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**JANET PAYNE BOWLES FAMILY  
PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1861–CA. 1910, 1932**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 photograph folders, 1 cased image

COLLECTION DATES: 1861–ca. 1910, 1932

PROVENANCE: Mira Bowles, daughter of Janet Payne Bowles, 1958

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Bowles Family Papers, 1846–1902 (M600)  
Shifman, Barry. *The Arts and Crafts Metalwork of Janet Payne Bowles*. Indianapolis: Indianapolis Museum of Art, 1993.

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1958.1203

NOTES:

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Godman Payne (ca. 1847–ca. 1889) and Mary Byfield (born ca. 1846) were married on 25 October 1868 in Jefferson County, Indiana. They had two children: Gavin L. (3 September 1869–13 September 1939) and Janet (1872 or 1873–18 July 1948). From 1886 to 1889 John G. Payne was a postal clerk, having previously been an auctioneer.

Gavin L. Payne, born in Wirt, Indiana near Madison, became a major financier and civic leader in Indianapolis.

Janet Payne was a noted Arts and Crafts Movement metalsmith, jewelry maker, and teacher at Shortridge High School in Indianapolis. In October 1895 she married Joseph Bowles, the publisher of *Modern Art* and an important figure in the Arts and Crafts Movement in Indianapolis.

Horatio Byfield (born ca. 1796) appears in the 1830 census in Scott County and in the 1840 census in Jefferson County. In 1850 the Byfields lived in Lancaster Township, Jefferson County. The 1850 census lists Emily (age 10), Mary (age 4), and Charles (age 10 months) among twelve children born to Horatio and (Janette) Byfield. Neither Corbin nor Henrietta appears among the twelve Byfield siblings in the 1850 census but are probably Byfield relatives.

Charles Byfield (1849 or 1850–5 March 1900) held several civic offices in Franklin, Indiana. He was the treasurer of the school district from 1870–72, city clerk from 1878–1880, Franklin township trustee from 1881–83, and clerk of the circuit court from 1891–99.

The political parade cabinet card appears to have been taken in Indianapolis during President Grover Cleveland's Goodwill Tour of 1887. On their first stop of the tour, President Cleveland and his wife Frances are seen riding in a carriage surrounded by supporters in top hats; John Payne marked by an X is in the crowd.

Sources:

ancestrylibrary.com

*Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*

*Indianapolis Star*. Gavin L. Payne September 1939

Branigan, Elba L., *History of Johnson County, Indiana*. 1913

The White House Historical Association: [www.whitehousehistory.org](http://www.whitehousehistory.org)

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection contains 25 black-and-white photographs and 1 cased tintype; among these are 13 cartes de visite and 6 cabinet cards. The photographs are 6" x 8" or smaller and are stored in two photograph folders; the cased tintype is located in the cased images storage area. Notations written on the photographs in different hands were used to identify individuals in the photographs.

The photographs in this collection probably belonged to Janet Payne Bowles. Janet's daughter, Mira, donated the photographs to the Indiana Historical Society and the annotations on the backs of several photographs support this conclusion. The photographs are mostly of Payne and Byfield family members and their properties.

The collection includes six photographs of John Godman Payne, and two childhood photographs of Gavin L. Payne. There is only one photograph that includes Janet Payne: a group photograph made by Martinsville photographer M. B. Collins, on 4 July 1887. The group includes Dr. Carleton McCullough, the Indianapolis minister who, among his many accomplishments, founded the Plymouth Institute in 1884 to expand the educational and cultural opportunities of Indianapolis youth.

Six photographs are related to the Byfield family including a snapshot of Horatio Byfield's mill in Lancaster, Indiana. Photographs of several other relatives complete the collection.

Included with the photographs is a letter from Bruce Rogers of New Fairfield, Connecticut to Janet Bowles on 10 January 1932. In it he expressed his appreciation for a note of sympathy he received from Janet after the death of his wife.

