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**CORNELIA HUI PHOTOGRAPHS
CA. 1938–1944, 1966, N.D.**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The first Girl Scout troop in Marion County, Indiana, was founded in 1917 in Irvington. There were nine troops in Indianapolis by 1919. The formal organization of a council, Girl Scouts, Inc., was chartered in 1921. That same year the first African American troop, with twenty girls from School 17, was organized. In 1926 troops were also formed at the Indiana School for the Blind.

In 1922, camping was offered at Camp Ada-Boy-Holliday along Williams Creek at College Avenue and 75th Street. That site soon became too small to accommodate the growing number of Girl Scouts in the area. Dorothy Dell Moffett donated land on the west side of Indianapolis along Eagle Creek to establish Camp Dellwood, which opened in the summer of 1926. Camp Dellwood consists of 140 wooded acres and offers platform tent units and a swimming pool. Tent units were given names such as Woodland, Pinewood, Romany, Sleepy Hollow, Rotherwood, and Innisfree.

During World War II, Girl Scouts participated in war bond drives, baked cookies for the Serviceman's Center, and demonstrated cooking meatless meals on the Circle in downtown Indianapolis. By 1952 there were 8,000 scouts in Marion County.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Cornelia Hui was born on 6 February 1927 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Her father, Wellise Kuen Hui (1895–1959) was born in China, and owned a laundry service on E. Washington Street in Indianapolis. Her mother, Rosa K. Chin Hui, was born in Indianapolis to Chinese immigrants, and attended DePauw University. At the time of Cornelia's birth, the family lived at 239 N. Delaware Street. From at least 1930 to 1944, the Hui family lived at 349 Massachusetts Avenue in Indianapolis. Later the family lived at 23 N. Audubon Road.

Cornelia attended George W. Julian School (IPS School #57). Later, at Thomas Carr Howe High School, she participated in Debate Club, Latin Club, Library Club, and the Girls' Athletic Association. She was also a member of Girl Scout Troop #53, and sang in the junior choir of Roberts Park Methodist Church. Cornelia and her mother participated in an exhibit of Chinese arts with the YWCA. Cornelia was also active with the United

Christian Missionary Society in collecting war relief supplies for China during World War II. In 1947 Cornelia graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute, Indiana.

Cornelia married Robert Powers Tapscott on 4 June 1959 in Indianapolis. They had two sons, Wellise Terrill Tapscott (b. 1960) and James Kuen Tapscott (b. 1961), who were both killed in an automobile accident on 2 April 1965 while Cornelia was driving. Robert was not with them in the car. The family was living in Westchester County, New York, at the time, where Cornelia had worked as an elementary school librarian and substitute teacher.

Cornelia died in September 1986 in Palm Beach, Florida.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of black-and-white photographs that may have belonged to Cornelia Hui. The photographs appear to be of Cornelia and her family and friends, her fellow Girl Scouts, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, and a shooting range. The bulk of the collection shows Girl Scouts and their activities, primarily at Camp Dellwood in Indianapolis in the late 1930s to the early 1940s.

The collection is arranged into four series:

Series 1 – Cornelia Hui with Family/Friends: This series is composed of photos that appear to be from the late 1930s of Cornelia Hui and a woman who may be her mother, Rosa Chin Hui. There is also a photo of Cornelia with three other children.

Series 2 – Cornelia Hui and other Girl Scouts: This series includes photos of Cornelia, Cornelia with other girls, individual portraits and group portraits of Girl Scouts, various Scout activities, and a photocopied newspaper article about Girl Scouts receiving Senior Service Awards (ca. 1938–1942).

Series 3 – St. Mary-of-the-Woods College: This series contains photos of various buildings on campus at different times of year (1943–1944, n.d.).

Series 4 – Shooting Range and Other: This series holds photos of young people using a shooting range, plus one photo of a woman who may be Cornelia with teenaged boys holding firearms (1966, n.d.). There is also a photo of unidentified people on a boat (n.d.).

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Cornelia Hui with Family/Friends

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[Two photos of Cornelia Hui in Girl Scout uniform with a woman, probably her mother, Rosa Chin Hui, by the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, Indianapolis, ca. late 1930s]

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[Cornelia Hui in Girl Scout uniform at far right, with three other children, ca. late 1930s]

[Three photos of Cornelia Hui in Girl Scout uniform on a bridge, ca. late 1930s]

[Cornelia Hui in Girl Scout uniform with a woman on a bridge, man on bridge in background, ca. late 1930s]

Young man in a suit on bridge [ca. late 1930s]

Young man in suit, holding his hat, on a bridge [ca. late 1930s]

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Series 2: Cornelia Hui and other Girl Scouts

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[Two photos of Cornelia with another girl, both in Girl Scout uniforms, 30 July 1939]

[Cornelia and same girl as above with a third girl, all in Girl Scout uniforms, 30 July 1939]

[Two photos of Cornelia and another girl, in Girl Scout uniforms, on a horse, ca. late 1930s]

[Cornelia in Girl Scout uniform, seated on a cannon, ca. late 1930s]

