SCHRAMM-SCHNULL-MUELLER FAMILY COLLECTION, 1868–1992

Collection Information

Biographical Sketch

Scope and Content Note

Series Contents

Cataloging Information

Processed by

Kathleen S. Clark
May 7, 2014
revised by Dorothy A. Nicholson
July 2014

Manuscript and Visual Collections Department
William Henry Smith Memorial Library
Indiana Historical Society
450 West Ohio Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

www.indianahistory.org
COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: Manuscripts: 7 document cases
Visuals: 2 photograph boxes, 1 color photograph folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1868–1992

PROVENANCE: Janie Lou Bailey, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2013

RESTRICTIONS: Researchers must use gloves when handling the photographs

COPYRIGHT:

REPRODUCTION RIGHTS: Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained from the Indiana Historical Society.

ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2013.0004

NOTES:
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jakob (Jacob) Schramm was born in 1805 on a hops farm in Bavaria. In 1835 he left Germany and sailed to America with his wife, Johanna (Junghans) and daughter, having previously arranged the purchase of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Sugar Creek Township through a friend. The Schramm's proceeded from New York to Hancock County, Indiana. Mr. Schramm was a successful farmer and business man. He was the first man in Hancock County to engage in the manufacture of drain tile.

Jacob's second daughter, Matilda, (1835–1902) married Henry Schnull on December 11, 1856 in Hancock County. Henry Schnull (1833–1905) was born in Hausberge, Porta Westphalica, Germany. Schnull began as a farm produce buyer and became a successful retail grocer. A & H Schnull (later named Severin, Schnull & Co.) was the first wholesale grocery on Meridian Street in Indianapolis. Henry Schnull was the founder and first President of Merchants National Bank, as well as one of the originators of The German House (Das Deutsche Haus) one of the leading German clubs in the west.

Henry and Matilda had 4 children. Their two eldest daughters, Emma (1857–1939) and Nannie (1860–1929) married Clemens and Bernard Vonnegut, brothers from Indianapolis. Emma and Clemens were married on September 4, 1878 in Indianapolis. Clemens, of Clemens Vonnegut Hardware, was also the president of the Indianapolis Coffin Company. Nannie and Bernard Vonnegut were married on September 19, 1883. Bernard studied architecture in Hanover, Germany and became a partner in the Vonnegut-Bohn Architecture Firm in Indianapolis. This partnership designed such well known Indianapolis landmarks as the Athenaeum, The Fletcher Trust Bank Building, Shortridge High School, and both the L.S. Ayres and Wm. H. Block Store Buildings. (Bernard is the father of architect Kurt Vonnegut, Sr. and the grandfather of author Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.)

The only son of Henry and Matilda, Gustav (1862–1923) was a wholesale grocery merchant like his father.


Sources:
Collection materials
U.S. Social Security Death Index (ancestry.com)
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection is made up of 7 manuscript boxes and 2 photograph boxes. The majority of the items in this collection were compiled and held privately by Marjorie Jean Mueller, daughter of Clemens and Zuleme (Kinney) Mueller and most of it pertains to them. A small part of the collection includes Schramm and Schnull family documents, genealogies, and photographs.

The first series of this collection contains family documents and personal materials pertaining to the Mueller and Kinney families. Items include school programs, newspaper clippings, family and business correspondence, biographical essays, real estate and construction documents, and genealogical records.

The second series is primarily made up of loose memorabilia items from the diaries of Clemens O. Mueller, recorded between 1899 and 1912. Some of the items included are school announcements, travel souvenirs, newspaper clippings, and theater programs.

The third series is made up of the handwritten journals of Clemens O. Mueller. These are bound diaries that were written between 1899 and 1912. This also includes a business ledger from Mueller Realty & investment Co. for the year 1930.

