

Collection #
SC 3086

**GUSTAVE RHODEY
LETTER, 1919**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

This collection contains a handwritten letter from Gustave Rhodey to his son, Charles (Chas) Rhodey. Gustave was born to immigrant German parents in Texas in 1876. In 1898 he married Amelia, and the two moved to Maryland, her home state. That same year the two had their first child, Chas. Two more children followed. In 1910, the family moved to Ohio, but shortly after moved to Center, Marion County, Indiana. Gustave worked as a traveling salesman and passed away in 1935.

During World War I, Chas served in the Navy. After being released from service, Chas became a chemist, and married Helen in 1923, a native to Indiana. The two moved to Marion County, where he died in 1978.

The Hotel English, built in phases by William H. English, was opened for business in 1880 on the northwest quadrangle of Monument Circle. English added onto the home of W.S. Hubbard, the previous occupant, and the building had an adjacent opera house bearing the English family name. The Victorian building was demolished in 1948 and is considered one of the biggest preservation losses in Indiana.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a letter from Gustave Rhodey [1876-1935] to his son, Charles (Chas) Rhodey [1898-1978], written on February 11, 1919. Gustave was most likely traveling to Indianapolis and staying at Hotel English in downtown Indianapolis because the stationary is from that hotel.

The letter contains information of the family and family friends as well as a joke about an Irishman trying to get into heaven.

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