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HUTCHINGS-KOEHLER FAMILY PAPERS, 1699–1916

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	3 manuscript boxes, 3 folders of photographs, 1 bound volume, 3 rolls of microfilm
COLLECTION	1699–1916

DATES:

PROVENANCE: Elizabeth Zulauf Kelemen, P.O. Box 447, Norfolk, CT 06058,
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RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBERS: 1975.0903; 1978.0707

NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Members of the Hutchings and Koehler families include Herman Koehler (1805–82), a German immigrant and apprentice confectioner in Maryland and Washington, D.C., from 1819–25, and a shopkeeper and confectioner in Scott and Jefferson counties, Indiana, 1847–82. Other individuals figuring prominently in the family papers are Koehler's children, Herman C. Koehler (1835–1916), a Frederick, Maryland, businessman who unsuccessfully ran a Louisiana plantation in 1866, and daughters Aurora (1846–1928) and Septima (1848–1918). The latter were schoolteachers in southeastern Indiana, 1867–ca. 1890; and mission workers with Native Americans in South Dakota, 1896–1906, African Americans in Nashville, Tennessee, 1906–08, and mill workers in LaGrange, Georgia, 1908–09.

The papers also feature William D. Hutchings (1825–1903) and his wife, Matilda Koehler Hutchings (1840–1914). William Hutchings was a physician in Lexington, Scott County, and Madison, Jefferson County. The Hutchings' son, Robert (1869–1956), was a student at Hanover College, Jefferson County, from 1887–89 and the Ohio Medical College, 1890s. Robert Hutchings practiced medicine in Colorado.

Sources:

A Guide to Manuscript Collections of the Indiana Historical Society and Indiana State Library, p. 88.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Herman Koehler's papers include letters from relatives in Frederick and Baltimore, Maryland, 1819–69; Kleingartach, Germany, 1814–42; and Goliad, Texas, 1852–61. Also contained in the collection are letters from Koehler's children attending school in Madison, Indiana, in the 1860s and from his son, Robert, a Cincinnati, Ohio, businessman, 1868–71. There also are Koehler's recipes for medicinal candies and remedies and his reminiscence of his trip from Germany to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1818–19.

Aurora and Septima Koehler papers include Aurora's letter from her brother's plantation at Tullania, Louisiana, 1866; their correspondence as schoolteachers in southeastern Indiana, 1860s–80s; and their letters as mission workers in South Dakota, Tennessee, and Georgia, 1896–1912. There also are letters from teachers and students at St. Elizabeth's School in Flora, South Dakota, 1900–08, and journals kept by both Aurora, 1868–75, and Septima, 1863, 1867–69.

Additional items include Septima's writings on South Dakota Native Americans and class register books and other educational materials.

Hutchings family papers include letters to Robert Hutchings at school from his parents in Madison and from school friends, 1888–90. Also included are Matilda Hutchings' poems and essays, and William Hutchings' essay on the treatment of tuberculosis. Photographs include images of Koehler family members.

A detailed inventory of materials in the collection can be found with the copy of this collection guide in Box 1 of the collection.

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Portrait of an Ogadola Sioux, copyright by S.V. Koehler

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