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**HARRY LEMEN
PHOTOGRAPHS, 1871–CA. 1940S**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 photograph folders, 1 OVA photograph folder, 1 OVB photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1871–ca. 1940s

PROVENANCE: Unknown, no date;
Hiram Lemen, Madison, Ind., 1984;
Heritage Photo Services, Indianapolis, Ind. 2001

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harry Crawford Lemen, the son of Emerson and Mary Lemen, was born near Canaan, Indiana, in Jefferson County. Originally a lawyer, he also had a real estate business and was an amateur photographer.

Lemen documented the town of Madison and places around Jefferson County during the early years of the 20th century. He also collected early photographs by other photographers from the early days of Madison and reproduced them as postcards and framed pictures. After Lemen died his son Hiram Lemen continued to take photographs and sell his father's photographs. The Jefferson County Public Library purchased Mr. Lemen's collection after his death.

Sources:

<http://www.mjcpl.org/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains 34 black-and-white copy photographs from the Harry Lemen Collection of Madison, Indiana. The images date from 1871 to the 1940s. The earlier images were copied by Lemen from older photographs. An example of this is the portrait of J.F. D. Lanier from 1871. The later images were taken by Harry Lemen or his son Hiram. The images document everyday life in Madison during the late 19th and early 20th century and include images of steamboats on the Ohio River, and street scenes with automobiles, buses, and horse drawn wagons.

Lemen photographed the visit of Governor Edward Jackson and his family to the newly opened Turkey Run State Park in Parke County in 1927. These are accompanied by a typed letter with descriptions from Harry's son, Hiram Lemen. There is also a 1927 photograph of the noted Indiana artist William McKendree Snyder.

The photographs are stamped on the verso with "The Picture House / 607 West Main St. / Hiram Lemen" "Print From Harry Lemen Collection" "Not to be Reproduced."

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"Archie Lewis & Gumbo, 1927"
[Elderly African American man and his mule]

CONTAINER

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[Man standing on horse drawn wagon hauling
furniture and various items]

Photographs:
Folder 1

[man and horse drawn delivery wagon on city street]

Photographs:
Folder 1

[two horse team in front of wagon hauling coal,
backed up to house with coal chute]

Photographs:
Folder 1

"Paul Meyers, 1927-23rd owner – wagon 53 years old"
[man standing in front of horse drawn wagon that
delivers coal oil and gasoline hauling a stove for sale]

Photographs:
Folder 1

[two men sitting on horse drawn wagon]

Photographs:
Folder 1

"Major Woodfield"
[group including soldier with medals, two women and
two men standing by motor car, 1922 license plate]

Photographs
Folder 2

"Flying machine at Sachlaben Field, Madison, Ind.
1925"
[Bi-plane in field with pilot on wing and crowd
surrounding plane]

Photographs:
Folder 2

"Blink Lockridge Bus – 1927"
[empty bus with Madison sign parked on city street]

Photographs:
Folder 2

"Southland Trans. Co. – Cinn. To Louisville 1927"
[bus with passengers and luggage on roof parked in
front of Central Hotel]

Photographs
Folder 2

"1927"
[Madison Coal & Supply Co. delivery truck with
driver leaning out window]

Photographs:
Folder 2

<p>“1927 – Battery E. Boys Model T” [decorated automobile with “This bus stops at New York, Milton, Ky., St. Louis, Mo., Kent, Ind. --- Soup hound Lines” printed on door]</p>	<p>Photographs: Folder 2</p>
<p>“1940’s Cutter Robinson & Howard Hollis” [Ice delivery truck “Pearl Packing Co. on snowy street with two men hauling ice on ice hooks]</p>	<p>Photographs: Folder 2</p>
<p>“1948 – Geiles’ Wooden Indian” [Cigar store Indian standing on wooden block and holding wooden box, accompanied by typed story]</p>	<p>Photographs: Folder 2</p>
<p>[Photo of house with sign in window and metal fence in foreground]</p>	<p>Photographs: Folder 2</p>
<p>[Scene from stage play taking place in a bar]</p>	<p>Photographs Folder 2</p>
<p>[Circa 1940’s – Women parading down street in front of Oldsmobile car dealership]</p>	<p>Photographs Folder 2</p>
<p>[Audience viewing movie or play, boy in front row taking popcorn out of little girls bag]</p>	<p>Photographs Folder 2</p>
<p>[man standing on deck behind pilot house of steamboat <i>America</i>]</p>	<p>Photographs Folder 2</p>
<p>[Gov. Edward Jackson family at entrance to Nevill’s Grove]</p>	<p>OVA Photographs: Folder 1</p>
<p>[Gov. Edward Jackson, Edward Jr., on teeter-totter at Nevill’s Grove]</p>	<p>OVA Photographs: Folder 2</p>
<p>[Gov. Edward Jackson at Nevill’s Grove posing with cane and hat in hand]</p>	<p>OVA Photographs: Folder 3</p>
<p>[Gov. Edward Jackson & Edward Jr. at water trough]</p>	<p>OVA Photographs: Folder 4</p>
<p>[Gov. Edward Jackson talks with old timer Harry C. Tom at his farm]</p>	<p>OVA Photographs: Folder 5</p>
<p>"J.F.D. Lanier 1871" [copy portrait]</p>	<p>OVB Photographs: Folder 1</p>

"William McKendree Snyder, 1927" [portrait of the Indiana landscape artist]	OVB Photographs: Folder 1
[Circa 1930 – flooded Ohio river with inundated homes in background and ferry hauling cars across flooded river]	OVB Photographs: Folder 1
[steam boat <i>Delta Queen</i> getting ready to dock, crowd waiting on shore]	OVB Photographs: Folder 1
[steam boat <i>Island Queen</i> on river, in foreground an older couple looking on with woman smoking a pipe]	OVB Photographs: Folder 1
[old couple on front porch of small house boat, both smoking pipes]	OVB Photographs: Folder 1
“Aug. 1 – 1927 – American Boy” [steamboat <i>America</i> docked at pier with people on deck leaning over railing and passengers embarking]	OVB Photographs: Folder 1
[<i>Cotton Blossom</i> steam boat docked on shore, boarding plank deployed]	OVB Photographs: Folder 1
[<i>Showboat Majestic</i> with coal barge <i>Atta Boy</i> of Madison Coal & Supply Co. trailing behind]	OVB Photographs: Folder 1
[steamboat <i>Cincinnati</i> on river, smoke stacks spewing black smoke; in foreground two fishermen in dinghy]	OVB Photographs: Folder 1
“1920s, unloading 145’ Timber” [workmen in front of stacks of lumber loaded on Union Pacific flatbed cars]	OVB Photographs: Folder 1

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog:
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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, P 0080).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.