed shortly before the construction of the Circle Center Mall. The façade of the Rost Jewelers building can now be seen at the restaurant Harry & Izzy's on 153 South Illinois Street. While living in Indianapolis, the Rosts' home was at 2016 Central Avenue.

After Carl Rost retired in 1920, he joined the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in 1924. Helen Rost married Carl J. Weinhardt in June 1924.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Hostetler, Joan. "Then and Now: Rost Jewelers / Harry & Izzy's, 25 N. Illinois / 153 S. Illinois." Historic Indianapolis: <http://historicindianapolis.com/then-and-now-rost-jewelers-harry-izzys-25-n-illinois-153-s-illinois/> (accessed May 14, 2013).

Materials in the collection

Rost Family Papers, 1882–1898 (M 0668)

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection primarily contains letters from Carl Rost to his wife, Helena Roesgen Rost. The letters span the years from 1888 to 1898, when Carl Rost lived in Crawfordsville and Helena Rost resided in Columbus, Indiana. The letters mainly cover their affection for each other, daily events, and Carl Rost's jewelry business and a 1920 patent case between Carl L. Rost and Harry W. Hill. Also included are letters of congratulation and newspaper clippings on the birth of their daughter, Helen Irene Rost in 1898.

The collection also contains 12 photograph folders and 3 oversized black and white photographs. Most are family photos; however there are several pictures of Carl Rost's storefront and a scenic photograph of a palm-lined street.

An addition of three photograph albums and four loose cabinet cards was later made to the collection. The albums are large and mostly hold cabinet card portraits of family members and friends. A considerable number of cartes de visite and a few tintypes are also included in the albums. Two albums contain identifying notations. Notable among the album photographs are high school graduation portraits of Helena Roesgen (Rost) and Helen Rost (Weinhardt), which feature elaborate dresses and numerous bouquets given to the graduates.

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Carl and Helena Rost photographs, n.d.

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