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**ORNDORFF FAMILY
COLLECTION, CA. 1850S–1920S, 1932**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: Visual Materials: 1 box of photographs, 2 boxes of cased images
Manuscript Materials: 1 Bound Volume, 1 Oversize Manuscript Folder

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1850s–1920s, 1932

PROVENANCE: Marguerite Orndorff bequest, 1963

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1963.0901

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Orndorff family: According to census records James Henry Orndorff was born in Ohio about 1858. Called Harry by his family, he was married in June 1880 to Amelia Louise Tapking also from Ohio. The couple settled in Indianapolis soon after their marriage. The 1880 Census shows they were living at 423 Michigan Street and James was working at a railroad office. By 1900 the couple was living at 573 Liberty Street and had two surviving children, Bernice then thirteen and Marguerite aged seven. James listed his occupation as a book keeper and Amelia was a ceramics teacher.

Eventually the family moved to 1617 Central Avenue. Daughters Anna and Marguerite remained in the home with their parents. Both girls attended Chicago University and became school teachers. James died in 1925 and Amelia died in 1951.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Materials in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of studio portraits taken in Indianapolis and Cincinnati of the Orndorff and Tapking families. Almost half of the portraits are of James H. Orndorff, his wife Amelia Louise Tapking Orndorff, and their children—Bernice, David Henry, and Marguerite. The remaining portraits are of other Orndorff and Tapking family members and friends. Also included are two novelty tintypes of James Orndorff, an unidentified groundbreaking ceremony at which James is present, and a photograph of a primary school room with students and teacher ca. 1895.

There is also the marriage license of June 2, 1880 between James and Amelia and a scrapbook. The scrapbook was kept by someone in the family and includes programs and advertisements of Indianapolis theaters, news articles, Powell's Dancing Academy, Indiana Medical College, graduation program 1878, Indianapolis Street Railway ticket, and some marriage, birth, and death records that are written and pasted in.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Cased Images, Tintypes, and Photographs, 1850s–1920s

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Mary Ann Nagel Bloor James Bloor grandparents of James Henry (Harry) Orndorff	Cased Images: Box 1, ID 42 & 43
[unidentified girl]	Cased Images: Box 1, ID 41
David Henry Orndorff, (about 1855) father of Harry [two portraits]	Cased Images: Box 1, ID 39 & 40
Henry William Tapking, Anna Louise Moerker Tapking, daughters: Amelia Louise and Anna (baby)	Cased Images: Box 1, ID 44
[unidentified family of seven] [image is extremely fragile and must be stored flat]	Cased Images: Box 2, ID 273
James Henry Orndorff, 1877–1909 [portraits of James, includes tintypes with James' head on a cartoon character body of a minstrel and a speaker before a crowd]	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 1
Amelia L. Orndorff–ca. 1869 or 70 [young woman seated wearing striped dress] Amelia Tapking Orndorff standing 18 yrs. of age [with unidentified friend] [Three portraits of Amelia Orndorff, 1877, 1884, 1909 two tintypes and one photograph]	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 2
Bernice Orndorff [4 photographs, 1 tintype, from infant to young adult]	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 3
“David Henry, son of Amelia L. & J.H. Orndorff 1881 or 1882” [died 1884, date taken from BV829]	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 4
Marguerite Orndorff [from infant to toddler to young adult, three photographs and 1 tintype]	Photographs: Box 1, Folder 5

[Charles Tapking son of Frederick and Wilhelmina Tapking]

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 6

[2 portraits of Emma Tapking]

[2 portraits of Laura Tapking]

[1 portrait of Dena Tapking]

Dena Tapking 1876 [1 tintype portrait]
“Emma Wuelfeck Huenke at 19 yrs 1877 cousin of Amelia” [2 portraits]
[portrait of Louis Huenke with handlebar mustache]

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 7

Fannie Iliff [tintype]
Mary Frances Iliff sister of seated Charles E. Iliff
[cabinet card]
Fannie Iliff [cabinet card]

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 8

Lillie Gerking (?) Albershardt ,
John Albershardt

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 9

Mrs. James H. Taylor and John [woman with glasses holding baby on her shoulder]
Alice Baird [woman wearing cross]
[unidentified portrait of young man]
[Alvina Moerker] “cousin of Amelia L. Orndorff m.[married] Charles Wild, Fremont, Neb.”
[unidentified portrait of woman with braided hair]

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 10

[2 place cards, Harry Orndorff and Amelia Tapking]
[photograph of 3 adults and 3 children, Harry Orndorff in photo wearing dark pants]
[ground breaking ceremony, Harry Orndorff is standing to the left of the man with a shovel]

Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 11

[elementary school room, ca. 1890s]

OVA Photographs:
Folder 1

Series 2: Manuscript Materials, 1870s–1920s, 1932

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Numbered list of Orndorff and Tapking family members provided by donor

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Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 1

Marriage license of James H. Orndorff and Amelia L. Tapking, June 2, 1880, married at Zion Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, in German

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Scrapbook of mostly entertainment advertisements and news articles, one page contains family information on births, marriages, and deaths, marked by a paper tag, 1870s–1920s, 1932

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