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**MULLAUER AND BLOCKER FAMILY
PHOTOGRAPHS, 1917–1945**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 box of photographs, 1 manuscript folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1917–1945

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dorothy Mullauer was born 22 July 1917 to Max and Anna Mullauer. As of the 1940 census, she completed one year of college and worked as a stenographer for a factory office in Chicago, Illinois. Dorothy's father (b. 7 October 1887) was drafted into the World War I at age twenty nine and spent his life working as a fireman. He died 8 September 1979. Dorothy's mother, Anna Soeffner Mullauer, was born 7 December 1890. She married Max Mullauer 14 December 1915 and died in December 1974. Dorothy's grandparents hailed from Germany.

Additional people featured in this collection are Edward James Blocker, Renea Blocker, Wesly Blocker, and James Edward Blocker. Mother to Wesly and James Edward, Renea Blocker was born 29 July 1908 and died in Michigan on 12 May 1972. Wesly Blocker was born 15 January 1932. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and married Betty Lou Singer in 1953. Wesly died on 8 July 1997. James Edward Blocker was born on 30 December 1943. He later married Leigh Anne Wilkinson in Florida in February 1964 and died on 23 June 1992.

Sumava Resorts, pictured in one of the photographs, lies on the Indiana side of the Kankakee River; this river divides Indiana from Cook County, Illinois where both the Mullauers and the Blockers lived. The riverside resort was founded in 1927 by a group of Czech immigrants. By 1929, the resort had grown to include seventy-five summer homes, multiple stores, a hotel, and a post office. As of 2014, this riverside community is home to 291 residents.

Sources:

Materials in collection

Ancestry.com

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains sixty-nine black and white photographs and postcards which show family portraits, unidentified children, a woman visiting the Niagara Falls Power House and a Forest Sumava Resorts building. Of these sixty-nine photos, four have identified subjects (Dorothy Mullauer, Edward James Blocker, Renea Blocker, Wesley Blocker, and James Edward Blocker), though it is likely that many of the child photographs are of Dorothy Mullauer as she aged. Also included in this collection is the birth announcement for Dorothy.

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Birth Announcement, 1917

Dorothy Mullauer and Uncle Pern, 1925

Blocker Family Snapshots, ca. 1945

Family Photos, 1917–1930

Undated Family Photos, ca. 1920s

Unidentified Children Photos, 1918–1928

Unidentified Children Photos, ca. 1920s

Forest Sumava Resort Building, ca. 1920s

Portrait at Niagara Falls Power Plant, 1930

CONTAINER

Manuscripts,

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Box 1 , Folder 2

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Box 1, Folder 3

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