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## MARJORIE HOPPER BECK COLLECTION, 1842–1970

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF  
COLLECTION:

**Manuscript Materials:** 5 boxes, 3 oversize folders  
**Visual Materials:** 3 photograph boxes, 3 boxes of cased images,  
2 boxes of tintypes, 1 box OVA photographs,  
1 photograph album, 2 folders color photographs, 1 OVA folder  
color photographs, 1 OVB folder photographs, 2 upright graphic

	folders
COLLECTION DATES:	1842–1970
PROVENANCE:	Mrs. Jack Beck, Indianapolis, IN, 21 July and 29 November 1994
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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

This collection is the result of genealogical work done by the donor, Marjorie Hopper Beck. Her ancestors include the Hall, Hopper, Long, Morris, and Retherford families. Two genealogical charts trace her relationship to these families, most of who lived in Rush County, Indiana—in Raleigh, Carthage, and Rushville.

Among the more notable individuals in this collection are:

Christopher Long (1746–1829), a Revolutionary veteran who moved from Virginia to Ohio in 1807 and then to Indiana

William S. Hall (1814–1905), farmer and cabinetmaker, justice of the peace 1839–1847, state representative in 1863, responsible for consolidating the schools in his Rush County district in 1876, owner of the famous sire Archie Lightfoot, designer of an octagonal house

his son George Washington Hall (1842–1919), sheriff 1874–1876, member of Live Stock Sanitary Commission 1888–1900, township trustee 1905–1909

Edward D. Retherford (1859–1941), farmer, killed in an accident at a railroad crossing

George H. Hopper (1890–1945), mechanic, chief inspector at Liberty engine works at Speedway during World War I

Miriam Retherford Colvin (born 1893), dietitian, teacher, and world traveler.

Sources:

Materials in collection.

*History of Rush County* (1888), passim, esp. 859–862.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection dating 1842–1970, contains correspondence, genealogical material, books, and photographs, tintypes and cased images. It is divided into four series and is arranged alphabetically by family within each series. Genealogical charts show the most important family relationships.

In Box 1 is family correspondence of the Hall, Long, Brown, and Hopper families. There are transcripts of some of the early correspondence and school papers of the donor's father, George H. Hopper.

In Box 2 are the results of the donor's studies in family history, including correspondence, clippings, and obituaries. Folder 19 contains a photocopy of a hand-written arithmetic book used about 1845 by David and Levi Retherford (original at Conner Prairie Farm).

Boxes 3–5 contain books and bound volumes, mainly schoolbooks used in Rush County in the mid-nineteenth century. These include McGuffey spellers and readers, and also geography, singing, and science books. In Box 5 is the 1850–1868 minute book of the Lyceum at Raleigh, Indiana, listing the subscribers and books bought by that organization. Also included is the 1883 autograph book of Florence Morris (Mrs. Edward D.) Retherford and the 1921 diary of Kate Hall (Mrs. George H.) Hopper. Oddities included are miniature editions of Bret Harte's *Miggles* and Ivan Turgenev's *Mumu*.

Photograph Boxes 1–3 contain family photographs, arranged alphabetically by family. These range from formal portraits of individuals and groups to informal snapshots. Among the latter are a group about farming and bee-keeping by the Hall and Hopper families; a group showing George H. Hopper's work with the Liberty engine, used in Handley-Paige bomber planes in World War I; Mrs. Hopper's work at the Dade County (Florida) Home; and shots taken during a Hopper family trip to Vincennes in 1938. There are also pictures of the teachers at Raleigh High School about 1900; a soapbox derby about 1915; a log-cabin polling place at Raleigh; and a 1919 parade in Indianapolis, probably the homecoming of troops from World War I. The collection also includes tintypes and cased images.

