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**WALTER H. KISER  
COLLECTION, 1934-1948**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** Manuscript Materials: 5 manuscript folders, 5 bound volumes  
Visual Materials: 1 OVA graphics box, 1 OVB graphics box

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1934–1948

**PROVENANCE:** Walter H. Kiser, New Albany, Indiana, 1948

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:**

**RELATED HOLDINGS:**

**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 1948.0607

**NOTES:**

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Walter H. Kiser (1902–1980) was born in New Albany, Indiana. After graduating from New Albany High School, he was awarded a Scholarship at the John Herron Art Institute in Indianapolis, Indiana. Later he studied under Paul Plaschke at the Louisville Art Academy in Louisville, Kentucky. Kiser is known for his ink drawings of interior and exterior views of regional historic buildings in Indiana and Kentucky.

From 1934 to 1942 Kiser ran a weekly column, “The Neighborhood Sketches” in *The Louisville Times*; these were later compiled in a book, *Historic Houses*, published by the Kentucky Library in Bowling Green.

Sources:

[www.askart.com](http://www.askart.com)

[www.koar.org/publications](http://www.koar.org/publications)

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Indiana Historical Society purchased fifty-one drawings of historic Indiana homes and buildings from artist Walter H. Kiser in 1948. The illustrations document historic buildings in five Indiana counties along the Ohio River. These include: Switzerland, Jefferson, Clark, Floyd, and Harrison County. Kiser created the drawings to illustrate his weekly column “Neighborhood Sketches” for the *Louisville Times* from 1934 to 1942.

Kiser also collected histories on some of the buildings through correspondence from various sources. These letters are included in the collection along with scrapbooks he compiled of his “Neighborhood Sketches” newspaper articles. Other newspaper articles used in his research featured the historic buildings and were tucked into the scrapbooks. Because of their fragile nature these loose newspapers have been photocopied and stored separate from the bound volumes.

The newspaper column “Neighborhood Sketches” appeared in the *Louisville Times* beginning December 10, 1934 and ended on December 7, 1942. The last article is accompanied by a notice that it was the last picture by Walter as he had gone to war.

A print by American illustrator J. Knowles Hare titled *No Worries* is included in the collection. The connection to Kiser and his work is not known.

## SERIES CONTENTS

### Series 1: Building Histories and Notes

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Dr. James Welsh House; Vevay, Switzerland County. History and description of house; typewritten	Folder 1
Switzerland County Courthouse; Vevay. History and description of Courthouse: typewritten	Folder 1
U.P. Schenck Home; Vevay, Switzerland County. Description of home; typewritten report from hand written rough draft	Folder 1
Edward Eggleston Birthplace; Vevay, Switzerland County. Description of house, biographical notes on Eggleston; typewritten sheets and letter with hand written sheets and notes	Folder 1
Armstrong Tavern; Vevay, Switzerland County. History and description of building; typewritten sheet with handwritten notes	Folder 1
George G. Knox Homestead; Vevay, Switzerland County. History and description of house; typewritten sheets with handwritten corrections	Folder 1
Old Ferry House or home of Francis Dufour; Vevay, Switzerland County. Description and history of house; two page typewritten report	Folder 1
Jean Daniel Morerod Homestead; Vevay, Switzerland County. Description and history of house; typewritten report	Folder 1
John W. Wright Homestead; near Vevay, Switzerland County. Description of house; typewritten report with hand- written rough draft	Folder 1

Grisard Home; Vevay, Switzerland County. Description of house; typewritten report No drawing of this building in collection	Folder 1
Francis M. Costigan House; Madison, Jefferson County. Description of house; typewritten report	Folder 2
Hutchings House; Madison, Jefferson County. Description and history of house; typewritten report and handwritten notes	Folder 2
John Sheets House; Madison, Jefferson County. Description and history of house; typewritten sheets with handwritten notes	Folder 2
Sullivan House; Madison, Jefferson County. Description of house and information about Judge Sullivan; typewritten report and handwritten notes, newspaper clipping No drawing of this building in collection	Folder 2
Blackiston Mill; near New Albany, Floyd County. History of mill; brief typewritten account	Folder 3
Old Salem Log Church; near Edwardsville, Floyd County. History and description of church; typewritten report	Folder 3
Very-Blackiston Homestead: New Albany, Floyd County History and description of house and well, poems about fireplace and well written by Adelaide Blanton; typewritten accounts No drawing of this building in collection	Folder 3
Yenawine Homestead; near Edwardsville, Floyd County. History of homestead; typewritten account No drawing of this building in collection	Folder 3
John Conner Homestead (now Masonic Temple); New Albany, Floyd County. History of Homestead; typewritten sheet, several handwritten sheets No drawing of this building in collection	Folder 3

