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**MCMAHAN, OGLE, HOPKINS, HUFFORD GROUP PORTRAIT,
1911**

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BIOGRAPHICAL / HISTORICAL SKETCH

Four young men appear standing together in the photograph in this collection. At least three of them lived on Meridian Street in the town of Shirley in Brown Township, Hancock County, Indiana, in 1910. This photograph was printed as a postcard that was given to another Meridian Street resident, Lillie Muse, in May 1911, from one of the young men, Russell Hufford. The other three men in the photo were Russell's cousin, Ova McMahan, Roy Ogle, and Pete Hopkins. No information could be found about Pete Hopkins, but there was a Hopkins family living on Meridian Street in Shirley in 1910.

Russell Benton Hufford was born on 17 August 1892 in Greenfield, Indiana, to Benjamin Oliver Hufford and Elsie Floyd Blount Hufford. At the time of the 1910 census, Russell was living with his parents and siblings on Meridian Street in Shirley and working as a carpenter, like his father. By 1917, Russell was working as a yard clerk for the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway, also known as the Big Four Railroad. Russell served as a corporal in the U.S. Army during World War I. In March 1919, Russell married Nora Lorena Ramsey. At the time of the 1920 census, Russell and Nora lived with her family in Knightstown, where Russell worked as a bookkeeper for a freight plant. At the time of the 1930 and 1940 censuses, Russell, Nora, and their son Robert had their own home in Knightstown, and Russell worked at a canning factory. By 1950 Russell was working as a bank clerk. Russell died in Knightstown on 29 December 1968.

Ova Guild McMahan was born in Rushville, Indiana, on 2 August 1893 to Taylor McMahan and Laura Hufford McMahan, who was the sister of Benjamin Oliver Hufford. Ova's father died in 1902, and his mother married Ezra Warrick in 1904. In 1910, Ova was living on Meridian Street in Shirley with his mother, stepfather, and siblings, and he was working as a pattern maker for a foundry. In January 1916, Ova married Esther Weesner. By 1917, they were living in New Castle, Indiana, where Ova worked as a machinist for the Maxwell Motor Company. In 1930 they lived in Brown Township in Hancock County, where Ova worked as a day laborer. By 1940 the couple lived in Willow Branch, Hancock County, where Ova was a machinist for the Chrysler Corporation. Ova died on 17 August 1979 in Greenfield.

Roy Everett Ogle was born on 26 January 1892 in Mohawk, Hancock County, to Lewis Abram Ogle and Harriet Smith Ogle. In 1900, the Ogle family lived in Buck Creek Township in Hancock County, where Lewis was a farmer. Lewis died in 1901. In the 1910 census, Roy and some of his siblings are listed as living with an older sister's family on Meridian Street in Shirley. In 1917, Roy was a glass worker for the Hosek Brothers Lamp Chimney factory. Roy served in the military during World War I. In 1920, Roy was living on Meridian Street in Shirley again, along with his mother, some siblings, and a niece. In 1930, Roy and his mother lived together in Shirley, and Roy worked as a foreman in a glass factory. In August 1931, Roy married Fern E. Irick. On 10 October 1937, their son, Lewis David Ogle, was born in Bluffton, Wells County, Indiana, but he died five days later. At the time, Roy and Fern were living in Warren, Huntington County, where Roy was a farmer. He was still farming there in 1950. Roy died in Huntington, Indiana, on 25 October 1980.

Lillian Adele Muse was born on 10 November 1891 in Kentucky, to Elias Muse and Sarah Frances Crouch Muse. In 1900 the family was living in Summitville, Madison County, Indiana, where Elias was a dry goods merchant. By 1910 the family lived on Meridian Street

in Shirley, and Lillian was working as a clerk in a dry goods store, perhaps her father's. In June 1916, Lillian married Glenn Canuth Calderwood. The 1920 and 1930 censuses show the couple living in Indianapolis. Lillian worked as a salesclerk for Wasson's Department Store. The 1940 and 1950 censuses show the couple living in Hendricks County, Indiana. Lillian died in Indianapolis on 9 December 1979.

The town of Shirley, Indiana, straddles the Hancock County and Henry County borderline. Shirley was platted in December 1890, when the Cincinnati, Wabash and Michigan Railway was extended into Indiana. The town was named for Joseph A. Shirley, a railroad official. This rail line eventually merged into the Big Four Railroad. The natural gas boom soon brought industrial businesses to the town. Local companies at the beginning of the twentieth century included the Indiana Bottle Company, the Banner Glass Company, the Seven Hosek Brothers Lamp Chimney factory, Shirley Radiator and Foundry Company, and the Shirley Creosote Company.

The first census with a separate count for the town of Shirley was taken in 1910. It showed 1,519 people living in the town, but due to the businesses located there, it was said that 10,000 people worked in Shirley during the week. There was a window-plate factory run by Belgians, the bottle glass company run by Bohemians, and the lamp chimney factory run by the Hosek brothers, who were Czech. The Belgians and Bohemians lived in the west end of town.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one black-and-white real photo postcard that shows four young men dressed in suits standing, with a small section of trestlework construction behind them. The location is unknown. The four men are: Ova McMahan, Roy Ogle, Pete Hopkins, and Russell Hufford. The postcard was given to Lillie Muse by Russell Hufford on 1 May 1911. The 1910 census shows McMahan, Ogle, Hufford, and Muse all living on Meridian Street in Shirley, Hancock County, Indiana. No information could be found about Pete Hopkins, although a Hopkins family also lived on Meridian Street in Shirley in 1910.

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