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### Series 1: Correspondence and Papers

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Photocopy of 1830 deed to Elisha Long, Subscription to Rushville Democratic paper, ca 1855; Proclamation by Gov. J.D. Williams re railroad strike in 1877; Proclamation re military service 5-20-1918	OM 349 Folder 2

## **Series 2: Genealogical Research**

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Retherford Family – Color Photographs Color photograph of either [Grace G.] or Miriam	Color Photographs Folder 1

from a get well card in the Retherford – Clippings  
and Notices folder

Correspondence between Marjorie Beck and Dale  
Retherford Regarding Retherford Genealogy Box 2, Folder 15

Correspondence between Marjorie Beck and Dale  
Retherford Regarding Retherford Genealogy Box 2, Folder 16

Edward D. Retherford Box 2, Folder 17

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Photocopy of Handwritten Arithmetic Book of David  
and Levi Retherford Box 2, Folder 19  
Original at Conner Prairie Farm

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### **Series 3: School Books, Diaries, and Minutes**

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*The Tract Primer and Spelling Book*

#### CONTAINER

Box 3, Folder 1

*McGuffey Spelling Book (no title page); McGuffey's  
New Eclectic Spelling Book, 1865*

Box 3, Folder 2

*McGuffey Eclectic First Reader; McGuffey's New  
Second Reader*

Box 3, Folder 3

*Third Rader; Fourth Reader*

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*Fifth Reader*

Box 3, Folder 5

*Elementary Geography*

Box 4, Folder 1

*School Singer*

Box 4, Folder 2

*Joseph Ray – Practical Arithmetic; Thomas Hunter –  
Plane Geography*

Box 4, Folder 3

*Natural History; How to Study Plants*

Box 4, Folder 4

*Primary and Advanced Human Physiology*

Box 4, Folder 5

*Complete English Grammar; Fowle's Common  
School Grammar (1854)*

Box 5, Folder 1

Raleigh Lyceum – Minute Book 1850–1868

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<i>Discipline of the Society of Friends</i>	Box 5, Folder 3
<i>Methodist Hymnal; Life of Isaac T. Hopper</i>	Box 5, Folder 4
Kate Hall Hopper – Diary, 1921; Florence Morris Retherford – Autograph book, 1883	Box 5, Folder 5
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#### **Series 4: Visual Materials**

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Marjorie Hopper Beck – Child and Baby  
Some photographs are with what appear to be her parents.

Hall Family  
Photographs of L.G. Hall and grandson; portrait of Malinda Hatfield Knotts Hall-second wife of Wm. S. Hall

William S. Hall – Family and Octagon Home  
Includes photograph of the Wm. S. Hall Schoolhouse in Raleigh, mostly professional family portraits, photograph of the Octagon Home at Raleigh, Rush Co. Indiana.

William S. Hall-Engraving

William S. Hall and Family

William S. Hall in Family Reunion Group  
Four generations of the Hall family, William S. Hall, George W. Hall, Kate Hall Hopper, George Hall Hopper.

William S. Hall and George W. Hall and Family

Frank J. Hall – Lt. Governor of Indiana  
Two oval portraits, one group photograph with others in Governor Marshall's administration.

George Washington Hall and Family  
Mostly formal portraits, most photographs are of George Washington Hall

George Washington Hall and Kate Hall Hopper, Catalina Island Trip, 1913  
Vacation taken to celebrate Kate's birthday.

George Washington Hall and Brothers

##### CONTAINER

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Box 1, Folder 1

OVA Photographs  
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OVA Photographs  
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Photographs  
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OVA Photographs

