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**JAMES AND IDA HOWE FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS,  
1893–1896**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James Howe was born 28 February 1861 in Glaslough, County Monaghan, Ireland, to Robert Howe and Elizabeth Matson Howe. The family immigrated to America in 1870, and settled in Bartholomew County, Indiana, by 1875. James married Ida Ruby Keller in August 1892. He worked as a clothing salesman for the Dell Brothers store in Columbus, Indiana.

Robert Howe (1825–1905) and Elizabeth Matson (1831–1905) married in April 1854 in the parish of Donagh, County Monaghan, Ireland. Their family arrived in the port of New York on 2 December 1870. Robert worked as a farmer in Bartholomew County once they settled in Indiana. They had eight children: William (1856–1917), Robert Johnson Howe (1860–1936), James (1861–1930), Joseph (1862–1939), Anna Elizabeth (1865–1914), Mary Jane (1869–1929), Margaret (1870–1938), and Catherine “Cassie” (1875–1945). Cassie is the only one who was born in Columbus. All of the others except for James appear to have been born in Aughnacloy, County Tyrone, in what is now Northern Ireland.

Ida Ruby Keller was born west of Newbern in Bartholomew County, on 22 November 1871 to David Cummins Keller (1832–1908) and Delila Fay Robertson Keller (1836–1882). She attended the First Methodist Church in Columbus. Ida and James Howe had one daughter, Mabel Ruth (1893–1983). After James died in Columbus on 4 August 1930, Ida moved in approximately 1938 to Downey, Los Angeles County, California, to live with her daughter. Ida died there on 21 April 1949.

Mabel Ruth Howe was born 12 September 1893 in Columbus. By 1914 she was using the name Ruth Elizabeth Howe. In December of that year, she married Paul Reed Patram, but they divorced. The 1917 Columbus city directory lists her as Mrs. Ruth Patram, society editor for the *Columbus Ledger*. On 24 June 1920 she married John Henry Schulz (1893–1962) in Louisville, Kentucky. He worked for Schulz & Mattram, confectioners in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and it was reported that the couple would make their home in Milwaukee after the wedding. In 1927 they moved to California. Ruth Elizabeth Howe Schulz died 9 March 1983 in San Bernardino, California.

Glenn Howe was born 27 December 1894 in Columbus to Robert Johnson Howe and Martha Zwayer Howe (1862–1897). After his mother died, his father married Tessie M. Harris (1876–1967). Glenn became a farmer. He married Mabel Edna Davis (1896–1981) in December 1916. At the time of the 1930 census, the couple had three nephews living with them; the youngest of these was still living with them in 1940. Glenn and Mabel had a daughter, Carole Ann, born in 1941. Glenn died 3 March 1957 in Columbus.

Anna “Annie” Elizabeth Howe was born 12 June 1865 in Aughnacloy, County Tyrone. She and her brother Joseph continued to live with their parents on a farm near Newbern after their other siblings had moved on. After their parents’ deaths in 1905, Annie and Joseph continued to live together. She died 31 October 1914 at home near Newbern.

Catherine “Cassie” Howe was born 5 June 1875 in Bartholomew County. She married Albert Carter Hendrickson (1872–1935) in 1904. The couple lived in Shelby County, Indiana, at the time of the 1910 and 1920 censuses. Their daughter, Martha Elizabeth (1922–2001) may have been born in Illinois or Missouri. By 1930 the family lived on a farm in Bartholomew County. Cassie died in Hope, Bartholomew County, on 19 May 1945.

Myrtle Coral Chappell Wisner was born 9 January 1877 in Otisco, in Clark County, Indiana. At the age of three, she is listed in the 1880 census as Myrtle Chappell, living with Dr. William E. and Mary M. Wisner in Henryville, Clark County. In later documents, her name is listed as Myrtle Wisner, and she is said to be the daughter of Dr. William E. Wisner and Mary Jackson Wisner. It appears that Myrtle's birth mother was Hannah Arabelle Chappell (1854–1936), daughter of James B. Chappell and Sarah Elliott Chappell of Clark County. Myrtle married Dr. James Kelly Hawes (1874–1962) in April 1899. At the time of the 1900 census, Myrtle and her husband, Dr. and Mrs. Wisner, and James and Ida Howe, all were neighbors on Chestnut Street in Columbus. In 1910, Myrtle and her husband and the Howes all lived on Pearl Street in Columbus. Myrtle and her husband's children included Harriet (1901-1932), William (1902-1981), twins Mary (1905-1995) and Marvin (1905-1982), James (1911-1981), Myrtle Ruth (1914-1995), Robert Nathan (1917-1956), George J. (1928–2016), and Thomas Richard (1931–2019). Myrtle C. Wisner Hawes died on 5 October 1970 in Columbus.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of nine cabinet card portraits pertaining to James and Ida Howe of Bartholomew County, Indiana, and their extended family and associates. Eight of these photographs were taken by [James E.] Ferguson of Columbus, Indiana. Subjects of these portraits include James and Ida, their daughter, two of James's sisters, and one nephew. Also, there is one of Myrtle C. Wisner Hawes, who appears to have been a neighbor of James and Ida. There are two portraits of people with the surname Robertson, which was Ida's mother's maiden name, so the subjects of these portraits may have been Ida's cousins.

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