Glasscock home history, no location  
newspaper clippings for the Swiss Inn in Vevay,  
Beck's Mill in Washington County, and Yenowine  
homestead in Floyd County

Folder 4

Typed list of sketches in collection  
Exhibit list of art work of Walter H. Kiser 1938 at  
Russell Art Shop in New Albany

Folder 5

Title: *No Worries*  
Medium: dot matrix lithograph by J. Knowles Hare of  
boy sitting on a fence with his dog  
Size: 12 ½ x 9 ½ inches

OVA Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 6

## **Series 2: "Neighborhood Sketches," 1934–1942**

### CONTENTS

### CONTAINER

Scrapbook Volume 1  
"Neighborhood Sketches"  
*Louisville Times*, Dec. 10, 1934–June 15, 1936

BV 1582

Newspaper clippings removed and copied from BV  
1582

OVA Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 1

Scrapbook Volume 2  
"Neighborhood Sketches"  
*Louisville Times*, June 22, 1936–May 10, 1938

BV 1583

Newspaper clippings removed and copied from BV  
1583

OVA Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 2

Scrapbook Volume 3  
"Neighborhood Sketches"  
*Louisville Times*, May 17, 1938–Nov. 21, 1939

BV 1584

Newspaper clippings removed and copied from BV  
1584

OVA Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 3

Scrapbook Volume 4  
"Neighborhood Sketches"  
*Louisville Times*, Nov. 28, 1938–Oct. 20, 1941

BV 1585

Newspaper clippings removed and copied from BV  
1585

OVA Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 4

Scrapbook Volume 5  
"Neighborhood Sketches"  
*Louisville Times*, Oct. 27, 1941–Dec. 7, 1942

BV 1586

Newspaper clippings removed and copied from BV  
1586

OVA Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 5

### Series 3: Switzerland County Drawings

#### CONTENTS

**Title:** *Dr. James Welch House, Vevay*  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 15  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches

#### CONTAINER

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 1

**Title:** *Switzerland County Courthouse, Vevay*  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 15  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 10 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 2

**Title:** *Ulysses P. Schenck Home, Vevay*  
**Medium:** India ink  
**Size:** 10 x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 3

**Title:** *Birthplace of Edward Eggleston, Vevay*  
**Medium:** India ink  
**Size:** 10 x 15  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 4

**Title:** *Swiss Inn or Le Clerc House, Vevay*  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 5

**Title:** *Armstrong Tavern, Vevay*  
**Medium:** India ink  
**Size:** 10 x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 6

**Title:** *An Old Mill, near Vevay*  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 7

**Title:** *George Pleasant house, Vevay*  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10  $\frac{1}{4}$  x 16  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 8

**Title:** *Knox homestead, Vevay*  
**Medium:** India ink  
**Size:** 10 x 15  $\frac{3}{4}$

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 9

**Title:** *Detraz home*, Vevay  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 16 ¼ inches  
OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 10

**Title:** *Dufour house*, Vevay  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 16 inches  
OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 11

**Title:** *Henry Ink Factory*, near Vevay  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 15 ¾ inches  
OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 12

**Title:** *Old Ferry House or Home of John Francis Dufour*, Vevay  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 15 ¾ inches  
OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 13

**Title:** *Julia L. Dumont home*, Vevay  
**Medium:** India ink and dry marker  
**Size:** 10 ¼ x 16 inches  
OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 14

**Title:** *Jean Daniel Morerod homestead*, Vevay  
**Medium:** India ink and dry marker  
**Size:** 10 ½ x 16 inches  
OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 15

**Title:** *“Bird Hill”*, near Vevay  
**Medium:** India ink and dry marker  
**Size:** 10 ¼ x 16 inches  
OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 16

**Title:** *Wright homestead*, near Vevay  
**Medium:** Marker  
**Size:** 10 x 16  
OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 17

**Title:** *Cain homestead*, near Vevay  
**Medium:** marker  
**Size:** 10 x 16  
OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 18