<p>Pictures Lafayette Hall, George W. Hall, Frank J. Hall, Robert J Hall, William Albert Hall, and Ada Hall Miles.</p>	<p>Box 1, Folder 4</p>
<p>Geneva Hall, daughter of Robert J. and Edna Hall, Glen Creek Childhood and young adult photographs of Geneva Hall.</p>	<p>Photographs Box 1, Folder 7</p>
<p>Meredith and Pansy Hall, children of Lafe G. and Fannie Hall Includes portrait of Fannie and Pansy as a baby, photograph of Meredith Pansy as a child on horseback with her parents standing nearby.</p>	<p>Photographs Box 1, Folder 8</p>
<p>Ada Miles and Family Includes photographs of Ada, Richard, and Del Miles, as well as a portrait of the Miles family from 1917.</p>	<p>Photographs Box 1, Folder 9</p>
<p>Hall and Hopper Families Farming and Beekeeping Includes photographs of various beekeeping activities, baby lambs, turkeys, chickens, children playing, and selling watermelons.</p>	<p>Photographs Box 1, Folder 10</p>
<p>Hopper Includes one photograph of [Levi] Bishop, husband of Idella Hopper Bishop.</p>	<p>Photographs Box 1, Folder 11</p>
<p>Hopper – Color Photographs of S &amp; M.C. Hopper and Samuel Hopper’s gravestones from Lewisville, IN cemetery, 1998.</p>	<p>Color Photographs Folder 2</p>
<p>Alfred H. Hopper and Family Photograph of the house in Lewisville, IN where A.H. and A.L. Hopper were born in 1860, portraits of Albert Lincoln Hopper, Idella Bishop, Mary Hopper Hensley. Also two photographs of four men at A.H. Hopper’s Blacksmith’s Shop in Elwood, IN, 1895. Portrait of A.H. Hopper in his military uniform.</p>	<p>Photographs Box 1, Folder 12</p>
<p>Alfred H. Hopper in Uniform Group of twenty soldiers including Alfred Hamlin Hopper, Albert Lincoln Hopper, and Charlie Parsons.</p>	<p>OVA Photographs Box 1, Folder 5</p>
<p>Kate Hall Hopper (Mrs. Alfred H.) Kate in front of the Post Office in Dunreith, IN, Photograph of 5 women including Kate in front of 1214 Sterling St. Indianapolis, IN.</p>	<p>Photographs Box 1, Folder 13</p>
<p>Kate Hall Hopper – Work at Dade County Home Three photographs of dancing team at Bloomington</p>	<p>Photographs Box 1, Folder 14</p>

Grove, photograph of four chefs at Winona, various photographs of children at the home.

George Hall Hopper – Child  
Strip of 5 photographs of George as a young boy from a photo booth, mostly formal portraits taken in a studio in Elwood, IN.

Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 15

George Hall Hopper – Young Adult  
Group photograph in the Detroit Conservatory, Jack Nipp, Kate Hall Hopper, and George in front of a store in Wabash, IN.

Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 16

George Hall Hopper – University of Michigan  
Informal photographs of George and his friends having fun.

Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 17

George Hall Hopper – Adult  
George in front of the Lyric Record Studio, Indianapolis, IN., farming photographs, one formal portrait from later life.

Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 18

George H. Hopper – Liberty 12 Engine, 1919  
Progression of photographs showing the building an airplane engine and the airplane itself from May 1919.

Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 19

George H. Hopper - Liberty Engine, 1919  
Photographs shows George as Chief Inspector for Liberty Motors standing in front of an engine block with four other men.

OVA Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 6

George and Hallie Hopper in Picnic Group

OVA Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 7

George H. Hopper – Beaver Trucks  
Photographs of Beaver Trucks, photograph of two men in Garfield Park, photograph of Harry Stroud in front of a building, photograph of W.H. Fletcher at Hamilton Beach, Ontario.

Photographs  
Box 2, Folder 1

George H. Hopper – Dunreith Garage, 1916, Hispano-Suiza Engines  
Photograph of Depalma-Packard & Cooper-Stutz Tryout, 1919, two photographs of the garage, photograph of planes at Speedway Races, May 1919, various Hispano-Suiza airplane photographs.

Photographs  
Box 2, Folder 2

George H. Hopper – Hallie Rutherford Hopper (wife) and Jean Hall Harper (daughter)

Photographs  
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George H. Hopper – Hallie Hopper and Daughters

Photographs  
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Hopper Family Trip to Vincennes, 1938