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[Cornelia in Girl Scout uniform, ca. late 1930s]

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[Cornelia in Girl Scout uniform, standing by a tree, ca. 1940]

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[Two photos of Cornelia in Senior Service Scout uniform: in one she is squatting by some plants, in the other she is standing by the plants and saluting; this is likely a Victory Garden, ca. early 1940s]

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 3

Photos of identified Girl Scouts at Camp Dellwood: Betty Lou Billeter [1926–2012], 1938; Jean Gay Gross, Sally Ann Hammond, and Betty Lou Billeter, 1938; Betsy Dithmer [1930–1971], 1940; Marjorie Dithmer [1927–2004], 1940; “Conya” Janet Ernst, 1938; Jean Gay Gross, 1938; Winifred Ham [1926–2008], 1940; Sally Ann Hammond [1927–2017], 1938 and 1939; Helen Hodges, 1938; “Lani” Wilma Lang, 1940; Joan Leach [1926–1981], 1938; “Tinker” Edna Liljebald [Edna Liljeblad, 1922–2010], 1940; Betty Linder, 1940; “Fritzie” Frances Nesbitt [1927–1966], 1939; Pat Page, 1940.

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Group portrait of Girl Scouts – Cornelia Hui appears to be in the front row, fourth from left. Others are not specifically identified, but there are some signatures on the back: Winifred Ham, Betty Lou Billeter, Lois Richardson, Virginia Richmond, Jean Gross, Fonda Boling, Barbara Wheaton, Pat Fuller, Jean Farson [ca. late 1930s].

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Group portrait of Girl Scout Troop #53, September 1941: front row – Patty Gallagher, Phyllis Bowls [Phyllis Bowles], Delores Altom, Jackie Allen, Mary Carnahan, Virginia Higgs, Jenny Lee Petty, Patty Kossacks; middle row – Susan Shortridge, Helen Garrett, Cornelia Hui, Joan Wenrick, Peggy Lou Thomas, Nancy Gossett, Mary E. Hite, Suzanne Foster; back row – Joyce Jacobs, Ramona Dongworth, Carol Pritcher, Louise Leonard, Mary Alice Cady.

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Group portrait of Girl Scouts – none are specifically identified, but there are some nickname and first-name signatures on back, with one full name: “Dee” Freda DeCoursey, Scottie, [Bark or Burk], “Lani” [probably Wilma Lang], “Tinker” [probably Edna Liljeblad], Dotty, Cindy, “Rip,” Chips, Becky, Pixie, Fritzie [probably Frances Nesbitt], Bob, Kim, [“Coe” or “Coo”], “Skipper,” “Chirp,” “Skeeter,” n.d.

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Group portrait of twenty unidentified Girl Scouts at Camp Dellwood, 1938. Six photos of individuals and groups of Scouts, August 1939. One photo of a girl holding a baseball bat and ball at Camp Dellwood, 1940. Five photos of individuals and groups of Scouts, n.d.

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Camp activities: Photo of Scouts on a field from a distance, 7 August 1938. Three photos of Scouts including Marjorie Dithmer, Sally Hammond, Francele Cannon, Mary McClure, and “Fritzie” Frances Nesbitt – 7 August 1939. Two photos of large group of girls gathered on a field with adults in the background – 14 August 1939. Photo of a girl napping on a cot in a platform tent – 14 August 1939. Two photos of a woman appearing to pin something on the dresses of girls, n.d.

Photographs,
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Five photos of girls in swimming pool, adults around the perimeter, n.d. [most likely at Camp Dellwood]

Photographs,
Box 1, Folder 8

Photocopies of newspaper article titled “48 Girl Scouts Pass Senior Service Tests, Receive Awards From Governor Schricker,” clipped from *The Indianapolis Star*, 13 April 1942. Among the names listed in the article are those of two Scouts who appear in photos in this collection: Cornelia Hui of Troop #53, and Sally Ann Hammond of Troop #66.
[2 copies]

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Series 3: St. Mary-of-the-Woods College

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Two photos printed by the Tupenny Snapshot Co. of St. Louis in Autumn, 1943: one appears to be of the Conservatory of Music at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College; the other is of an unknown building. Both photos were taken with snow on the ground.

Three photos of the campus with snow: one of the fountain (February 1944); the other two show the Church of the Immaculate Conception, n.d.

Four photos of the campus taken probably in early spring with some trees in bloom and others still bare: Conservatory of Music; Foley Hall; the fountain; a tree-lined driveway; n.d.

One photo of a tree-lined walkway with flowers in bloom along the walk, n.d.

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Series 4: Shooting Range and Other

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Two photos from 1966: 1) a woman who may be Cornelia Hui Tapscott along with four approximately teenaged boys and a man; the boys appear to be holding muskets; 2) an indoor shooting range.

Outdoor shooting range: four photos show boys and girls using firearms; one photo shows five men and one woman using firearms at what appears to be the same outdoor shooting range; n.d.

Seven unidentified people on a boat, n.d.

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