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**RUDOLF K. HAERLE
COLLECTION, 1893–CA. 1910**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 box of 4x5 glass plates
1 folder of photographs
1 OVB photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1893–ca. 1910

PROVENANCE: Rudolf K. Haerle, Indianapolis, 1962, 1986

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Elizabeth Haerle Papers (M0354)
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1962.0810. 1986.0774

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Hollweg Family: Louis Hollweg was born in Westphalia, Prussia and emigrated to the U.S. in 1860. The 1896 City Directory lists Louis as a salesman for Hollweg & Reese, a wholesale glassware and crockery firm. His son, Ferdinand (Ferd) Louis Hollweg, on his 1918 Draft Registration Card and his Passport Application, lists his birthday as September 7, 1876. The 1880 census shows that Ferdinand was four years old and his sister Norma was five. The 1893 City Directory shows the family living at 505 North Meridian Street. In the 1900 Census, Ferd was still living at home with his father and his step-mother, Louise. His 1918 Draft Registration Card shows Ferd living at 4171 Washington Blvd and he was president of the Mutual China Company at 130 S. Meridian. His wife was Elba Matthews Hollweg.

Haerle Family: Rudolf Haerle was the son of Ferdinand Hollweg's sister, Norma H. Hollweg Haerle. Norma married George C. Haerle in 1896. According to city directories George's father, William Haerle, operated a Fancy Dry Goods Store and then a Ladies Furnishings Store at 4 West Washington Street and lived at 854 N. Meridian Street and later at 1804 N. Meridian where the interior picture was taken. Norma and George had three children, Louis (born 1897), Elizabeth (born 1899), and Rudolf (born 1902). According to censuses, George Haerle was a dry goods merchant in 1900, a woman's apparel merchant in 1910 and an accountant for a steel company in 1930. He died in 1932.

Louis Haerle, the eldest child of George and Norma also worked in the dry goods business; in the 1920 Census he was listed as a dry goods salesman. In 1930 he was vice president of Hibben Hollweg & Co. and on his 1942 draft card he was listed as a traveling salesman for Hibben Hollweg & Co. and was also farming and living in Zionsville. Louis Haerle died in 1972.

Elizabeth Haerle, was the middle Haerle child. In the 1940 Census she was living with her mother Norma and renting a home at 3733 N. Meridian with a lodger present. Elizabeth was a friend of Hildegarde Flanner, sister of the author Janet Flanner, known as "Genet". Elizabeth Haerle died in 1957 and Norma Haerle in 1963.

Rudolf Haerle the youngest Haerle child, indicated on his 1924 passport application that he was in the mercantile business, and in the 1930 city directory he was listed as secretary of Hibben Hollweg Co. By 1934 he was an agent for Connecticut Mutual Life insurance Co. City directories for 1936 and 1943 show him as a buyer for L. S. Ayres and Co. Rudolf Haerle died in 1992.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Find a Grave Database

Social Security Death Index

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Rudolf K. Haerle donated the nine glass plate negatives and one photograph in the collection. He also loaned the Society an album of family photographs for copying and those copies are also in the collection.

According to information in the accession records, the glass plate photographs were taken by the donor's uncle, Ferdinand (Ferd) Louis Hollweg. They show images of the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument decorated for the 1893 Grand Army of the Republic 27th Encampment in Indianapolis. Also included are images of the Hollweg and Haerle family, including Mr. Haerle's mother Norma H. Hollweg-Haerle and friends, watching the 1893 GAR parade that proceeded south on Meridian Street in front of the Louis Hollweg home. It was a brick home with a distinctive iron fence and the address of 505 on the porch column. The 1893 city directory shows that Louis Hollweg lived at 505 North Meridian Street.

There is also a large photograph of the living room in the William Haerle home located at 1804 North Meridian in 1896.

The copy photographs that were made from the loaned album show the George C. Haerle summer home about 1910. The home was located on 75th street near Broad Ripple and White River. The Haerle children, Louis, Elizabeth, and Rudolf are seen in a cornfield and outside of the house. Since their birth dates are known, the date was chosen by approximating the ages of the children as they appear in the images.

The glass plate negatives have been scanned and printed copies are in the folder with the copy negatives made from the album. Some of these are online in the digital images collection. The descriptions of each image in this collection guide are in square brackets and were written by the processors.

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[View of the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument from South Meridian, monument is complete but without statues, men are working around the monument and cannons and caissons are on the steps]

[Interior view of a room with fireplace and elaborate furniture, carpet, and wallpaper. Possibly a parlor]

[Louis Hollweg family group, a man, women, and girls are assembled on the steps of the Hollweg home at 505 North Meridian, address is on the porch pillar]

[People assembled on the front yard of the Louis Hollweg residence at 505 North Meridian, waving as the GAR parade passes by on 9/5/1893, the house is decorated with bunting]

[Winter view of North Meridian Street from the porch of the Hollweg house at 505 North Meridian. Distinctive iron fence and a man with a cart and horse in the street]

[View of a house from the street, location unknown, the house is surrounded by trees and an iron fence]

[People assembled on the front yard of the Louis Hollweg home at 505 North Meridian, waving as the GAR parade passes by on 9/5/1893; women and men are seated in chairs and young girls are standing on a table]

[Living room of William Haerle home at 1804 North Meridian Street, 1896]

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[Haerle children sitting on bench outside summer home, left to right: Elizabeth, Rudolf, and Louis]

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[Haerle summer home, view of porch and trees]

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[Haerle summer home, interior of screened porch]

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[Haerle summer home, view of parlor with doors open on to the porch]

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[View from Haerle home of corn fields, dirt road and railroad track]

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[View of Haerle home with porch across the front]

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[Haerle children in a cornfield, from left to right: Rudolf, Elizabeth, and Louis]

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Photo 272
[Haerle children in front of house with harvested potatoes, left to right: Rudolf, Elizabeth, and Louis]

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