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**HANNA FAMILY
COLLECTION, CA. 1880-1920S**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 half size box of photographs, 2 bound volumes

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1880-1920s

PROVENANCE: Heritage Photo Services, Indianapolis, IN

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RELATED HOLDINGS: Robert Barlow Hanna Family Papers, M0129; *The Life and Character of Hon. Samuel Hanna*, F534.F65 W6 1896

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Samuel Telford Hanna (August 22 1834-November 8, 1887) was the seventh of twelve sons and one daughter born to Fort Wayne pioneer, Judge Samuel Hanna and his wife Eliza Taylor Hanna. Samuel T. Hanna studied at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He married Martha Elizabeth Brandriff (August 25, 1843-February 25, 1934) in Fort Wayne on January 12, 1865 at the First Presbyterian Church. The couple lived for a short time at the Hanna homestead in Fort Wayne, as was customary in the family, before moving into their own home on West Berry Street in 1868. They remained in the home until 1883, when they lost it due to business failures and Samuel's case of typhoid. Martha was born in Troy, Ohio and attended the Ohio Female College in Cincinnati from 1861-1863 and then moved on to the Packer Institute in Brooklyn, New York in 1864. Martha was a homemaker and an amateur genealogist. She belonged to the Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Fort Wayne, the Old Plymouth Colony Descendants Society, the Woman's Club League, the American Legion of Women Voters, the Red Cross, and Women's Franchise. Samuel and Martha had three children, Mary, John, and Marguerite.

Mary Hanna (September 29, 1865-November 26, 1938) was the oldest of the Hanna children. She enjoyed reading, painting, and dancing.

John Lowrie Hanna (September 22, 1867-February 20, 1940) was the middle child. He married Edna Grund on October 25, 1894. He began his career working as a clerk in his grandfather Samuel's hardware store before he was hired to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad in Fort Wayne. He worked his way through the ranks as a clerk, transferring to Philadelphia, and is most remembered for organizing Decimal System for keeping records and headed up an initiative to reuse, repurpose, or sell salvage items from the railroad business, such a paper and metals. For this innovation, he was promoted within the railroad company to General Material Supervisor. John L. Hanna also dabbled in photography, enjoyed bicycling, and was a member of the Sons of the Revolution.

Marguerite Hanna Reusch (September 5, 1870-February 27, 1943) was the youngest of the Hanna children. From 1882-1885 she attended Westminster Seminary. She married Jacob Frederick Reusch on June 6, 1900 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The couple ended up settling in Petoskey, Michigan and had two children, Elizabeth and Frederick. Marguerite took up her mother's interest in genealogy and was a member and chapter leader of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Society of the Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century, the Old Plymouth Colony Descendants Society. During World War I, Marguerite worked with the Red Cross on war relief. She also was involved with Presbyterian Church and the Federation of Woman's Clubs.

The Horace Hanna family also appears in the collection. Horace Hovey Hanna was Samuel T. Hanna's younger brother. He married Elizabeth Rogers and they had five children together- Samuel D., Alice, Jessie, Horace, and Hovey. The McCulloch family were friends of the Samuel and Eliza Hanna family of Fort Wayne, and some McCulloch family members' photographs also appear in this collection.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

Ancestrylibrary.com

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains boudoir cards created by John L. Hanna, an amateur photographer who was living in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the time the images were taken. Some of the images are solely nature scenes, such as the lake at Rome City, Indiana, and a view of the Maumee River from Parent Grove, near Fort Wayne. Other images are of Hanna's family and friends posing outdoors for Hanna's camera near the Hanna home of West Berry St. in Fort Wayne, on the St. Mary's River, and posing for more formal group photographs. People identified in the images are: Julia and Eva Nelson, Georgie Lombard, Mrs. Hugh McCulloch, Susie McCulloch, Connie Lombard, Ross McCulloch, Fred McCulloch, Noble Olds, Wallace Caswell, Minnie Kemp Hanna, Samuel D. Hanna, Alice Hanna, Hugh McCulloch, Horace Hanna, Charles Hovey Hanna, and Jessie Weaver Hanna.

There are two bound manuscript volumes in this collection. The first was kept by John L. Hanna's mother, Martha Brandriff Hanna and presented to him in 1929. The volume contains Martha's writings on the family genealogy (Adams, Ford, Hovey, Emerson, Waldo, Pease, Tice, Hooper, Rhodes, Stuart, Roberts, Risley, Somers, Brandriff, Hanna, Vassall families), and some of her personal recollections, such as her childhood, her honeymoon trip to Washington D.C. in 1865 where she went to a dance at the White House and met President Lincoln, as well as a Hanna family trip out West in 1874. The second volume has similar content to the first but is much more extensive in its notes and contains clippings and images related to the family genealogy, and the book contains both Martha and her daughter Marguerite's handwriting. It could be assumed that Martha drew from this book to compile the other volume for her son.

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Unidentified individuals along the banks of the St. Mary's River, Fort Wayne, 1888

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