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GERMAINE LEHMANN COLLECTION
1932–1939

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Germaine Lehmann was born in Bischheim, near Strasbourg, in the Alsace region of France, on 20 August 1913. She immigrated to the United States at the age of fifteen, sailing from Le Havre on the *S.S. Ile de France*, and arriving in New York City on 18 June 1929. According to the ship manifest, Germaine's father's name was Aron Lehmann, and he lived in Bischheim. Her family was Jewish, and she grew up speaking French and German. Germaine had an aunt, Rose Frohman, who lived in New York City.

By April 1930, Germaine was living in Indianapolis with the family of her sister Alice (1904–2003), which included Alice's Persian-born husband, John Solomon, and daughter Illanea, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1927. Alice soon had another daughter, Jacqueline, the donor of this collection. After Alice became widowed in 1934, she married Wilhelm Wise in 1942.

Germaine was naturalized by the U.S. District Court in Indianapolis on 25 January 1935. The 1936 Indianapolis city directory lists her as a manager for the William H. Block Co. department store. Germaine sailed again from Le Havre to New York in September 1938. She married John P. Frank in New York City in 1939. Germaine died 8 December 2003 in New Haven, Connecticut, and was buried in Mount Hebron Cemetery in Flushing, New York.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of two items. One is a black-and-white photograph of twenty-one adults in the beauty shop of the L.S. Ayres & Co. department store in Indianapolis in 1932, in which Germaine Lehmann is identified, and the names of the others are written on back. The other item is Germaine Lehmann's account book with the Fletcher Trust Company of Indianapolis, with entries from 1934 to 1939.

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Photograph of sixteen women and five men in the beauty shop of the L.S. Ayres & Co. department store in Indianapolis (10 March 1932). Germaine Lehmann is identified as being seated in the front row, second from left. Other names written on back: Marion Wilmer (manager), Kay Frye, Bee Martyn, Catherine Michaels, Mayme Meyer, Orlee[?] Mitchell, Ralph Cobb, Ruby Aldridge, Lillian Rowe, Lula Church, M.A. Carpenter, Mary McCloskey, Mary Belle Davis, Tommy Thomas, Frances Kruger, A. Johnson, Mayme Householder, Luvina[?] B. Bollew or Bollen, A.V. Rogers, Mary Katherine Davis.

Germaine Lehmann's account book with the Fletcher Trust Company of Indianapolis, with handwritten entries ranging in date from 27 June 1934 to 9 June 1939. [A gap in entries from June to October 1938 appears to coincide with her trip back to France; the account closure in June 1939 coincides with her wedding in New York.]

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