HEBERHART FAMILY COLLECTION
1874, CA. 1890S–CA. 1910, 1922

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Francis C. Heberhart, Sr. (b. 29 July 1799 in Switzerland, d. 16 July 1854) was married to a woman named Anna Elizabeth (b. 25 March 1797 in Switzerland, d. 5 February 1881), and had two daughters, Rosalie and Elizabeth (who married Robert B. Craig), and a son, Francis C. Heberhart, Jr.

Francis “Frank” Heberhart, Jr. (1823–1902) married Matilda (or Mathilda) V. Childs (1834–1909). Frank was born in Ohio, and Matilda was born in Switzerland. At the time of the 1870 census, they were living in Madison, Indiana, and had four children living with them, all born in Indiana: Charles E. (1848–1907), Mary (born ca. 1853), Emma H. (1857–1929), and William G. (1859–1932). Frank was working as a clerk in a brewery, and Charles was working as a clerk in a store.

Charles E. Heberhart married Jennie McClure (b. 28 October 1855, d. 15 May 1893) on 14 October 1873 in Jefferson County, Indiana. By 1874 Charles was in partnership with Ben Abberger, running Heberhart and Abberger’s Drug Store on Mulberry Street in Madison. Charles’s younger brother, William, also worked at the store.

At the time of the 1880 census, Charles was living in Madison and working as a retail druggist, and he and Jennie had two children. Charles E., Jr. (born ca. 1877), and Hubert “Hugh” Edgar (b. 15 April 1879). Sometime during the 1880s, the family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where two more children were born: William R. (b. 1 October 1885, d. 15 March 1967 in Vevay, Indiana), and Elsye (b. 9 January 1889, d. 14 May 1947). Charles, Sr. was working as a druggist in St. Paul at least until the early 1890s. He married Rhoda W. Hildreth (1853–1912) on 26 December 1895 in Jefferson County, Indiana. In 1900, Charles, Sr. was working as a druggist in Madison again, and living with Rhoda and his children, William and Elsye.

During the Spanish-American War, Charles, Jr. was in the 159th Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Company F. He was recruited in June 1898 in Madison, Indiana, and mustered out on 23 November the same year. At the time of the 1900 census, he was in Edinburgh, Indiana. By 1910 he was living in Cleveland, Ohio, with his wife Mabel D. (b. 3 September 1882 in Pennsylvania, d. May 1980 in Madison, Indiana), his daughter Marjorie G. (born ca. 1908 in Ohio), his mother-in-law Delia M. Alexander (born ca. 1841 in New York), and his sister-in-law Gertrude (born ca. 1871 in Pennsylvania).
By the time of the 1920 census, Charles, Jr. was working as an editor of the *Courier-Journal* in Louisville, Kentucky. He was then living with his wife Mabel, his daughter Marjorie, and a second daughter, Elinor M. (born ca. 1911 in Ohio). At the time of the 1930 census, Charles, Jr. was still working as a newspaper editor, but the family was in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1900 Hubert was living in Redkey, in Jay County, Indiana, and working as a druggist. He married Bessie J. Garlinghouse in 1902 in Carroll County, Kentucky. At the time of the 1910 census he was in Fremont County, Colorado. In 1918 he registered for service in World War I in Bartholomew County, Indiana. At that time he was still working as a druggist and was employed by W. Parker.

Elsye Heberhart married Roy Wolfe (born July 1881 in Linscott, Ohio) on 4 March 1909. They had no children. At the time of the 1930 census, they were living in Columbus, Ohio, where Roy was a vice president of a heating company.

William G. Heberhart, the younger brother of Charles, Sr., was working as a clerk in a drugstore in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the time of the 1880 census. Later he appears to have been both a pharmacist and a photographer in Madison, Indiana, working at Heberhart & Son at 835 West Main Street. The shop sold drugs, paints, glass objects, and oils. Later in life, William and his older sister Mary lived together in Madison.

Sources:

Items in the collection.


**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of twenty-six mounted black-and-white photographs, one diary, one small pharmacy log book, and one theater voucher.

The photographs include portraits of William Heberhart, Charles E. Heberhart, Jr., and Matilda Childs Heberhart with
her granddaughter Elsye Heberhart (later Wolfe); images of Emma Heberhart, Aunt Rosa Kunkler, unidentified men standing in front of the Heberhart & Son drugstore at 835 West Main Street in Madison, Ind., and unidentified people in front of a house. There are as “Cedar Spring Farm” near Madison, Ind. There is one photograph of a creek on the farm. Almost all of the photographs were apparently taken by William G. Heberhart.

