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**MINNIE BLUMENTHAL  
COLLECTION, CA. 1907–1983**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1907–1983

PROVENANCE: A. Gene Resneck, Kokomo Indiana, February 2000

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Indiana Jewish Historical Society Collection, 1845–2002.  
Manuscript Collection: M 0743.

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NOTES: This forms part of the collection of the Indiana Jewish Historical Society.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The materials in this collection belonged to Minnie Blumenthal, who was born in Marion, Indiana in January of 1879. Minnie was the daughter of Morris and Ida Blumenthal. Born in Germany, Morris became a merchant in Marion, and he also built the Blumenthal building on courthouse square in that city. Morris Blumenthal was one of the only Jewish merchants in Marion at the time.

On June 21 1900, Minnie married the Assistant District Attorney of New York City, Maurice B. Blumenthal (1870–1948). Maurice was a central player in the Tammany Hall political scene of New York City, becoming Deputy Attorney General of New York State in 1903. Maurice was a prominent Jewish figure in New York City, being the son of School Inspector Benjamin Blumenthal and the grandson of Simon Blumenthal, first Rabbi Congregation Rodeph Shalom. Maurice was a candidate for Presidential Elector for New York in both 1896 and 1920.

Sources:

Information from the collection.

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The Political Graveyard. Available at: <http://politicalgraveyard.com>

American Jewish Committee Archives: *The American Jewish Yearbook: Biographical Sketches of Jews Prominent in the Professions, etc., in the United States.*  
[http://www.ajcarchives.org/AJC\\_DATA/Files/1904\\_1905\\_4\\_Biographies.pdf](http://www.ajcarchives.org/AJC_DATA/Files/1904_1905_4_Biographies.pdf)

*The New York Times*, "A Day's Weddings. Blumenthal--Blumenthal," June 22, 1900.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This is a small collection of items which Minnie Blumenthal gave to A. Gene Resneck of Kokomo, Indiana in 1977. The collection includes a menu printed on silk from a 1907 banquet in benefit of her husband, Maurice's, political career in New York City. There is also a photograph of Minnie, taken by Larrimen Portraits of Marion, Indiana. Along with these items is the photocopy of a statement, written by Resneck, which describes the items in the collection and the occasion of Minnie gifting them to her. The photocopy also includes some hand-written biographical information about Minnie Blumenthal and her father. The entire collection is kept in one legal-sized file folder.

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January 31 1907

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Photocopy of A. Gene Resneck's Notes on the  
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