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**J. LLOYD GRANNAN COLLECTION  
CA. 1860S–1990**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Joseph Lloyd Grannan, who went by his middle name, was born in Indianapolis on 7 May 1933, the only child of Joseph P. and Ruby Robbins Grannan. He graduated from Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and earned his bachelor's degree at Purdue University and his master's degree at Indiana State University. He served as a medic in the Army. He married Betty Jean Crockett (1923–1998) on 16 August 1958, and they had three children: Jill, David, and Michael. Lloyd worked for the Marion County Board of Health for thirty-six years. He was president of the American Lung Association of Central Indiana in the 1980s. He was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church and served on its parish council and finance committee. Lloyd died 31 December 2020 in Indianapolis.

Joseph Patrick Grannan was born in Cannelburg, Daviess County, Indiana, on 9 January 1909 to Bartholomew and Mary Emma Eisen Grannan. He married Ruby Robbins in August 1929 in Marion County. The couple moved to Indianapolis where Joseph worked as a knitter for the Real Silk Hosiery Company. After Ruby's death, he married the widowed Moreen Wickham Carpenter in October 1945 in Marion County. Joseph died on 30 August 1993 in Indianapolis.

Ruby Geneva Robbins was born 17 April 1906 near North Salem in Hendricks County, Indiana, to William F. and Iva C. Dobbs Robbins. Her father was a farmer and the family lived in the Eel River Township of Hendricks County, where Ruby and her siblings attended Eel River School. She had an older brother, Verla (1901–1976), and an older sister, Nina (Asher) (1904–1988). Ruby's younger siblings were Irene (Hanna) (1911–1971) and William Herman Robbins (1917–1937). Ruby died on 20 May 1944 in Indianapolis.

Moreen C. Wickham Grannan was born 11 February 1905 in Hendricks County, Indiana, to Joseph Davis Wickham (1861–1925) and Sarah Elizabeth Miller Wickham (1871–1960). Moreen had an older brother, Lawrence Wickham (b. 24 October 1900), and an older sister, Treva (Jones) (1902–1991). Moreen worked as a stenographer/secretary/bookkeeper. She married Glen Carpenter (1903–1934) in August 1932 in Marion County; she was widowed two years later. In 1945 she married Joseph P. Grannan. Moreen died on 9 April 1996 in Indianapolis. She was buried by her first husband in Crawfordsville in Montgomery County.

The families of Joseph P. Grannan's two wives – the Robbins and Wickham families – appeared to have known each other, as children of both families attended the Eel River School in Eel River Township of Hendricks County.

Joseph Davis Wickham was born in Virginia on 5 February 1861 to Lemuel R. (1828–1901) and Elizabeth Thompson Wickham. Elizabeth was born 29 May 1823 in Virginia to Elisha Thompson and Nancy Helton Thompson. She married Lemuel Wickham in March 1852 in Virginia. Their children included Nancy (aka Isabel or Isabelle?) (b. 1856), Marion Wilson (1858–1932), Joseph Davis (1861–1925), and Malinda Catherine (1867–1949). It appears that the family moved from Virginia to Hendricks County, Indiana, sometime between 1867 and 1870. After Lemuel died, Elizabeth is shown in the 1910 census living in the Eel River Township of Hendricks County with her son Marion and daughter Isabelle. Elizabeth died 22 April 1915. The 1920 and 1930 censuses show brother and sister Marion and Isabelle continuing to live together in Eel River Township.

Sarah Elizabeth Miller Wickham was born on 9 November 1871 in Kentucky to Daniel M. Miller (1844–1915) and Mary Frances Hoffman Miller (1844–1921). Mary Frances was the daughter of Davis (b. February 1820) and Clementine (1822–1901) Huffman (or Hoffman) of Kentucky. Sometime between 1880 and 1900, the Huffman and Miller families moved from Kentucky to Eel River Township in Hendricks County, Indiana.

Daniel Madison Miller and Mary Frances Hoffman Miller had four daughters: Margaret Alice (Mayhall) (b. July 1866), Mary Dossie (Lawson) (1867–1946), Sarah Elizabeth (Wickham) (1871–1960), and Harriet “Hattie” Lee (Harris) (1875–1916).

