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**STELLHORN FAMILY  
COLLECTION, 1838–1900**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Friederick Wilhelm Stellhorn was born on 7 December 1828 in Prussia, Germany to Johann Heinrich Stellhorn and Marie Louise Böversen. He was baptized on 14 December 1828 in Frille, Westfalen, Prussia.

Friederick migrated from Bremen in May 1847 and arrived in the U.S. on 3 August 1847. He received U.S. citizenship on 5 April 1852 at the age of twenty-three. Around 1853, Friederick married Eleanora Pope.

Eleanora was born Christine Leonore Pope on 3 July 1834 to Heinrich Wilhelm Pope and Leonore Niemann. She was baptized on 6 July in Frille. Eleanora immigrated to the U.S. in 1837 and appears to have used a variation of her middle name throughout her adult life. She had six children with Friederick: Mary, Emma, Charles, Lewis, Harry, and Frederick.

Friederick and Eleanora lived in Indianapolis by 1870, where Friederick worked as a carpenter. By 1900, they owned a home on East St. Clair Street. Friederick died on 16 March 1906 in Indianapolis. Eleanora lived in their house until her death on 2 May 1912. Both were buried at Concordia Cemetery.

Sources:

Collection materials

Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898, via Ancestry.com

Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011, via Ancestry.com

U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current, via Ancestry.com

1870, 1880, 1900 and 1910 U.S. Federal Censuses, via Ancestry.com

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains documents and a book related to the history of Germans in Marion County. This includes two German documents written mostly in Kurrent, an old form of German handwriting, containing information taken from the church records in Frille, Germany. The first is a June 1838 record of Christine Leonore Pope's birth and baptism in July 1834. The second is a 29 April 1864 baptismal certificate recording the birth and baptism of Friederick Wilhelm Stellhorn in December 1828. The collection also contains a U.S. naturalization document for Friederick Stelhorn in Marion County, Indiana, dated 5 April 1852. Finally, the collection includes a history of the German Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, from December 1875 to December 1900. The history was composed by the pastor for the church's twenty-fifth anniversary and is written in German.

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