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LAMBERT M. CHRISTIE POSTCARD ALBUM, 1913

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION: 1 album

COLLECTION
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

In March 1913, floods devastated towns and cities in Indiana and Ohio. In Indiana, the Ohio, Wabash, and White rivers overflowed their banks beginning 23 March. Residents throughout the state were evacuated and the *Indianapolis News* printed lists of dead from various communities, and accounts of heroic rescues. The floods killed at least 200 people and made another 20,000 homeless across the state.

West Terre Haute, Dresser, and the Toad Hop settlements on the west side of the Wabash, and areas on the northwest side of Terre Haute were flooded. Four lives were lost as a result of the flooding. Terre Haute also experienced a tornado on 23 March with seventeen people killed, and property damage of approximately \$100,000.

Jules Goux won the 1913 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. Goux, a resident of France, drove a Peugeot to win the race. Pennsylvania Railroad Passenger Train No. 25 sideswiped a derailed freight train at the Southern Avenue crossing near Garfield Park on 16 April 1913. The accident killed John Yunker, the engineer of the passenger train, and injured five passengers.

Sources:

Bodenhamer, David S., and Robert G. Barrows. *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994, pp. 581–83.

"One Killed, 5 Hurt in Crash of Trains," *Indianapolis News*, 17 April 1913, p. 6.

"Refugees Mourn Missing Kin," *Indianapolis News*, 27 March 1913, p. 7.

"Pitiful Sights Meet Their Gaze," *Jacksonian-Republican*, 26 March 1913, p. 8.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Lambert McCaslin Christie assembled this postcard album for his future spouse Lela May Levier. Most of the 208 postcards document flood damage in Indiana and Ohio in March 1913. Mr. Christie arranged most of the photographs by place name, but not all scenes are delineated in this manner. For example, views of Indianapolis appear in the first pages of the album, followed by scenes from other locations. The final pages return to Indianapolis to show relief

efforts with Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank participating.

Other postcards in this album show devastation in Terre Haute from a 26 March 1913 tornado; Jules Goux and other drivers in the 1913 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race; and a passenger train wreck near Garfield Park in Indianapolis, 16 April 1913.

Montgomery and Company, L. B. McNutt, Leslie L. Whitton, and the National Photographic Company produced the postcards from views made in Indianapolis, Logansport, Spencer, Peru, Mahon, Seymour, Gosport, Martinsville, and Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Dayton, Columbus, and Piqua, Ohio.

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