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**OLDENBURG, INDIANA  
COLLECTION, 1865–1893**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

**Bernard Heinrich Knollenberg** was born on 3 August 1836 in Germany. His father was Henry Knollenberg. Bernard immigrated to the U.S. in 1865. At some point, he married Louisa Wink. Bernard had at least three daughters, Lisetta, Dora, and Sophia. He worked as a farmer. In 1900, he was a widower, lived in Laughery Township, Indiana and owned a farm. Bernard died on 6 August 1911 in Laughery Township. He was buried in Old Saint Paul's Cemetery in Batesville, Indiana.

**Bernard Ricking** was born around 1835 and lived in Oldenburg, Germany. On 26 May 1855, he arrived in New York City from Amsterdam, Holland. He received U.S. citizenship on 25 August 1868 in Rushville, Indiana.

Sources:

Collection materials.

Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011, via Ancestry.com

U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current, via Ancestry.com

1900 U.S. Federal Census, via Ancestry.com

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains three items donated by the Sisters of St. Francis. The first item is an 1865 travel pass from the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg for Bernard Heinrich Knollenberg. It is a German document written mostly in Kurrent, an old form of German handwriting. The second item is a naturalization document from Rushville, Indiana for Bernard Ricking, dated 25 August 1868. The last item is a handwritten letter from William Steele Holman, a U.S. Representative from Indiana, to Miss Laura J. Cole in Logan, Dearborn County, Indiana, dated 17 June 1893. In the letter, Holman tells Cole he has placed her name on file for a recommendation to serve in the Logan Post Office when the current incumbent's term expired.

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