#### **Series 4: Jefferson County Drawings**

##### CONTENTS

**Title:** *Moody Park-Rachael Hiatt house*, Madison  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 15 ¾ inches

##### CONTAINER

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 19



<b>Title:</b> <i>Dr. Whitsett home</i> , Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> Graphite	Box 1, Folder 20
<b>Size:</b> 10 ¼ x 16 inches	
<b>Title:</b> <i>First Masonic Home</i> , Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> Graphite	Box 1, Folder 21
<b>Size:</b> 11 ¾ x 17 ¾ inches	
<b>Title:</b> <i>Francis M. Costigan residence</i> Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> India ink and dry marker	Box 1, Folder 22
<b>Size:</b> 10 ½ x 15 ¾ inches	
<b>Title:</b> <i>Lanier home</i> , Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> India ink and dry marker	Box 1, Folder 23
<b>Size:</b> 10 ¼ x 16 inches	
<b>Title:</b> <i>Hutchings house or Richard Bright Place</i> , Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> India ink and dry marker	Box 1, Folder 24
<b>Size:</b> 10 x 15 ¼ inches	
<b>Title:</b> <i>Sullivan house</i> , Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> Graphite	Box 1, Folder 25
<b>Size:</b> 10 ½ x 16 inches	
<b>Title:</b> <i>Pitcher home</i> , Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> Graphite	Box 1, Folder 26
<b>Size:</b> 10 ½ x 16 inches	
<b>Title:</b> <i>Ford homestead</i> , Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> Graphite	Box 1, Folder 27
<b>Size:</b> 10 ¼ x 15 ¾ inches	
<b>Title:</b> <i>Colonial Inn or the First Lanier home</i> , Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> Graphite	Box 1, Folder 28
<b>Size:</b> 10 ¼ x 16 ¼ inches	
<b>Title:</b> <i>Jefferson County Courthouse</i> , Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> Graphite	Box 1, Folder 29
<b>Size:</b> 16 x 10 inches	
<b>Title:</b> <i>John Sheets residence</i> , Madison	OVB Graphics:
<b>Medium:</b> India ink and dry marker	Box 1, Folder 30
<b>Size:</b> 10 ¼ x 16 inches	

**Title:** *St. Paul Lutheran Church*, Madison  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 31

**Title:** *John Finley Crowe homestead*, Hanover  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 32

## **Series 5: Clark County Drawings**

### CONTENTS

**Title:** *Claybeade Springs and school*, Jeffersonville  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 12 x 17 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches

### CONTAINER

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 33

**Title:** *Grisamore homestead*, Jeffersonville  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 16 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 34

**Title:** *Community Church*, Speed  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 13 x 9 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 35

## **Series 6: Floyd County Drawings**

### CONTENTS

**Title:** *Blackiston Mill*, Floyd County  
**Medium:** Printer's oil ink  
**Size:** 5 x 6 inches

### CONTAINER

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 36

**Title:** *Silver Creek Baptist Church*, Floyd County  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> x 16 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 37

**Title:** *Scribner home*, New Albany  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 38

**Title:** *Old National Bank*, New Albany  
**Medium:** Printer's oil ink  
**Size:** 7 x 10 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 39

**Title:** *McCormick Theological Seminary*, New Albany  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 9 ½ x 13 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 40

**Title:** *Korb homestead*, New Albany  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 ½ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 41

**Title:** *William Vaughan Moody*, New Albany  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 ¼ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 42

**Title:** *Judge Thomas L. Smith house*, New Albany  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 ¼ x 16

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 43

**Title:** *Old Salem Log Church*, near Edwardsville  
**Medium:** Printer's oil ink  
**Size:** 7 ½ x 10 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 44

**Title:** *Stoy and Hessing homestead*, Edwardsville  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 45

**Title:** *Mill at Galena*, Galena  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 15 ¾ inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 46

## **Series 7: Harrison County Drawings**

### CONTENTS

**Title:** *Thomas Lloyd Posey home*, Corydon  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 ½ x 16 inches

### CONTAINER

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 47

**Title:** *Old State Capitol*, Corydon  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 15 ¾ inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 48

**Title:** *Old State Treasury*, Corydon  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 49

**Title:** *Oldest house in Corydon, Corydon*  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 ½ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 50

**Title:** *Porter-Griffin homestead, Corydon*  
**Medium:** Graphite  
**Size:** 10 ¼ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:  
Box 1, Folder 51