# TODD ROCKSTROH COLLECTION CA. 1910S-CA. 1940S

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#### **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:

2 photograph folders

COLLECTION

Ca. 1910s-ca. 1940s

DATES:

PROVENANCE: Received from Jeanette Weaver of Dayton, Ohio, on 24 May

1989.

RESTRICTIONS:

None

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NOTES:

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Todd Rockstroh was born 29 November 1919 in Illinois. His parents were Charles W. Rockstroh (born 19 April 1883) and Grace Ethel Syester (born 5 December 1888), who married in Martin County, Indiana, on 16 December 1915. Todd had a sister Beatrice, three years his senior. In 1920 the Rockstrohs lived in Mount Carmel, Illinois. In 1930, they lived in Terre Haute, where they were neighbors of Birch Bayh, Jr., then age 2. There is a portrait of Todd as a young man that indicates that he lived in Seymour, Ind., and two others of him as a young man that were taken in Indianapolis. His last home was in Terre Haute. He died on 1 December 1993.

#### Sources:

Items in collection.

Indiana Marriages, 1845–1920 (<a href="http://www.gale.ancestry.com">http://www.gale.ancestry.com</a>). Accessed 15 April 2004.

Social Security Death Index (<a href="http://www.gale.ancestry.com">http://www.gale.ancestry.com</a>). Accessed 15 April 2004.

U.S. Census, 1920 (http://www.gale.ancestry.com). Accessed 15 April 2004.

U.S. Census, 1930 (http://www.gale.ancestry.com). Accessed 15 April 2004.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The donor of this collection of six images had received these photographs along with others from a relative, and gave these six to the Indiana Historical Society because they were images of people not related to her.

Series 1, Portraits of Todd Rockstroh, ca. late 1930s–1940s: This series consists of three portraits of Todd Rockstroh as a young man. Two were taken in Indianapolis, and the third may have been taken in Seymour, Ind. One is a full-length portrait.

**Series 2, Unidentified Photographs, ca. 1910s, n.d.:** This series includes three images that may or may not be related to Todd Rockstroh. The people, locations, and dates are all unknown. One is of two girls, a man, and a woman by a brick building. Another is of an older couple outside a brick building. The third is a half-tone print of a 25-member band with musical instruments.

#### **SERIES CONTENTS**

Series 1: Portraits of Todd Rockstroh

CONTENTS CONTAINER

Full-length portrait as a young man, wearing a long overcoat and a Bowler hat. His left hand is in his pocket, and he's holding a pair of gloves in his right hand. Photo by Bretzman of Indianapolis, n.d. (Ca. late 1930s–1940s.)

Photographs, Folder 1

Portrait as a young man, wearing a suit and bow-tie. Photo by Nicholson of Indianapolis, n.d. (Ca. late 1930s–1940s.)

Photographs, Folder 1

Oval portrait as a young man, wearing a suit with a light-colored tie and vest. Written on back is "Todd Rockstroh Seymour Ind." Photographer and date unknown. (Ca. late 1930s–1940s.)

Photographs, Folder 1

## **Series 2: Unidentified Photographs**

CONTENTS CONTAINER

Family by brick building. Two girls are standing by an iron fence, and a man is standing nearby on a brick sidewalk. A woman is leaning out of a window. Unknown location and date, ca. 1910s.

Photographs, Folder 2

Older man and woman standing by fence in front of a brick house. The street is seen on the right. Unknown location and date. Photographs, Folder 2

Half-tone print of a uniformed band with musical instruments outside an ivy-covered brick building. Twenty-five men are pictured. Unknown location and date.

Photographs, Folder 2

#### CATALOGING INFORMATION

For additional information on this collection, including a list of subject headings that may lead you to related materials:

- 1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <a href="http://157.91.92.2/">http://157.91.92.2/</a>
- 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 0421).
- 5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.