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“Elihu R. Payne my father’s brother”  
carte de visite by C. E. Wallin, No. 18 West Berry St.,  
Fort Wayne, Ind

“Lydia Godman Payne & Cloethe Payne”  
carte de visite by J. Notman, Boston

“Lydia Godman Payne died at 65”  
carte de visite by J. R. Gorgas, Photographer,  
Madison, Ind.

“Gavin Payne 4 yrs”  
carte de visite Mezzotint from Salter & Judd’s 45 East  
Washington Street, Indianapolis

“Cloethe Payne Hillard died at 50 years”  
carte de visite, Melander & Henderson, 18 Fox Street,  
Aurora Ill.

“Chas. Byfield, my mother’s brother”  
carte de visite by J. R. Gorgas. Photographic Artist,  
No. 20 ½ West Main Cross Street, Madison, Ind.

“Chas. Byfield my mother’s brother”  
carte de visite by Jno. Nicholson, Photographer,  
Franklin, Ind.

“My mother’s brother Corbin Byfield Buried on our  
lot at Crown Hill”  
carte de visite

“The Byfield Farm Dupont Ind.”  
“Mary Payne Indianapolis” also on verso  
carte de visite copy photograph of a painting.

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<p>“Simeon Reynolds and Henrietta Byfield Reynolds his wife and two children. She was a sister of my mother. Taken in early ‘60s.”          Carte de visite by John Nicholson’s Excelsior Photographic Gallery, No. 1 Jefferson St., Franklin, Ind.</p>	<p>Photographs:          Folder 1</p>
<p>“Cousin Rebecca Lodge”          carte de visite by J. R. Gorgas, Madison, Ind.</p>	<p>Photographs:          Folder 1</p>
<p>“Louise Payne Lodge Died at 29 years”          carte de visite by J. R. Gorgas, Photographer, Madison, Ind.</p>	<p>Photographs:          Folder 1</p>
<p>“Aunt Emily Conway my mothers Sister”          carte de visite</p>	<p>Photographs:          Folder 1</p>
<p>Unidentified man seated next to a table with a glass and bottle          cased tintype</p>	<p>Cased Images          Box 1</p>
<p>John Godman Payne drummer boy at beginning of Civil War likely John G. Payne, musician Co. K, 12<sup>th</sup> Regt.”</p>	<p>Photographs:          Folder 2</p>
<p>“John Godman Payne after he came home from Sherman’s March to the Sea, 1865, Age 18”          John Godman Payne age 17 as he came out of Civil War photographed from daguerretype [sic]          2 copy photos</p>	<p>Photographs:          Folder 2</p>
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<p>“John Godman Payne”          cabinet card by New York Gallery, 39 ½ E. Washington St., Indianapolis</p>	<p>Photographs:          Folder 2</p>
<p>“John Payne X” [political parade taken during President Grover Cleveland’s Goodwill Tour of 1887. President Cleveland and his wife Frances are riding in a carriage surrounded by supporters in top hats “John Payne” marked by an X is among the group]          Cabinet Card</p>	<p>Photographs:          Folder 2</p>

“Gavin Payne at 16 years of age”  
cabinet card by Staples, 88 S. Illinois St., Indianapolis

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“July 4/87”  
[Group portrait by M. B. Collins, photographer,  
Martinsville, Ind. includes Janet P. Bowles, Grace  
Smith Hornbrook, Dr. Carleton McCullough]

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“Duane or Joseph Bowles?”  
cabinet card photograph by W. H. Potter, Indianapolis

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“2nd Presbyterian Church where Mary Payne attended  
& where Janet Payne was married Indianapolis”  
photographic post card

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“Horatio Byfield’s old mill at Lancaster Ind.” on verso  
“Father’s Old Mill at Lancaster, Ind.” on recto

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“Payne Homestead, Madison, Ind.  
Built by Elihu Rudd Payne for his bride, Lydia  
Godman  
All Payne children born there”  
[Copy photograph, writing on verso in hand of IHS  
staff member]

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to Janet Bowles on 10 January 1932. In it he expressed  
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## 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:  
<http://opac.indianahistory.org/>
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, P0271).
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