

**Collection #**  
**M 1159**

**BOTKIN AND MEYER FAMILIES**  
**COLLECTION, CA. 1860S–1909, 1980S–1993**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: Manuscript Materials: 1 half size document case  
Visual Materials: 2 photo albums and 2 cased images stored together in the PAA Album Storage area, 2 cabinet cards, 1 folder of color copy photographs  
Printed Materials: 1 book

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1860s–1890s

PROVENANCE: Frank Jasek, McGregor, Texas, 2014

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2014.0269

NOTES:

## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Evidence suggests that the albums, cabinet cards, and cased images in this collection originated with Civil War veteran, John W. Botkin and his wife Mary E. Meyer Botkin.

Census records show that the Botkin Family was living in Randolph County, Indiana in 1860. Peter and Elisabeth (Adamson) Botkin farmed and had seven children. The eldest son John W. Botkin and his younger brother William both enlisted in the 69th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers in 1862. William died of consumption in 1863 and John survived the war.

John was born August 8, 1839 in Randolph County, Indiana. After the war he returned there and farmed until the early 1870s. He married Mary E. Meyer on December 26, 1872. The couple had two children, William Leonard Botkin, (b. July 3, 1875), and Louisa Frances Botkin, (b. September 12, 1882). Mary died January 8, 1897 and John continued to live in Missouri until 1907. He last resided in Caldwell, Idaho with his son and daughter and died there on December 31, 1911.

The Meyer Family is found in the 1870 census living in Holt County, Missouri. The parents, John and Anna A. Meyer were farming and had twelve children. The eldest daughter Mary was seventeen that year. Two years later she married John W. Botkin. Evidence from the photographer's names on the verso of cartes de visite in the collection suggest that Meyer and Botkin family members lived in Indiana, Ohio, and Missouri.

The 69th Indiana Infantry was organized at Richmond, Indiana on August 19, 1862. The unit left for Kentucky the next day and on August 30 it participated in a battle with Kirby Smith's rebel forces where the inexperienced 69th was captured. The men were paroled and sent to parole camp at Indianapolis where the regiment was reorganized. On November 27 they left for Memphis, Tennessee and proceeded down the Mississippi River where the regiment participated in many battles during the war. By January of 1865 the regiment was consolidated into a battalion of four new companies. The battalion then embarked for Florida, moved through Alabama and took part in the Mobile Campaign, leading the successful assault on Fort Blakely from April 2 to April 9 in the closing battle of the war. Following the fort's capture, the regiment returned to Mobile and remained there until it mustered out on July 5, 1865. On arrival in Indianapolis, it was present at a public reception for returned troops on the Capitol grounds on July 18 where the reception address was made by Governor Morton.

Sources:

Ancestry.com

Civilwardata.com

Materials in the collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Series 1: Botkin and Meyer Family Photographs. Contains one album of cartes de visite and tintype portraits of many Botkin and Meyer family members. Other individuals in the album with the names of Payne, Griffith, Martin, Kunkel, Miller, Farquhar, and Hough appear to have married into the Botkin and Meyer families. The majority of images were made by photographers in Indiana, Ohio, and Missouri. There are also two cabinet card portraits of John and Mary Meyer Botkin later in life.

The album pages were numbered and some names supplied by the originator of the album.

Series 2: The 69th Indiana Infantry Regiment is comprised of two cased image portraits of John and William Botkin, and a small album with cartes de visite portraits of soldiers and officers. During the 1980s and 1990s, the donor Frank Jasek, researched Civil War and pension records of the Botkin brothers and the soldiers in the album: Robert K. Collins, Almet W. Fulghum, Mayberry M. Lacy, William M. Reeves, Charles C. Shedron, and Cordon W. Smith. His letters and notes along with photocopies of the Civil War records he received from different sources are included in this series.

Inscribed inside the front cover of the small album is the note, "Annie & Eliza Clary from Ollie A. Carr." It is not known how they are related to the Botkin or Meyer families.

The processor transcribed all the names found in the albums and these are in quotation marks in the collection guide. The processor's comments are in square brackets.

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### Series 1: Botkin and Meyer Family Photographs, ca. 1850s–1890s

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[carte de visite portrait, on verso "Taken at Mr. & Mrs. D.E. Cottrell's Picture Gallery, Oregon, Mo."]

"Leonard Botkin"  
[infant son of John and Mary E. Botkin, tintype portrait, ca. 1876]

"Mary E. Meyer Botkin, married 1870"  
[tintype portrait]

"Wedding picture of John Wesley Botkin and Mary Elizabeth Meyer" "Peoples' Gallery, Springfield, Ohio. ..." [written on verso]  
[carte de visite portrait of young couple]

"Uncle William Meyer"  
[carte de visite portrait of a man, on verso "People's Gallery...Springfield, Ohio."]

[tintype portrait of an unidentified young woman, possibly Louisa Meyer, sister of Mary E. Meyer Botkin, ca. 1880]

[carte de visite portrait of an unidentified young man, ca. 1880]

"Elliott Meyer"  
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The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill and London. photocopies of pages 140–145

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Almet W. Fulghum: Copies of Service Records, 1862–1865

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