

Collection #
P 0353

WINSLOW FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1890–CA. 1920

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 5 folders of photographs

COLLECTION
DATES: Ca. 1890–ca. 1920

PROVENANCE: Elizabethtown Antique Mall, 516 Main Street, Elizabethtown, Kentucky

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: *Indianapolis Recorder* Collection (P 0303), Box 149, Folder 13 [Wins]

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George F. Winslow (b. June 1873) was the son of Jesse and Jane Winslow, settlers in the Beech Settlement, an African American farming community in Rush County, Indiana. George worked as a janitor in Indianapolis in 1892, and married Ida May Gee ca. 1907. He was a barber in Carthage in 1910 and lived in the area through the 1940s, and presumably until the end of his life.

Winslow was a descendent of the David Winslow family, pioneers who arrived at the Beech Settlement from Randolph County, North Carolina, ca. 1833–ca. 1834. George’s parents, Jesse and Jane Winslow, joined family members at the agrarian settlement after 1860. Jesse Winslow was born in June 1839 in North Carolina, and Jane Winslow was born in Tennessee.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

Indianapolis Recorder Collection (P 0303), Indiana Historical Society Library.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

In the first folder of the collection are three photographs of the George F. Winslow family of Carthage, Indiana. A cabinet card made by J. H. Sawyer of Carthage depicts an unidentified man, likely a member of the Winslow or Gee family. Ida Gee’s name appears in pencil on the back of the image. A photographic postcard (ca. 1912) shows three generations of the George Winslow family posing outside a home. George F. Winslow sits on a chair holding a young child. Ida (Gee) Winslow and an elderly man stand behind the chair. An annotation on the back of the postcard appears to be directions to a home, possibly in Indianapolis. The directions read as follows: “Dark Brown. Market St. Past

house on N. W. Corner. 2 blocks N. and 1 block W. of P. O. [post office]. Mrs. George Winslow.” Ida (Gee) Winslow is also the subject of the unidentified portrait made by Henely of Carthage, Indiana ca. 1920.

Other photographs in the collection include mostly unidentified portraits of African American men, women, and children made by photographers Charles C. Brown, John W. Bennett, Joel E. Harrod, Charles M. Allison, and William Simpson of Indianapolis. The unidentified women appear to be members of one family. There are only two written clues to the identities of the people in the photographs. One is an annotation on the back of a photograph in folder 3 that indicates one member of this family may be “Mrs. Shirley Baker of 175 West North Street.” In folder 4 there is another portrait of women and a baby seated together with the inscription on the front: “To Mamma and Pappa Whitsett. Oct. 3, ‘95.”

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