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**“GEORGE H. ADAMS” HOTEL LEDGER,
1905-1909**

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

George H. Adams, a resident of Jackson, Morgan County, Indiana, became a hotel owner ca. 1905 after being a school teacher in that area. Working for him were Glenna, Rosa, and Gracie Norman, daughters of Robert and Emma Norman, residents of the same town. Glenna and Rosa worked as cooks, while Gracie, younger than her two sisters, most likely worked as a front desk clerk or errand girl.

By the 1920 census, the hotel was either closed or sold and Adams was working as an expressman for the railroad. Glenna, Rosa, and Gracie all married and moved to other parts of Indiana.

Sources:

Materials in collection.

Ancestry. "Glenna Norman." *Ancestry.com*. Accessed January 13, 2015.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains the hotel ledger from George H. Adams' hotel. The hotel is unnamed but mostly likely is in Morgan County, Indiana. It is possible that the hotel shown on the September 1910 Sanborn map, labeled as the Walker Hotel, could be the collection's hotel, but since the hotel ledger does not contain a name, there is no way to confirm this. Boarders' names are handwritten into the ledger along with the resident town, the room they were given, and the time of check in. Glenna, Rosa, and Gracie also signed their names and doodled in the ledger. There are some entries with special notes. For example, one note indicated that the people staying there were part of the Wren Brothers show, a comedy group based in Indiana. There are also multiple entries marked as ball teams, with the score and outcome of that baseball game. "Elbert Adams, Agent, *The Saturday Evening Post*, Box 116, Morgantown, Ind." is stamped several times inside the back cover. Entries begin on January 1, 1905 and end in November, 1909.

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