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SLATER FAMILY COLLECTION, CA. 1895–CA. 1900

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 2 boxes

COLLECTION
DATES: Ca. 1865–ca. 1900

PROVENANCE: Forms part of the Cecil Beeson/Blackford County Historical
Society Collection.

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1994.0734T

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Henrietta Slater was the tenth child of James and Jane N. Kirkpatrick Slater of Blackford County, Indiana. Henrietta's siblings (and their spouses) were: David (m. Julia Everett); Rezin (m. Lucy Hughes); Joseph; Elizabeth (m. Harve Harmon); Eliza (m. John Sims); Sarah; Maria (m. Tice Hudson); Dones Martha (m. Dodge Swift); Mary Ann (m. David W. Stewart); John (m. Ellen Lytle and [?] Emsweller); Lemach (died in infancy); and Thomas (m. Maggie Murphy and Margaret Davis).

Slater and most of her siblings lived in Blackford County through their adult lives. John and Joseph Slater taught school in Licking Township. David Slater died in 1870 and his widow, Julia Everett Slater, moved to Colorado with most of her nine children.

Henrietta Slater married William Ervin, the son of Samuel Ervin (d. 1880) and Jane M. Haight of Licking Township, 29 December 1870. Ervin was a member of the 130th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteers during the Civil War.

Sources:

Items found in the collection.

A History of Blackford County, Indiana. Hartford City: Blackford County Historical Society, 1986.

Shinn, Benjamin J. *Blackford and Grant Counties, Indiana, Volume 1*. Chicago: Lewis Publishing Company, 1914.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of what is believed to be family photographs of the Henrietta Slater family of Blackford County, Indiana. Slater's parents, siblings, and other members of her extended family are believed to be represented in the collection. The collection may also contain photographs of William Ervin's family. The original albums were given to Cecil Beeson of the Blackford County Historical Society by Ruby Van Gordon Jones of St. Petersburg, Florida. The genealogical links between the Van Gordon, Jones, Ervin, and Slater families is not known.

The sixty three tintypes; twenty eight cartes de visite; one snapshot, and two advertising cards were originally stored in two albums. The processor removed these items from the albums for conservation reasons and numbered each item to reflect the original order within the album. A few photographs had been identified by annotations written in pencil on the album pages. The annotation "Mamma" [mother?] was written in a large, childish hand under four tintypes. All annotations were transcribed to acid-free cards that are stored with the photographs. Cancelled postage stamps are

affixed to the verso of three tintypes.

Box 1 contains fifty tintypes of babies, children, and couples believed to be members of the Slater and Ervin families of Licking Township. The items are not dated, but the following subjects are identified: "Otto Dollar" (Item 46); "Aunt Mart Groves" (Item 42); "Bessie Groves" (Item 43); "Mother and Uncle George" (Item 36); and "Aunt Anna Bates" (Item 30). Other photographs are identified as "Mother" (Items 14, 26–28). Photographers represented in Box 1 are: [The] Boston Picture Tent (Item 24); T. S. Neely and Son, Muncie (Item 20); and James Kessler, Hartford City (Item 10).

A printed card advertising "Solar Tip" brand shoes had been used as backing behind a tintype in Box 1. The card is multi-colored; machine printed, and depicts two children showing off their new shoes to friends. Advertising copy on the verso indicates that the card was produced by J. M. & Co. of Philadelphia. A second card (Item 7), which served as a template for trimming cartes de visite, was found behind the advertising card. This item was produced A. J. Holman & Co. Publishers of Philadelphia.

Box 2 contains twenty-four cartes de visite, thirteen tintypes, and one snapshot. Four mechanically reproduced cartes de visite include images of Governor Morton (Item 29), Major General George H. Thomas (Item 27), and Major General P. H. Sheridan (Item 38). A fourth lithograph card of a civil war soldier (Item 17) is not identified. Photographers represented in Box 2 are: James Kessler (Items 3, 9, 23, 24); J. H. Beeson's Excelsior Gallery, Muncie (Item 30); and A. A. Barnes of Indianapolis (Item 22).

Item 6, a carte de visite of a young woman is annotated "Forever yours__." The final word is illegible. The single snapshot in the collection is of Julia Everett Slater Dodson (Item 27). A canceled stamp affixed to a tintype (Item 28) is signed "B. T. Liefty" and dated 1865.

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CONTAINER

Box 1

Cartes de visite, Tintypes, Snapshot

Box 2

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://157.91.92.2/>
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, P 0293).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.