The fourth series consists of black and white photographs taken from the photo albums of Marjorie J. Mueller. These photos pertain to the family and friends of Clemens and Zuleme (Kinney) Mueller. Also included are series of photographs that record the construction of the Mueller's home at 3829 Washington Blvd. beginning in 1917. The dates of the photographs range primarily from the late 1890's through 1930. However a few photographs are dated in the late 1860's. Also included is a printed postcard of Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. taken in New York in 1972 and an undated color photograph of Marjorie Mueller with a young girl, taken late in her life but undated.
### SERIES CONTENTS

**Series 1: Mueller/Kinney Family Documents, 1877–1992**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CONTENTS</th>
<th>CONTAINER</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>School No. 10 Graduation Program, June 1903 Class</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Zuleme Kinney (Mueller) Calling Cards and Notes</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Letters to Zuleme and Hazel Kinney, 1909–10</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wellesley Glee and Mandolin Clubs Annual Concert Program, February, 1910</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harvard Union Dance, Cards and Program, Clemens Mueller and Zuleme Kinney, February, 1911</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Letter from George Mueller to Julia Mueller, May 20, 1911</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clemens O. Mueller and Zuleme Kinney Wedding Invitation, October 24, 1914</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Copies of Clippings from Newspaper Society Pages, Mueller and Kinney, 1914</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Draft Cards, Clemens O. Mueller, 1917–18</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Letter and Bill of Lading from YMCA to Mooney-Mueller Drug Co., July 1928</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clemens O. Mueller Narrative Charlevoix trip, 1933</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Irsugo Mines Stockholder's List, September, 24, 1938</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Death Certificate and Will of Horace E. Kinney, 1942</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Copy of Biographical Memoirs of Hancock County, Indiana. Essay on Gustave Schramm, 1902</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Copies of Biographical Essays on Henry Schnull, 1877–1965</td>
<td>Box 1, Folder 15</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Copies of Newspaper Articles on Residents of Lake Maxinkuckee, 1934, 1950, 1992  
Box 1, Folder 16

Box 1, Folder 17

Real Estate Documents, Horace E. Kinney, Lots 1 & 2 Atkins & Perkins University, 1917–18, 1942  
Box 1, Folder 18

Schramm and Schnull Genealogical Records  
Box 1, Folder 19

Report on "The Name and Family of Kinney"  
The Media Research Bureau  
Box 1, Folder 20

**Series 2: Clemens O. Mueller Memorabilia, 1893–1912, n.d.**

**CONTENTS**  
**CONTAINER**

Handwritten News Bulletins written by Clemens O. Mueller, 1899–1900  
Box 2, Folder 1

Loose Memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller 1903  
Box 2, Folder 2

Loose Memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller 1904  
Box 2, Folder 3

Loose Memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller 1905  
Box 2, Folder 4

Loose Memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller 1906  
Box 2, Folder 5

Loose Memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller September 1906–July 1907  
Box 2, Folder 6

Loose Memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller July 1907–May 1908  
Box 2, Folder 7

Loose Memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller June 1908–May 1909  
Box 2, Folder 8

Loose memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller May 1909–April 1910  
Box 2, Folder 9
Loose memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller April 1910–December 1910
Box 2, Folder 10

Loose memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller December 1910–August 1911
Box 2, Folder 11

Loose memorabilia from Diary of Clemens O. Mueller August 1911–March 1912
Box 2, Folder 12

Sales Brochure and Pamphlet American Tourist Roadster (n.d.)
Box 2, Folder 13

Loose Signatures of Benjamin Harrison and Theodore Roosevelt, (n.d.)
Box 2, Folder 14

Postcard Columbian World's Exposition, Chicago, Illinois, ca. 1893
Box 2, Folder 15

Series 3: Clemens O. Mueller Diaries & Business Ledger, 1900–1913, 1930

CONTENTS

Supplement to Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, Retroactive Excerpts June 23, 1900 to August 6, 1900
Box 3, Folder 1

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, January 17 to April 30 1902
Box 3, Folder 2

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, May 1 to September 1, 1902
Box 3, Folder 3

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, September 2 to December 31, 1902
Box 3, Folder 4

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, 1903
Box 3, Folder 5

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, 1904
Box 4, Folder 1

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, January 1 to December 21, 1905
Box 4, Folder 2

Box 4, Folder 3

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, September 10, 1906–July 28, 1907
Box 5, Folder 1
Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, July 29, 1907–May 31, 1908
Box 5, Folder 2

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, June 1, 1908–May 23, 1909
Box 5, Folder 3

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, May 24, 1909–April 22, 1910
Box 6, Folder 1

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, April 23, 1910–December 27, 1910
Box 6, Folder 2

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, December 28, 1910–August 7, 1911
Box 6, Folder 3

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, August 8, 1911–March 9, 1912
Box 7, Folder 1

