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**WARSAW, INDIANA PHOTOGRAPHS
CA. 1890S-1911**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL / HISTORICAL SKETCH

The photographs in this collection came from the family of Dorence Ulric Hostetler (1896–1957) who lived in Kosciusko County, Indiana. Some of the photographs have connections to the families of some of his cousins on his mother’s side of the family, including blacksmiths Frank Nye and his nephew Ray McArthur, and Maynard Pyle, who worked for the railroad.

Francis “Frank” H. Nye was born on 10 August 1873 in Kosciusko County to Daniel Webster Nye and Sarah Elizabeth Haynes Nye. He married Florence Moore (1878–1965) in March 1898. In 1900 they lived on S. Buffalo Street in Warsaw, Indiana, and by 1910 they lived on W. Market Street. Frank worked as a blacksmith for more than forty years, beginning before 1900. He died on 8 April 1958 in Warsaw. Florence was the first cousin of Dorence Hostetler, the father of this collection’s donor. Florence’s mother was Isabella Hagerman Moore; Dorence’s mother was Isabella’s sister, Sarah Hagerman Hostetler.

Frank’s sister, Clara Alice Nye (1867–1931), married John H. McArthur (1860–1938) in October 1888. The couple had three children: Raymond, Leonore, and Elaine. Their son went to work with his Uncle Frank in his blacksmith shop. Raymond “Ray” Nye McArthur was born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, on 22 August 1889. By 1900 he and his parents and sisters were living in Kosciusko County, Indiana. They lived on W. Market Street in Warsaw in 1910. In March 1916 Ray married Lillian Fisher (1875–1953) in Michigan. Ray eventually had his own blacksmith shop. He died on 19 April 1974 in Warsaw.

Maynard Jasper Pyle was born on 1 May 1887 in Warsaw to Amos Pyle and Elzora Freeman Pyle. He married Clarissa Ann Sisk (1887–1955) in May 1908. They had three daughters and two sons: Loa, Isadora, Gertrude, Amos, and Paul. Maynard worked as a car inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad, from at least the 1910s through 1950. He was also minister of the Plymouth Church of God from 1932 to 1942 and then the Pierceton Church of God until shortly before his death in Warsaw on 29 October 1963.

Loa Pyle (1910–1972) married Waldon “Bud” Wallace Correll (1909–1986), who was another first cousin of Dorence Hostetler. Bud’s mother, Geneva Moore Correll (1887–1962) was Florence Moore Nye’s sister. Geneva and Florence’s father was Joseph T. Moore (1857–1939), Bud’s grandfather, who worked in Warsaw at the old hoop factory, making plow handles and hoops for barrels.

A train accident involving a Pennsylvania Flyer occurred at Swinney Park in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on 13 August 1911. Four people were killed and fifty-two were injured, six of them seriously. The *Pennsylvania Special* left Chicago at 2:45 that Sunday afternoon and was supposed to reach New York in eighteen hours. The train, being pulled by two engines, was running late and derailed while running at a high speed on a sharp curve where track elevation construction was underway in Fort Wayne. Both engines and four steel cars left the rails. The engine of a freight train standing on an adjoining track was struck by the two passenger engines and all three were wrecked.

Sources:

Items in the collection

Ancestrylibrary.com (Accessed 23 January 2024):

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- Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899–2017
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of six mounted black-and-white photographs that belonged to the family of Dorence Hostetler of Kosciusko County, Indiana. The photos were all taken in or near the town of Warsaw in that county, except for one of a train accident in Fort Wayne, Indiana. There are two photos of Frank Nye’s blacksmith shop in Warsaw. The other photos pertain to the interurban street railway or the railroad.

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Frank Nye's blacksmith shop on the southwest corner of Market and Washington streets in Warsaw, Ind. (blacksmith shop on the right, Nye's house on the left). The smokestack in the center background was part of the old hoop factory where Joseph T. Moore worked. [ca. late 1890s]

Frank Nye (left) and his nephew, Ray McArthur (right) standing in front of Nye's blacksmith shop in Warsaw, Ind. [Written in the lower corner is "1900" but given McArthur's age, this photo appears to have been taken ca. 1907.]

Large group of unidentified men and boys standing on and around a streetcar in the middle of the road where interurban tracks are being laid in Warsaw, Ind. Some men have shovels. [ca. 1903]

Maynard J. Pyle (third from left) and six other men inside the power house on Kings Highway by the Pennsylvania Railroad viaduct at Winona Lake (between Warsaw and Winona Lake), 1911. This provided power for the Winona interurban.

Seven unidentified men on a platform outside a building [possibly the train depot in Warsaw, Ind.], with barrels and several boxes (some labeled Berghoff [beer company]), [ca. 1910]. [There is a vertical crack near the center of the photo and mat.]

Crowd of people by the wreckage of the Pennsylvania Flyer train by Swinney Park in Fort Wayne on 13 August 1911. (photo by [Norman P.] Standish of Fort Wayne.

CONTAINER

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