James Victor Eisen (b. ca. 1834), a German immigrant, had one son, Francis “Frank” James Eisen (1866–1914) from his first marriage to Ellen Wikoff. He later married Irish immigrant Mary Riley Natter (b. August 1844), who brought four daughters and a son from her first marriage to Jacob Natter (ca. 1823–1870): Margaret Ann, Catharine “Catie” Loretta, Elizabeth “Lizzie”, Ellen, and Jacob Natter. (Mary Riley Natter and Jacob Natter had another son, John D. Natter (b. ca. 1863), who died in 1871, before Mary remarried. James and Mary Eisen then had a son and four daughters together: Joseph, Mary M., Mary Emma, Martha Agnes, and Theresa. At the time of the 1880 census, this blended family lived on a farm in Veale, Daviess County, Indiana. Margaret Ann, Elizabeth, and Ellen Natter all became Catholic nuns; their sister Catie (or Katie) Natter appears to have spent much of her adult life in an asylum or sanitarium. James Victor Eisen served in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. He died no later than 1889.

By 1900 Mary Riley Eisen was living with her four youngest daughters at 202 Maple Street in Washington, Daviess County. Daughter Mary (b. May 1877) was working as a milliner, and daughter Emma (1879–1964) worked as a dressmaker.

Francis “Frank” James Eisen was born on 4 August 1866. He worked as a farmer. In 1895 he married Maria Clova Fears (1869–1911) in Edgar County, Illinois. Their children were: Mary Margaret (1895–1928), Margaret Mary (Livers) (1900–1939), John Francis (1907–1912), and Rose (b. ca. 1910). The first three children were born in Illinois; Rose was born in Missouri. Frank Eisen died on 17 March 1914 in Missouri.

Margaret Ann Natter was born 22 March 1864 in Gosport, Owen County, Indiana. She became Sister Lazarilla, and at the time of the 1920 census, she was teaching in an orphanage in Memphis, Tennessee. She died on 22 May 1942 in Kentucky.

Catherine “Catie” (sometimes spelled Katie) Loretta Natter was born 24 December 1866 in Gosport, Indiana. By 1900 she was in an asylum. In 1930 she was an inpatient at St. Vincent’s Sanitarium in St. Louis, Missouri. She died 24 March 1940 in Louisville, Kentucky. She was buried in the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Cemetery in Nelson County, Kentucky, where her sister Margaret Ann (aka Sister Lazarilla) would also be buried.

Elizabeth “Lizzie” Natter was born 17 September 1867 in Gosport, Indiana. She became Sister Mary Regina. She died on 9 August 1948 in Memphis, Tennessee, and was buried there in Calvary Cemetery, where her sister Ellen (aka Sister M. Cecelia) would also be buried.

Ellen Natter was born ca. April 1870 in Gosport, Indiana. She became Sister Mary of Saint Cecelia. She worked in the Convent of the Good Shepherd correctional home in Memphis, Tennessee. She died on 29 November 1950 in Memphis.

Mary M. Eisen was born 2 May 1877. She married Sidney Ignatius Bowling (1880–1959), in May 1903. He worked for the railroad. By 1920 they had moved from Daviess County to Indianapolis. It appears that they had no children. Mary Eisen Bowling died 13 January 1945 in Indianapolis.

Mary Emma Eisen was born 5 March 1879 in Daviess County, Indiana. She married Bartholomew Theodore Grannan (29 August 1879–1964) in May 1904 in Daviess County. They had five sons and one daughter: Victor Alexander, Joseph Patrick, James Norbert, John Bartholomew, Francis Benedict, and Mary Victorine (Heinz). Mary Emma Eisen Grannan died 5 November 1964 in Indianapolis.

Bartholomew “Bart” Theodore Grannan was born in Daviess County on 29 August 1879 to James Wood Grannan and Sarah Ann Brown Grannan. In 1900 he worked for the railroad; in 1910 he lived in Cannelburg and worked as a coal miner. In 1920 he lived in Montgomery and worked in the mines; in 1930 and 1940 he lived in Washington (Daviess County) and worked as a fireman in an electrical plant. By 1950 he and Emma had moved to Indianapolis to live with their son Victor and his family. Bartholomew died 10 November 1964 in Indianapolis, just five days after his wife died.

Bart Grannan’s brother, John Leo Grannan, was born in Daviess County on 13 March 1887. He married Mary Josephine Greenwell (1885–1969) in May 1915. He had various occupations including farm laborer, coal miner, railroad mechanic, and millwright. By 1930 he and his wife and children had moved from Daviess County to Fort Dodge, Iowa. The children included Harold Leo, James Earl, Elizabeth Jane, and Mary Ursuline. He died five months after his wife, on 14 July 1969, in Iowa.

