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**PAUL-LEUKHARDT FAMILY COLLECTION
CA. 1894–1922**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 folders of photographs; 2 OVB folders

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1894–1922

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mathilde "Tillie" M. Paul was born on 30 January 1880 in Indiana, the daughter of immigrants. Her father, Carl (or Charles) Paul, was born ca. 1840 in Schaumburg-Lippe; her mother, Wilhelmina "Minnie" Paul, was born in Prussia ca. 1841. The family lived in Indianapolis where her father was a laborer. Their children included: Wilhelmina "Minnie" (b. ca. 1865), Charles (b. April 1867), Edward (b. ca. 1870), Mary (b. June 1871), Sophia (b. Sept. 1876), Tillie, and William (b. 27 May 1882).

By 1900, Tillie's mother had died. Mary, Tillie, and William still lived with their father at 2126 E. Michigan Street in Indianapolis. Tillie's brother, Charles, lived at 2120 E. Michigan with his wife Emma (b. Sept. 1869) and daughter Hazel (b. Oct. 1895). Living at 2116 E. Michigan was Tillie's sister Sophia with her husband, Carl Ostermeier (b. Jan. 1873), and their daughters, Edna (b. July 1896) and Ethel (b. May 1898). Sophia had married Carl Gottlieb Ostermeier on 4 April 1895. Henry Simon (b. April 1867), a shoemaker boarding with neighbors at 2112 E. Michigan, would marry Mary Paul later that year on 28 November 1900. Living just around the corner from Tillie at 508 Jefferson Avenue were her sister Minnie and her husband, Charles Schakel (b. July 1862 in Germany), and their children, Clara (b. Sept. 1888), Carl (b. Dec. 1889), and Florence (b. Sept. 1894). Minnie had married Charles Schakel on 13 March 1887. Thus, it appears that all of Tillie's siblings except Edward lived in her immediate neighborhood in 1900.

On 23 November 1905 William F. Paul married Anna L. Lenker, and their son Elmer Carl Paul was born 22 July 1908. (Elmer died on 6 June 1976, and his grave marker in Chico, California, indicates that he was an auto safety pioneer.) By 1910, Mary and Henry Simon were living at 2114 E. Michigan with their son Herbert (b. ca. 1904).

Tillie Paul married Friedrich "Fred" August Leukhardt (b. 31 December 1880 in Germany) on 27 November 1906 in a Lutheran church in Indianapolis. Their daughter, Eloise M. Leukhardt was born 1 December 1908. Eloise attended St. Peter's Lutheran School in Indianapolis. Her cousin, Elmer Paul, was in her first grade class there.

Fred and Tillie Leukhardt owned their home at 625 N. Hamilton Avenue in Indianapolis. In 1918 he worked as a machinist for the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Company (also known as the Big Four Railroad) in Beech Grove. At the time of the 1940 census he was employed as a machinist for the National Biscuit Company. In 1942 he worked for Thomas L. Green and Co. Bakers Equipment.

At the time of the 1930 census, Eloise Leukhardt worked as a stenographer for a life insurance company. The 1940 census shows her lodging with a professor's family in West Lafayette, Indiana, where she was employed by the government as a comptometer operator in the soil conservation field. She married Austin Griffin on 1 August 1967 in Marion County. At the time of the 1940 census, Austin J. Griffin (b. 9 April 1908; d. Aug. 1992) was living with his parents and two of his sisters in Fall Creek, Henry County, Indiana, where he and his father worked as seed grinders.

Fred Leukhardt died in 1954 and Tillie Paul Leukhardt died in 1959. They are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis. Eloise Leukhardt Griffin died in Fishers, Indiana, on 30 Sept 2007.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of thirteen photographs (ca. 1894–1922) of the Paul and Leukhardt families of Indianapolis, and the marriage license (1906) for Mathilde "Tillie" M. Paul and Friedrich "Fred" A. Leukhardt. Most of the photographs appear to be of Fred and Tillie's daughter, Eloise Leukhardt (later Griffin).

Series 1, Photographs: This series is composed of thirteen photographs of Paul and Leukhardt family members. One is a Paul family portrait (ca. 1895) and others are identified as being of Eloise [ca. 1909]–1922. Some photos are unidentified but appear to be of Tillie Paul [ca. 1894] and Eloise Leukhardt [ca. 1909–1910s]. Two of these unidentified photos may be of Eloise with her mother and Eloise with her parents.

Series 2, Marriage License: This series contains the Marion County, Indiana, marriage license for Mathilde "Tillie" M. Paul and Friedrich "Fred" A. Leukhardt, dated 27 November 1906.

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Series 1: Photographs

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Paul family group portrait. Identified by Eloise Griffin: "This is the Paul Family. My Grandparents and their children. Front Row - Tillie Paul Leukhardt - my mother, Her brother William Paul. Second Row - Wilhelmina & Carl Paul, Mrs. Minnie Schakel, Clara Schakel, Mrs. Ed Paul and son. Third Row - Mrs. [sic] Mary Paul, Mrs. Charles Paul, Charles Paul, Hazel Paul, Chas. Schakel and son Carl, Ed Paul, Sophia Paul. This picture was taken about 1895." [Given the ages of Wilhelmina & Carl Paul's grandchildren, it is possible that the children were misidentified. In the middle row, Minnie Schakel may be holding her daughter Florence, and in the back row, the children on either side of Charles Schakel may be their daughter Clara and son Carl. Also, Mary Paul would be "Miss" not "Mrs." and Tillie would have still been Tillie Paul -- not yet Mrs. Leukhardt -- at the time of this photograph.]

Cabinet card photo by Mrs. K. Bryant of Indianapolis. Young woman pictured is unidentified [but likely is Tillie Paul, ca. 1894; appears to be a confirmation portrait].

Two photos of a baby identified as Eloise Leukhardt Griffin: one taken indoors with Eloise sitting on a gingham pillow; one taken outdoors with Eloise in a buggy.

St. Peter's Lutheran School, Indianapolis, 1914, first grade students: Eloise Leukhardt, Elmer Paul, Dorothy Schaefer, Esther Brandt, Carl Burnett, Clarence Bundchu [misspelled as Bondshu], Ruth Sudbrock. [2 copies]

Standing full-length portrait of Eloise Leukhardt. Confirmation picture, 1922, by W.V. Ogden.

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OVB Photographs,
Folder 1

Photographs, Folder 1

Photographs, Folder 2

Photographs, Folder 2

Photographs, Folder 2

Four unidentified photos that might be of Eloise Leukhardt. One shows a baby in the same location and in a buggy identical to the one in folder 2. Three are of a toddler -- 2 taken outdoors and one appears to be a studio portrait of the toddler seated on a stool.

Photographs, Folder 3

Two unidentified photos that might be of Eloise Leukhardt and her parents, Fred and Tillie Leukhardt. One shows a toddler with a woman outdoors. The other shows a young girl with a woman and man.

Photographs, Folder 3

Series 2: Marriage License

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Marion County, Indiana, marriage license for Friedrich "Fred" August Leukhardt and Mathilde "Tillie" M. Paul, 27 November 1906.

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Folder 2

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5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.