The diary was written by fifteen-year-old William G. Heberhart in 1874 from 20 April through 18 August. He wrote about his duties at Heberhart and Abberger’s Drug Store in Madison, Ind., about his family, and local events. There is a typescript summary of the diary done by Joan Hostetler, from whom the diary was purchased by the Indiana Historical Society.

The pharmacy log book has the name “Edw. R. Slattery” written in it along with the address of the Heberhart & Son drugstore. It is dated 20 November 1901. People’s names, along with items such as cough mixture, linseed oil, syrup of quinine, and salicylic acid are listed. Amounts, prices, and mixing directions are also included. Inserted in the book is a piece of paper with English text on one side and German on the other, discussing the benefits of Bromo-Seltzer. Other scraps of paper with notes are also inserted, including one dated 29 February [19]08.

The theater voucher is for Charles Heberhart (Jr.), managing editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, for two orchestra seats for a performance of The Fool at the Times Square Theatre in New York, or any other theater presenting that show.

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The same three women and girl listed above (Rosa Kunkler, Grandma Heberhart, Elsye Heberhart, and one unidentified) standing by a creek. Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, ca. 1890s).


**Series 3: Family Homes and Farm**

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“One of the homes of the Heberharts.” Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, n.d.).


Front of house at Cedar Spring Farm with rocking chair on porch and bicycle leaning against a tree (two prints). Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, n.d.).

Side of house at Cedar Spring Farm with parked bicycle. Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, n.d.).

Cedar Spring Farm with dirt road and fence in foreground, and house in background (two prints). Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, n.d.).

Creek with snow on Cedar Spring Farm. Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, n.d.).

Cedar Spring Farm covered with snow, with fence in foreground. Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, n.d.).

“Winter scene in Cedar Farm” shows front of house with trees in snow. Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, n.d.).

“Winter scene of ‘Cedar Spring Farm.’” Also written on back of one of two copies: “More rooms were added up and down, making it a ten (10) room house.” Shows fence in foreground, side of house in background, with barn on the left edge of photo, and trees in snow. Photo by W.G. Heberhart (no
Series 4: Heberhart & Son Drug Store

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Unidentified man standing in doorway of Heberhart & Son drugstore at 835 West Main Street in Madison, Ind. Sign in front lists drugs, paints, glass, and oils. Signs in windows advertise Red Cross cough drops for five cents a box, Smith Bros. cough drops, Ayer’s pills, and Ayer’s sarsaparilla. Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, n.d.).

Three unidentified men standing in front of Heberhart & Son drugstore at 835 West Main Street in Madison. A bicycle with a huge front wheel and small rear wheel is parked in front. Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, n.d.).

Small brown leather-covered pharmacy log book with the name “Edw. R. Slattery” written in it along with the address 835 W. Main St., Madison, Ind. (same as that of the Heberhart & Son drugstore). It is dated 20 November 1901. People’s names, along with items such as cough mixture, linseed oil, syrup of quinine, and salicylic acid are listed. Amounts, prices, and mixing directions are also included. Inserted in the book is a piece of paper with English text on one side and German on the other, discussing the benefits of Bromo-Seltzer. Other scraps of paper with notes are also inserted, including one dated 29 February [19]08.

Series 5: Ohio River Scenes

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“River Scene on the Ohio River at Madison, Indiana” shows steamboats. “Merry Christmas from Will” is written on back. Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, 1890).

The wreck of the steamboat General Pike on the Ohio River. Photo by W.G. Heberhart (Madison, 1 January 1891).

Series 6: Diary of William G. Heberhart

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Diary kept in 1874 from 20 April through 18 August by BV 3506
fifteen-year-old William G. Heberhart in Madison, Ind., while an employee at Heberhart and Abberger’s Drug Store on Mulberry Street. He wrote about his duties at the store, his family, and local events.

Typescript summary of the diary done by Joan Hostetler.

**Series 7: Theater Voucher**

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Blue 3”x5” card that reads: “To the Treasurer of the Times Square Theatre, New York, or of any theatre in which a Selwyn Company is presenting ‘The Fool’ The best in the house for Mr. Charles Heberhart, Man’g Editor of the Courier Journal, Louisville Please hold this voucher in return for two orchestra seats for any performance.” It is signed by Channing Pollock. There is no date. (Channing Pollock was the play’s author; the play opened on 23 October 1922. <http://www.ibdb.com/venue.asp?ID=1365> accessed 8 December 2004.)

**CONTAINER**

Photographs, Box 1, Folder 7

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