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LOGSDON–PRINDLE PHOTOGRAPHS CA. 1880S–CA. 1890S

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Lawrence and Catharine Logsdon (sometimes spelled "Logsden") were living in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the time of the 1880 census. They then had three sons and two daughters living with them. The eldest daughter, Elizabeth A. (sometimes listed as "Lizzie") was born ca. 1862, and the younger daughter, Martha D. (sometimes listed as "Mattie") was born ca. 1869. Catharine and all the children were born in Indiana; Lawrence was born in Kentucky.

Martha D. Logsdon became a kindergarten teacher, and appears to have been principal of Indianapolis School No. 5 in the late 1890s.

Elizabeth A. Logsdon married William J. Prindle on 2 March 1887 in Marion County, Indiana. They had two children – a daughter Helen M., born on 4 July 1888 in Owen County, Indiana, and a son Merwin L., born ca. 1892 in Illinois. Helen married a Welsh immigrant, Thomas L. Thomas, on 7 September 1915 in Lake County, Indiana. At the time of the 1920 census, living at 5908 Normal Boulevard in Chicago, Illinois, were William, Elizabeth, and Merwin Prindle, and Helen and Thomas Thomas.

Mary Keehn was born in Pennsylvania on 24 February 1851, and married lawyer Austin Flint Denny on 7 January 1873 in Marion County, Indiana. She died 4 September 1896. It is unknown what the relationship was between Mary Keehn Denny and Elizabeth Prindle.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

Indiana Births, 1880–1920 (<http://www.gale.ancestry.com>). Accessed 28 June 2004.

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U.S. Census, 1880, 1920 (<http://www.gale.ancestry.com>). Accessed 28 June 2004.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The photographs in this collection were given to the Indiana Historical Society by a donor in Naperville, Illinois, who did not know the identity of the people depicted. A few of the photographs have identifying information written on the back, but most do not. It appears likely that at least some of these unidentified portraits are of people related to each other.

This collection consists of eleven cabinet card portraits, dating from the 1880s and 1890s, and one mounted black-and-white photograph of an oil painting portrait by T.C. Steele. Nine of the cabinet cards were made in Indianapolis; the other two were made in Chicago. Those identified in these portraits are: Martha Logsdon (1895) and Merwin and Helen Prindle (ca. early 1890s). Two unidentified duplicate cabinet cards (one of them hand-colored) made in 1885–86 look as though they might also be of Martha Logsdon. The photo of the Prindle children is one of those from Chicago; the other Chicago portrait is of an unidentified man. The other unidentified Indianapolis portraits are of babies, children, women, and a man.

The subject of the photo of the T.C. Steele painting is Mrs. Mary Keehn Denny (born 24 February 1851; died 4 September 1896), wife of attorney Austin Flint Denny. Written on the back of the mount is the following: “From a portrait in oil, by T.C. Steele, Indianapolis, Ind.; painted approximately from Dec. 20, 1896 to Jan. 20, 1897, by suggestion, chiefly from a photograph taken in 1871, and incidentally from others taken prior to 1874 – no other picture extant – and from oral suggestions. The dress and the dressing of the hair do not follow any picture. But the hair is quite as she wore it in the last months. Owing to her youthful appearance, this photograph fairly represents Mrs. Denny as she was in the last year of her life. To Mrs. William Prindle Chicago, Illinois.”

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Series 1: Identified Portraits

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Martha Logsdon, standing in a light-colored dress with big puffy sleeves. Cabinet card photo by Marceau, Indianapolis, June 1895.

Merwin and Helen Prindle. Merwin appears as a baby, and Helen as a young child. Cabinet card photo by J.K. Stevens & Son Co., Chicago, [ca. 1892].

Mrs. Mary Keehn Denny. Mounted photo of oil painting portrait by T.C. Steele. (See final paragraph of Scope and Content note on the previous page.) Photo by W.H. Potter of Indianapolis.

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Series 2: Unidentified Portraits

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Duplicate cabinet card photos (one hand-tinted) of an adolescent girl. (She looks very similar to the young woman identified as Martha Logsdon in another photo in this collection.) Photo by

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Cadwallader & Fearnought, Indianapolis, taken 12 December 1885.

Man with a mustache. Cabinet card photo by Geo. J. Klein, Chicago, December 1889.

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Young man in coat and bowtie. Cabinet card photo by Fearnought, Indianapolis, December 1886.

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Young woman standing, wearing a dark-colored dress. There are flowers attached to the front of her dress. Cabinet card photo by Fearnought, Indianapolis, 1880s (last digit of year unreadable).

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Young woman wearing a hat with feathers; flowers in the foreground. Cabinet card photo by Fearnought, Indianapolis, n.d.

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Baby in long gown and sweater. Cabinet card photo by Lacey, Indianapolis, n.d.

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Young girl and boy. Cabinet card photo by Marceau & Power, Indianapolis, n.d.

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Smiling baby in long gown and sweater. Written at bottom of photo: "aged 2 mo. 5 days." Cabinet card photo by Marceau & Power, Indianapolis, n.d.

Photographs, Folder 1

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5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.