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**ALLEY FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS  
CA. 1959–1960 COPIES (CA. 1860S–CA. 1900, CA. 1930S–1950S)**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 folder
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1959–1960 copy prints of photographs taken ca. 1860s–ca. 1900 and ca. 1930s–1950s
PROVENANCE:	Gifts from John Alley Dougherty of St. Paul, Minnesota, received June 1959 and April 1960
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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**NOTES:**

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

The Alley family arrived in Franklin County, Indiana, in 1810. The 1820 U.S. census lists four male Alleys in Brookville in Franklin County: Doddridge [Doddridge?], John, Jonathan, and Samuel. Items in the collection indicate that Doddridge (1788–1869) and Samuel were brothers. Samuel Alley was born 1 May 1808 in Russell County, Virginia. He was married in Franklin County, Indiana, on 27 August 1829 to Nancy L. Bunyard (b. 21 October 1805; d. 21 November 1879, Dorchester, Nebraska). Samuel died 2 November 1875 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and is buried in the Alley family plot in Dorchester, Nebraska.

The parents of Doddridge and Samuel were Samuel Alley (1761-1847) and Mary Osborne (1768-1856). It is not known whether they also moved to Indiana or not.

By the time of the 1860 census, Samuel and Nancy Alley lived in Harrison County, Missouri, where Samuel worked as a farmer. Six children were living with them then, including Solomon D. (born 1836 in Indiana, died 1914) who was working as a teacher, Shannon (born March 1840 in Indiana), Maisy(?) (born ca. 1843 in Indiana), Noah B. (born November 1844 in Missouri), Samuel (born ca. 1850 in Missouri), and Mordecai (born ca. 1853 in Missouri, died 1936).

By 1870 some of the family had moved to Nebraska. Noah was working as a farmer and living with his wife Sarah (born ca. 1849) and one-year-old daughter Nancy in Lancaster County, Nebraska. Shannon Alley was working as a farmer and living in Saline County with his wife Josephine (born ca. 1843) and children (all born in Nebraska) Mary B. (born ca. 1865), Maud C. (born ca. 1868), and Fred B. (born 1870).

At the time of the 1900 census, Noah was working as a day laborer in Eugene, Oregon. Shannon was still in Saline County, Nebraska, but by then had become a lawyer.

In 1900, Solomon D. Alley was living in Madera, California, with his wife Mary Jane (Adams) Alley (born 27 October 1834 or 1842 in Bethany, Missouri, died 1914) and children. Their widowed daughter, Bessie Andrews (born June 1875 in Missouri) lived with them. The other children were Nellie L. (born August 1879 in Missouri), Leo G. (born 19 May 1885 in Dorchester, Nebraska), and Eliza F. (born 8 October 1887 in Dorchester, Nebraska). A farm laborer, William M. Alley (born August 1867 in Iowa), is listed as a head of household in the 1900 census, apparently living right next to Solomon's household. In the 1910 census, William M. Alley is still a farm laborer in Madera, but is listed as forty years old, born in Missouri, and the son of Solomon and Mary living in their household.

A note on the back of a photograph of William M. Alley indicates that he was born in 1867 in Osceola, Iowa, and that

he died in 1930 in Madera, California. His sister, Nellie L., was also known as Lena Nellie, and died in 1900 in Madera, California. Another sister, Eliza F., was apparently also known as Frances, and married a Mr. Boring. A note on the back of another photograph identifies a woman as “Mrs. Nancy Bessie (Alley) Robertson b. 6-19-1873, Bethany, Mo.” This could possibly be the same person as the young widow, Bessie Andrews, remarried.

This collection includes an image of McLanson McClallan Alley, who was born 22 March 1867 in Hopeville, Iowa, and died 25 July 1940 in Madera, California. No census record was found of him, and it is unknown how he fits into the Alley family. Likewise, there is an image of John Shannon Alley, who was born 27 April 1870 in Bethany, Missouri, and died 24 February 1899 in the Philippines; and an image of Taswell L. Alley who was born 1 June 1861 in Bethany, Missouri, and died about 1937 in California.

Only one listing for a Zadoc Alley was found in census records, which indicate that he was born in Maryland and that in 1860 he was twenty-eight years old, working as a teamster, and living in Yuba County, California.

Dora Mae Alley was born 4 May 1872 in Bethany, Missouri, and married Francis M. Dougherty (1866–1944). She died 18 March 1932 in St. Paul, Minnesota. John Alley Dougherty was born 1 March 1929 in Sauk Centre, Minnesota.

Robert and Marguerite Alley had a son, Milton Daryl Alley. This collection includes a photograph of the three of them in Madera, California, taken in December 1952.

#### Sources:

Items in the collection.

U.S. Census, 1820, 1860, 1870, 1900, and 1910 (<http://www.heritagequestonline.com>). Accessed 15 July 2005.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of sixteen black-and-white copy photographs of members of the Alley family. Five of the prints measure 5” x 7” and were received by the Indiana Historical Society in 1959. Eleven of the prints measure 3 ½” x 5” and were made in 1960. There is one set of duplicates (one photo of each size) of Mary Jane (Adams) Alley. There is one image of her mother, Louetta (Stuart) Adams. All other photographs are of the Alley family or their descendants. Most of the people in the photographs were born in the 1800s, one as early as 1805. Most are formal portraits; five of the smaller prints are snapshots taken at people’s homes.

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Copy photograph of Louetta (Stuart) Adams (mother of Mary Jane Adams Alley).

Copy photographs of Mary Jane (Adams) Alley

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(1834 [or 1842]–1914) (wife of Solomon Alley)  
(two copies).

Copy photograph of Solomon D. Alley (1836–1914)  
and Mary Jane (Adams) Alley (1834 [or 1842]–  
1914).

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Copy photograph of sons of Samuel J. Alley and  
Nancy Bunyard and brother to Samuel [Solomon?]:  
Zadoc, Shannon (b. 1840), Noah B. (b. 1844),  
Samuel (b. ca. 1848), and Mordecai (ca. 1851–  
1936).

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Copy photograph of Taswell L. Alley (1861–ca.  
1937).

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Copy photograph of Dora Mae (Alley) Dougherty  
(1872–1932) and Francis M. Dougherty (1866–  
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Copy photograph of William M. Alley (1867–1930).

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Marguerite and Robert Alley with their son Milton  
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Frances (Alley) Boring (b. 1887) and John Alley  
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Lena Nellie Alley (1879–1900).

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