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
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
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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Some photographs are with what appear to be her parents.

Hall Family
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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.

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William S. Hall and Family
OVA Photographs
Box 1, Folder 1

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
OVA Photographs
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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
OVA Photographs
Pictures Lafayette Hall, George W. Hall, Frank J. Hall, Robert J Hall, William Albert Hall, and Ada Hall Miles.

Geneva Hall, daughter of Robert J. and Edna Hall, Glen Creek
Childhood and young adult photographs of Geneva Hall.

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.

Ada Miles and Family
Includes photographs of Ada, Richard, and Del Miles, as well as a portrait of the Miles family from 1917.

Hall and Hopper Families Farming and Beekeeping
Includes photographs of various beekeeping activities, baby lambs, turkeys, chickens, children playing, and selling watermelons.

Hopper
Includes one photograph of [Levi] Bishop, husband of Idella Hopper Bishop.

Hopper – Color
Photographs of S & M.C. Hopper and Samuel Hopper’s gravestones from Lewisville, IN cemetery, 1998.

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.

Alfred H. Hopper in Uniform
Group of twenty soldiers including Alfred Hamlin Hopper, Albert Lincoln Hopper, and Charlie Parsons.

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.

Kate Hall Hopper – Work at Dade County Home
Three photographs of dancing team at Bloomington
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.

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.

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

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

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

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.

George and Hallie Hopper in Picnic Group

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.

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.

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

George H. Hopper – Hallie Hopper and Daughters

Hopper Family Trip to Vincennes, 1938
Photographs of landmarks in Vincennes.

Legg Family
Postcard of Carlton Legg in a kilt,
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Long Family

Long Family Reunion
Aunt Soma, Uncle Will, Aunt Becky, Aunt Sem, Nancy Thomas, Hattie Kutz, Mr. Kutz, Kate Hopper, Fred Berst, Hattie Dreitsler

Monument to Christopher Long – Henry County
Photographs of the monument that commemorates Christopher Long’s service in the Revolutionary War.

Miles Family I
Various photographs of Dick, Frankie, Oliver, Ollie, Ada, and Ralph Miles.

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.

Miles Family in Florida

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.

Retherford Family I
Various portraits of Byron, Nell, Lois, Elizabeth, Hettie, and Laura Retherford. Oval portraits of Levi and Nancy Elizabeth Minor Retherford,

Retherford Family II
Various photographs of Nell and Lee Retherford, Photograph of the Retherford family at Levi Retherford’s 80th birthday in 1915, photograph of Glen and Lois as children, photograph of Shively’s Corner Pupils, 1905.
Four Generations of Retherfords
Includes Karl Almeron Retherford, Glen Retherford,

Levi Retherford House

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.

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.

Edward D. Retherford with wife and children, ca.
1915

Fred Retherford and Family
Various photographs of Fred Retherford, wedding
photograph of Karl and Ethel Retherford,
photograph of Fredinand P. Retherford.

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.

Hallie Retherford and Friends, ca. 1910

Miriam Retherford Colvin
Photograph of Miriam on a camel in Egypt during
her 1962 world tour, group photograph in Honolulu,
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Miriam Retherford Colvin – Color

Family Reunions, 1920s–1950s

Teachers at Raleigh High School, ca. 1900
One photograph of Charles B. Bales, Hallie
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[1] [Jane] Brown sister of Alice M Brown Hall, died in Fort Wayne.
[2] Alice Ewing “Born the 7th of May a mile and a half away,” and Kate Hall Hopper
[3] Hall Family – two men and two women
[6] Hall Family – one man, three women, possibly including Kate Hall
[7] Alice Brown Hall and Dorothy Martin Jackson
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[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
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[8] Unidentified – two girls around age eight, one sitting, one standing, both in white dresses
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[10] Unidentified – a boy and girl, boy sitting and girl standing, girl looks younger
[12] Unidentified – two adult women from the shoulders up
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CATALOGING INFORMATION

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