

JULIA AND SUSANNAH COX PAPERS, 1879-1908

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Julia A. Cox (fl. 1879-1902), a resident of Winchester, Indiana (Randolph Co.), was a weaver of rugs. She had a sister named Susannah (fl. 1888-1895). According to *Past and Present of Randolph County*, a Susannah (Cox) Clark was

married to Thomas Clark, a farmer. They had nine children. Thomas Clark was born in Warren County, Ohio. In 1840, he came to Indiana, but moved back to Ohio at a later date. He stayed there for seven years before returning to Indiana, where he died in 1888.

Sarah E. (Almonrode) Barber (fl. 1890-1904) was the daughter of Thomas Alexander and Katherine (Kelley) Almonrode. In 1890, she married D. E. Barber, a farmer and contractor in Saratoga. They had five children: Dorothy (b. 1891), Tracy (b. 1894), Noel A. (b. 1896), Juanita (b. 1900), and Cordelia (b. 1904).

Henry Willard Bowers (b. 1851) was the son of Henry Bowers (d. 1861), a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. As a child, Henry W. worked in the molding-room of the pattern shop where his father worked. His mother moved the family to Winchester, Indiana, in 1865, after the death of her husband. Henry W. was educated in public schools in Cincinnati and Winchester. In 1877, he graduated from Asbury University (now DePauw University) in Greencastle, Indiana. He was a school teacher in Winchester until at least 1882.

Clara J. (Lollar) Fields (b. 1870) was the oldest daughter of Joseph W. Lollar (b. 1844). She married E. A. Fields, a farmer and lumber manufacturer in Saratoga, Indiana (Randolph Co.). They had six children: Hazel (b. 1889), Merritt (b. 1894), Sarepta Constance (1899-1903), Noble (b. 1908), Richard (b. 1911), and Carol Lorraine (b. 1913).

Lizzie Morrison (fl. 1888-1897) operated a retail millinery shop in Winchester, Indiana.

Theodore Howard Shockney (1868-1908) was born in Randolph County, Indiana, to Samuel and Sarah (Butts) Shockney. He was one of seven children. Theodore was educated in public schools in Randolph County, and later studied in Lebanon, Ohio. He devoted his life to farming, dealing in livestock, and teaching. In 1888, he married Hattie (Kennon); they had three children: Raymond K. (b. 1889), Ada Lee (b. 1891), and Mary Frances (b. 1894).

Lillie (Wallace) Shockney (fl. 1901-1914) was married to Theodore H. Shockney's brother, Thomas, who was a farmer in Drake County, Ohio. Lillie and Thomas had eight children.

Charles Mayer and Company was founded in 1840 by Charles Mayer (d. 1891), an immigrant from Germany. Clocks, musical instruments, china, glassware, toys, and confections were the store's original stock. Until 1903, some of the business was wholesale; from that time on it was a large retail store, specializing in jewelry, silver, china, toys, and fine furniture. The store prospered under three generations of the Mayer family, and then under the guidance of Albert M. Zoller. It was closed in 1954, but was revived in 1993 by a family descendant. (See also: SC 1055, Charles Mayer Correspondence; SC 2429, Charles Mayer & Co. Records; BV 230-237, Charles Mayer & Co. Ledgers; card catalog under Charles Mayer & Co.)

The Inter Ocean was a weekly Chicago newspaper. It was founded by J. Young Scammon in early 1972.

No information located in available resources for B. T. Babbitt's.

Sources: Material in the collection.

Collection Guide - SC 2429, Charles Mayer & Co. Records.

Andreas, A. T. *History of Chicago*. vol. 3. p. 698.

Smith, John L. and Driver, Lee L. *Past and Present of Randolph County*. (1914) p. 1113-1115, 1172, 1518, 1539, 1571.

Tucker, Ebenezer. *History of Randolph County, Indiana*. (1882) p. 308, 434.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of correspondence (1879-1908), most of which is in the form of postcards, received by Julia A. and Susannah Cox of Winchester, Indiana. The majority of the postcards are requests to Julia for woven rugs. Also included is a fragment of a letter, dated June 14, 1908, addressed to "Friends All."

Correspondents include: Sarah E. Barber, H. W. Bowers, Julia A. Cox, Susannah Cox, Clara Fields, *The Inter Ocean*, Lizzie Morrison, Lillie W. Shockney, and Theodore H. Shockney.

The collection also contains two business cards (n.d.). One is from Charles Mayer & Co., a toy, fancy goods, and novelty store in Indianapolis. The other is from B. T. Babbitt's, located in New York City.

The items are arranged chronologically.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Cox, Julia A., fl. 1879-1899

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Cox, Julia A., fl. 1879-1899

Weavers--Indiana--Winchester

Rag rugs--Indiana--Winchester

Postcards

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