Martha “Mattie” Agnes Eisen was born 15 May 1881 in Washington, Daviess County. She married William Lloyd Akins (1886–1920) in March 1908. On 14 February 1909 their daughter, Mary C. (Paschall), was born in Piatt County, Illinois. In 1910 the family lived in Dunklin County, in the Bootheel of Missouri, where William worked as a farmer. In 1920 they lived in Piatt County, Illinois, where William died on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September that year. On 17 May 1927 Martha married John L. Kelly (1869–1949) in Washington, Indiana, where they continued to live and where he worked for the railroad. She had started using the name “Martha Ann Kelly.” By 1950 the widowed Martha was living in Indianapolis with her daughter. Martha died on 13 September 1965 in Central State Hospital in Indianapolis.

Theresa Marie Eisen was born 1 July 1883 in Holly Springs, Mississippi. She had a son named Joseph Victor Peek, who was born in Indianapolis on 31 October 1904. She married Daniel A. Feaster in May 1912 in Indianapolis. The 1940 census shows her as being divorced, with her son living with her in Indianapolis. The 1950 census lists her as being widowed, with her son still living with her in Indianapolis. She died 17 December 1964 in Barton House Nursing Home in Indianapolis. Her son died on 19 December 1991 in Indianapolis. On his 1947 employment card with the Chicago and North Western Railroad, his father is identified as Joe Peek.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists primarily of photographs of J. Lloyd Grannan's ancestors, who lived in Indianapolis and Daviess, Owen, and Hendricks counties in Indiana. Related surnames of people who appear in this collection are Eisen, Huffman, Miller, Natter, Robbins, Wickham, Akins, and Mayhall. Indianapolis Mayor William Hudnut appears in two photographs with Moreen Wickham Grannan. There are two group portraits of students at Eel River School in Hendricks County, with members of the Robbins and Wickham families identified. There are a few unidentified portraits and some that are identified by name but a connection to the family is unknown.

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Mary Riley Natter Eisen with three of her daughters in front of their home at 202 Maple Street, Washington, Daviess County, Indiana [ca. 1900]. [Left to right: Mary Eisen, Catherine “Catie” Natter, Theresa Eisen, Mary Riley Natter Eisen.] Photo by Bourgholtzer of Washington, Ind. (Mounted photo has some damage.)

Frank Eisen family portrait: [back row – Francis James Eisen (1866–1914), Mary Margaret Eisen (1895–1928), Maria Clova Fears Eisen (1869–1911); front row – Margaret Mary Eisen (1900–1939) and John Francis Eisen (1907–1912); photo possibly taken in 1907 in Illinois]

Wedding portrait of Martha Eisen and William Akins [March 1908]. [Left to right: John “Leo” Grannan, William Akins, Martha Eisen (Akins), and William’s sister Stella or Della Akins] (Mounted photo has some damage.)

Color snapshot of Moreen and Joseph Grannan, 22 April 1989

Color snapshot of Moreen Grannan with Indianapolis Mayor Bill Hudnut, 15 October 1990

Elizabeth Wickham (1823–1915) – cabinet card portrait by Cradick of Danville, Ind. [ca. 1890s]. Written on back: “Isabel property / Elizabeth Wickham’s Photograph.” [This print may have belonged to Elizabeth’s daughter Nancy/Isabelle.]

Moreen, Lawrence, and Treva Wickham and dog, seated in grass with houses in background. Real photo postcard [ca. 1915]

Moreen Wickham Grannan shaking hands with Indianapolis Mayor Bill Hudnut, 15 October 1990 [print is signed by the mayor].

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Cabinet card portrait by Nicholson and Sons of Crawfordsville, Ind., is identified as being either Lizzie Ratliff Ellis or Sarah Miller [1871–1960].	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 3
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Mounted photo of group portrait at Eel River School (Hendricks County) shows 19 students of various ages and a female educator standing outside a brick building [ca. 1915]. Four students are identified: Verla Robbins, Nina Robbins, Ruby Robbins, and Moreen Wickham.	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 4
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Portrait of unidentified woman standing – cabinet card photo by Cradick of Danville, Ind. [ca. 1890s]	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 5



Portrait of unidentified woman seated – cabinet card photo by Nicholson and Sons of Crawfordsville, Ind. [ca. 1890s]	Photographs, Box 1, Folder 5
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