Photographs



Photographs of landmarks in Vincennes.	Box 2, Folder 5
Legg Family Postcard of Carlton Legg in a kilt, Formal portraits of Catherine Willer Legg, Martha Legg, and George W. Legg.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 6
Long Family Joel Long portrait, Long Family Women, October 1892, Rhonda Long Brown portrait, William Douglas Brown portrait.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 7
Long Family Reunion Aunt Soma, Uncle Will, Aunt Becky, Aunt Sem, Nancy Thomas, Hattie Kutz, Mr. Kutz, Kate Hopper, Fred Berst, Hattie Dreitsler	OVA Photographs Box 1, Folder 8
Monument to Christopher Long – Henry County Photographs of the monument that commemorates Christopher Long’s service in the Revolutionary War.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 8
Miles Family I Various photographs of Dick, Frankie, Oliver, Ollie, Ada, and Ralph Miles.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 9
Miles Family II Portrait of Dick, Olive, and Ralph Miles as children, portrait of Dick Miles at graduation, portrait of Ada Miles as an adult, portrait of Ralph and Lorene Miles, portrait of Dick Miles as a baby.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 10
Miles Family in Florida Various photographs of Olive, Richard, Frankie, Ada, Del, Lorene, and Frankie Miles, and Charlie Rich.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 11
Morris Family Photograph of Lynn Herzberger, Marjorie Morris, and Sassy the dog, 1973, portrait of Oscar and Hattie Morris, portrait of Claude Morris, photograph of a Morris gravestone.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 12
Retherford Family I Various portraits of Byron, Nell, Lois, Elizabeth, Hettie, and Laura Retherford. Oval portraits of Levi and Nancy Elizabeth Minor Retherford,	Photographs Box 2, Folder 13
Retherford Family II Various photographs of Nell and Lee Retherford, Photograph of the Retherford family at Levi Retherford’s 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday in 1915, photograph of Glen and Lois as children, photograph of Shively’s Corner Pupils, 1905.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 14

Four Generations of Retherfords Includes Karl Almeron Retherford, Glen Retherford, Edward David Retherford, and Levi R. Retherford.	OVB Photographs Folder 1
Levi Retherford House	OVA Photographs Box 1, Folder 9
Retherford Family Snapshots Mostly photographs of Laura and Nelle together, Marjorie Retherford Photograph of Norma Jean, Mary, Lee Jr, Lee Morris Retherford with a dog, Photograph of Raymond and Nelle's gravestone.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 15
Edward D. Retherford Various photographs of Florence, Kate Hall Hopper, and Edward Retherford, photograph of Edward's old farmhouse with his family standing in front of it.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 16
Edward D. Retherford with wife and children, ca. 1915	OVA Photographs Box 1, Folder 10
Fred Retherford and Family Various photographs of Fred Retherford, wedding photograph of Karl and Ethel Retherford, photograph of Fredinand P. Retherford.	Photographs Box 2, Folder 17
Retherford Family  Includes photograph of either [Grace G.] or Miriam from a get well card in the Retherford – Clippings and Notices folder, photograph of Miriam in 1964, Cassela Tower, Lois Summons and Miraim Colvin, Marjorie Retherford Mills and John Mills, Miriam in Palm Beach, FL, photograph of Nelle Retherford Brown's pitcher collection.	Color Photographs Folder 2
Hallie Retherford and Friends, ca. 1910	Photographs Box 3, Folder 1
Miriam Retherford Colvin Photograph of Miriam on a camel in Egypt during her 1962 world tour, group photograph in Honolulu, HI 1962,	Photographs Box 3, Folder 2
Miriam Retherford Colvin – Color	OVA Color Photograph Folder 1
Family Reunions, 1920s–1950s	Photographs Box 3, Folder 3
Teachers at Raleigh High School, ca. 1900 One photograph of Charles B. Bales, Hallie Retherford, Birtha Peters, Elsie Baterman, Birtha [Bunker?], Una Greenwood, and Roy Mayse.	Photographs Box 3, Folder 4

Log Cabin Polling Place in Raleigh One photograph with men standing in front of a log cabin.	Photographs Box 3, Folder 5
Soap Box Derby, ca. 1915 One photograph with 8 derby cars	Photographs Box 3, Folder 6
Parade in Indianapolis, ca. 1919 Photographs of a parade in Indianapolis possibly celebrating troops coming home from WWI.	Photographs Box 3, Folder 7
Groups-Unidentified Postcard with group of children dressed up like Indians for a May Day celebration, 1915, mostly groups of two or three people.	Photographs Box 3, Folder 8
World War I Unidentified groups of civilians with various soldiers.	Photographs Box 3, Folder 9
Individuals, mainly Unidentified Various photographs of Larry Spaulding, photograph of Miss Shoemaker, portrait of a woman in a wedding dress.	Photographs Box 3, Folder 10
Durbin Hotel, Waterfall, "Single G" Horse	Photographs Box 3, Folder 11
Album Includes people from the Long, Hall, Brown, and Legg families	Album Storage PAA
Items Laid In Album  1: Happy New Year Card from Frank K. Wilson 1: small oval tintype portrait with gilt frame 2: tintypes – One woman, One man 4: Photographs, Nancy Lenna Hall, Melinda Hatfield Knotts Hall, M.S. Hall, Long.	Photographs Box 3, Folder 12
Alice Brown Hall Tintype	Photographs Box 3, Folder 1
Alice M. Brown [?] Painted portrait on board	Upright Graphics: Folder 2
Kate Hall Hopper with [Rhoda Long Brown?] Tintype.	Photographs Box 3, Folder 14
Tintypes  ID 15 - Miller D. Brown (ambrotype) ID 16 - [George Washing Hall] (tintype) ID 17 - Josephine Brown (ambrotype)	Cased Images Box 1

