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**PENDLETON FAMILY
COLLECTION, 1838-1970**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Achilles V. Pendleton was born in Jennings County, Indiana in 1833. Being uncommonly studious for the time, A.V. attended the State University at Bloomington (now Indiana University) at the age of 17. After graduating he taught school in Jennings County until 1856, when he moved to Johnson County, where he continued to teach until 1862. It was there that he met Rebecca S. Forsyth, one of his pupils. She was the youngest child of Robert C. and Nancy [Prichard] Forsyth, some of the earliest white settlers of Johnson County. The two were married on 22 March 1862. The bride's father deeded the young couple a farm of about 257 acres in Nineveh township. A.V. And Rebecca Pendleton had three children: Dora Alma (1863-1929), Anna Katherine (1869-1962) and George Horatio (1871-1929).

A.V. was a staunch promoter of public education, and all of his children benefited. The youngest, George, is the most germane to this sketch. George also attended Indiana University, he for medicine. He then attended the Central College of Physicians & Surgeons in Indianapolis, graduating in 1897. After that he opened a practice on N. West Street, later in the Hume-Mansur building in downtown Indianapolis. When the United States entered WWI, George was recruited to serve as a Captain in a medical detachment. In 1918 he was summoned to Camp Dodge in Des Moines, Iowa. From there he went to Camp Custer at Battle Creek, Michigan, where he treated new recruits. After the war George resumed his Indianapolis practice and was involved in several fraternal organizations.

George and his wife Esther J. [Mack] had three children, Rosamond (1907-1938), George, Jr. (1914-1997), and Marjorie [often called Betsy] (1917-2015). There is some evidence of another daughter named Elizabeth, possibly from first wife Delia Johnson.

Sources:

"Achilles V. Pendleton," *History of Johnson County* (Chicago: Brant & Fuller, 1888), 759-761.

"City Doctor is Dead," *Indianapolis Times*, 15 April 1929

Materials in the collection

Medical and Surgical register of the United States (Detroit: Polk, 1917), 554.

Polk's Indianapolis City Directory (R.L. Polk & Co., 1900; 1912)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of Pendleton family material found at the home of Marjorie Pendleton Newbeck at the time of her death in 2015. The most substantial material is a collection of letters from George H. Pendleton to his family. He wrote of his experiences at Camps Dodge and Custer during WWI, and again while in the hospital in Minnesota just before his death in 1929, probably of stomach cancer.

Photos in the collection show the children of George and Esther c. 1918, George in California in 1912 and with his medical detachment 1918. The members of the detachment are identified. Another individual, labeled "Aunt Kate" also appears in a couple of early photographs.

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Report cards and commencement program, 1884-1886

Invoices, receipts, etc., 1895-1906

Marriage certificate, James M. Henderson and Anna
Pendleton Utterbach, 1899

Family photographs, 1904; n.d.

Family photographs, 1912-circa 1918; Medical
Detachment 41st FA, 23 Nov. 1918

Letters, George H. Pendleton (Sr.) to wife, daughters,
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Family questionnaire and clippings, n.d.; 1967-1970

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