Diary of Clemens O. Mueller, March 10, 1912–January 24, 1913
Box 7, Folder 2

Business Ledger, Mueller Realty & Investment, Co., 1930
Box 7, Folder 3


CONTENTS

CONTAINER

Henry Schnull ca. 1905 (1833–1905)
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 1

Schramm and Mueller Family Members ca. 1895
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 2

Mueller Relatives 1868–ca. 1905
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 3

Bertha and Gustave Schnull, Walter, Tony and Alex Vonnegut and Clemens Mueller at St. Louis Exhibition, September, 1904
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 4

Tintypes: Hazel Kinney ca. 1888, Horace E. Kinney (n.d.) 2 unidentified men
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 5

Clemens O. Mueller and sister Norma, ca. 1889–1911
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 6
Clemens O. Mueller, Wm. J. Mooney and son, Mooney-Mueller Drug Co., 1903
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 7

George and Julia Mueller Residence, 1305 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana ca. 1905 (former home of Henry Schnull, 1888–1905)
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 8

Indianapolis Post Office, ca. 1906
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 9

St. Augustine, ca. 1907
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 10

Shortridge H. S. Spring Trip to Gettysburg, 1907
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 11

J. George Mueller Family, Kerfoot Stewart Family, and Terry Vonnegut, ca. 1908
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 12

Clemens O. Mueller, Harvard University, 1908–1910
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 13

Soldier’s Field, Cambridge, Massachusetts, ca. 1910
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 14

Clemens O. Mueller, Harvard University Graduation, 1911
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 15

Harvard University, ca. 1910–1911
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 16

Clemens O. Mueller and Friends, Harvard University, ca. 1910–1911
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 17

Indianapolis Speedway, May 30, 1913
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 18

Clemens Mueller and Friends at Richard Lieber’s Cabin, ca. 1913
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 19

Julia Schnull Mueller, 1914
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 20

Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 2064 Alabama St., 1914–1917
Photographs: Box 1, Folder 21
Robards Family Members
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 22

Hazel Kinney, ca. 1885–1914
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 23

Zuleme Kinney (Mueller) ca. 1891–1914
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 24

Unidentified Woman and Girl, (n.d.)
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 25

Kinney Family and Friends, 1909–1914
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 26

Das Deutsche Haus (Athenaeum, Indianapolis) pre-World War I Parties
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 27

Kinney's, Mueller's and Friends, Lake Maxinkuckee, ca. 1912
Photographs:
Box 1, Folder 28

Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 3829 Washington Blvd, Groundbreaking, April 11, 1917
Photographs:
Box 2, Folder 1

Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 3829 Washington Blvd., Construction, June 2, 1917
Photographs:
Box 2, Folder 2

Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 3829 Washington Blvd., Construction, June 10, 1917
Photographs:
Box 2, Folder 3

Photographs:
Box 2, Folder 4

Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 3829 Washington Blvd., Construction, July 1, 1917
Photographs:
Box 2, Folder 5

Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 3829 Washington Blvd., Construction, July 15, 1917
Photographs:
Box 2, Folder 6

Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 3829 Washington Blvd., Construction, August 1, 1917
Photographs:
Box 2, Folder 7

Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 3829 Washington Blvd., Construction, February, 1918
Photographs:
Box 2, Folder 8
Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 3829 Washington Blvd., Spring, 1918
Photographs: Box 2, Folder 9

Horace E. Kinney Family, 2044 N. Meridian, Spring 1918
Photographs: Box 2, Folder 10

Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 3829 Washington Blvd., June 1918
Photographs: Box 2, Folder 11

Clemens and Zuleme Mueller Home, 3829 Washington Blvd., December 1918–August 1929
Photographs: Box 2, Folder 12

Beech Grove, Indiana, (n.d.)
Photographs: Box 2, Folder 13

Mueller Family, Southwestern Indiana, (n.d.)
Photographs: Box 2, Folder 14

Unidentified Group and Farm
Photographs: Box 2, Folder 15

Schramm Farm, New Palestine, Indiana, (n.d.)
Photographs: Box 2, Folder 16

Marjorie Jean Mueller and Elizabeth Van Hook (n.d.)
Color Photographs: Folder 1

Kurt Vonnegut, New York, 1972
Photographs: Box 2, Folder 17
CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: http://opac.indianahistory.org/

2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.

3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.

4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, M 1085).

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