ID 18 - Sarah Brown Miller (tintype)  
ID 19 - [Rhoda Long Brown] seated, waist length  
(tintype)  
ID 20 - [Alice Matilda Brown Hall] (ambrotype)  
ID 21 - [Rhoda Long Brown (ambrotype)

Tintypes

Cased Images  
Box 2

ID 22 - Alice Matilda Brown (tintype)  
ID 24 - Alice Matilda Brown (ambrotype)  
ID 23 - Alice Matilda Brown (tintype)  
ID 25 - Alice Matilda Brown (ambrotype)  
ID 26 - [Josie Brown] (tintype)  
ID 33 - Four Unidentified People (tintype)  
ID 27 - Two Unidentified Women (ambrotype)

Tintypes

Cased Images  
Box 3

ID 28 – Unidentified Man (ambrotype)  
ID 29 – Miller D. Brown (tintype)  
ID 30 – Unidentified Man (tintype)  
ID 31 – Unidentified Baby (tintype)  
ID 32 – Unidentified Baby (tintype)  
ID 38 – Unidentified Woman (oval tintype)

Tintypes

Tintypes  
Box 1

[1] [Jane] Brown sister of Alice M Brown Hall, died  
in Fort Wayne.  
[2] Alice Ewing “Born the 7<sup>th</sup> of May a mile and a  
half away,” and Kate Hall Hopper  
[3] Hall Family – two men and two women  
[4] Hall Family – little girl  
[5] Hall Family – little boy  
[6] Hall Family – one man, three women, possibly  
including Kate Hall  
[7] Alice Brown Hall and Dorothy Martin Jackson  
[8] Kate Hall and Bertha Rhodes  
[9] Three women, probably includes Kate Hall  
[10] Three women and two girls, probably includes  
Kate Hall  
[11] Three women and one man, probably includes  
Kate Hall  
[12] Ollie and Kate Hall at around [age] 12  
[13] Frank Stewart from [Falmouth], KY, married  
Rebecca Legg sister of Nancy Legg Hall  
[14] Rebecca Legg Stewart, sister of Nancy Legg  
Hall married G.W. Hall  
[15] Unidentified – girl around age two sitting down  
[16] Unidentified – girl standing in white dress and  
hat with an umbrella  
[17] Unidentified – girl sitting down on a chair with  
an armrest

## Tintypes

- [1] Unidentified – girl in white striped dress with white necklace.
- [2] Unidentified – girl sitting on a chair
- [3] Unidentified – girl in dark dress standing up
- [4] Unidentified – duplicate of [3] girl in dark dress standing up
- [5] Unidentified – boy around age two sitting
- [6] Unidentified – boy in a suit and bowtie
- [7] Unidentified – oval portrait of a boy
- [8] Unidentified – two girls around age eight, one sitting, one standing, both in white dresses
- [9] Unidentified – two girls in their teens, one sitting, one standing
- [10] Unidentified – a boy and girl, boy sitting and girl standing, girl looks younger
- [11] Unidentified – two adult women sitting
- [12] Unidentified – two adult women from the shoulders up
- [13] Unidentified – two adult women in black dresses
- [14] Unidentified – adult man with mustache, dresses in a suit jacket and checkered vest
- [15] Unidentified – four adults, two men and two women, women in white, men in suits
- [16] Unidentified – adult man with beard and mustache, oval portrait
- [17] Unidentified – adult woman , oval portrait

## Tintypes Box 2

### **CATALOGING INFORMATION**

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