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**MARTHA ENGLISH FRAZIER
CARTES DE VISITE COLLECTION, 1850–1870S**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 1 flip top box of cartes de visite
1 manuscript folder

COLLECTION
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Martha English Frazier was born Martha English April 10, 1832, at Greensburg, Indiana. Her parents were Capt. Joseph English and Mary McCaslin English, who were among the first pioneers to settle in Decatur County. She married November 16, 1854, to John H. Frazier, of Greensburg. The couple later moved to Indianapolis, where her husband died in 1883.

A first cousin of William H. English, Martha was widely known to the old residents of Indianapolis. She died in her home at 333 North East street and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery. She had two daughters, Miss May Frazier and Mrs. Herbert T. (Rose) Kendrick Harritt, both of Indianapolis, and one brother Elisha English, of Greensburg, Ind.

The Kendrick family moved from Virginia to Tennessee and then to Ohio, with later descendants relocating to Indianapolis. There were at least three sisters in the family—Temperance Ann Kendrick, married Matthew McWhinney; Elizabeth Kendrick married William McWhinney; Sara Kendrick, married Joseph Bell in Blount County, Tennessee in 1804, and all families eventually lived in Preble County, Ohio.

Mrs. Herbert T. (Rose) Kendrick Harritt: the daughter of Martha English Frazier was probably the donor of this collection. She wrote on the verso of most of the cartes de visite, making comments, identifying the individuals, and signing her name. She was married and widowed twice, first to James Robert Kendrick (1844–1898) then to Herbert T. Harritt (1863–1906). At the time of her death in 1942 she lived in the Davlan Apartments at 430 Massachusetts Ave. in Indianapolis.

Abner Doubleday (1819–1893) graduated from West Point in 1842 with a commission in the artillery. He served in the Mexican and Seminole Indian Wars and was at Fort Sumter when it was attacked. He is known for firing the first gun in defense of the fort. After Fort Sumter he served in various commands, took part in several battles, and was promoted to Major General. He had administrative duties for the remainder of the war, except when he defended Washington D.C. against Confederate raids in 1864. He retired from the Army in 1873 and moved to San Francisco where he established the first cable car company. He also was erroneously credited with the invention of the game of baseball.

Robert Anderson (1805–1871) was born in Kentucky and graduated from West Point in 1825, receiving a commission in the 2nd U.S. Artillery. He served in the Seminole Wars and the Mexican War where he was wounded. After serving various staff positions he took command of Fort Sumter in 1861. He became a national hero in his defense of Fort Sumter and went on a tour recruiting military volunteers and raising funds for the war effort.

Sources:

Materials in collection
AncestryLibrary.com

www.arlingtoncemetery.net/doubledy.htm

www.civilwar.org/education/history/biographies/robert-anderson.html

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of eighteen cartes de visite portraits of members of the Martha English Frazier family. The photographs were made primarily in Greensburg, Richmond, and Indianapolis, and include members of the English, McWhinney, Frazier, Kendrick, Meredith, Harritt, Ogburne and Anderson families.

Also among the family portraits were found two cartes de visite portraits of Civil War officers, Brigadier General Abner Doubleday and Major Robert Anderson.

Printed material consists of newspaper clippings, the English family genealogy, and a pass to the Commercial Hospital and Lunatic Asylum of Ohio. The items date from 1850 to the 1870s.

The cartes de visite are numbered and stored in a 4x5 flip-top box. Names and information written on each image is recorded in the collection guide contents area within quotation marks. The processors comments and descriptions are in square brackets.

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"G.W. Davis"
"Yours truly G.W. Davis"
[man with goatee]

"Elisha English, Sr. 1768-1859"
"My great grandfather English, Elisha / Rose K.
Harritt / His oldest child was born May 12 1789"
[Faded portrait of elderly gentleman]

"Elisha English"
"my mother's uncle, Born March 29, 1798"
signed "Rose F.K. Harritt"
[Portrait of old gentleman seated]

"Jefferson English"
"My mother's brother. My uncle. Beard was over a
yard long"
[Portrait of gentleman with very long beard]

"Aunt Mahalla English"
"Grand Mother of Capt. English & Rose English
Walling"
[Seated portrait of elderly lady]

"Martha English Frazier"
"My mother Martha English Frazier"
signed "Rose F.K. Harritt"
[Seated portrait of woman, hands folded in lap]

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"Aunt May Frazier" [portrait of young girl holding a doll]	Cartes de Visite: Box 1, Card 11
"Rose Frazier Kendrick Harritt" "myself at the age of three years, Rose F.K." [young girl standing next to table holding a doll]	Cartes de Visite: Box 1, Cards 12 & 13
"John Kendrick" [portrait of gentleman with graying beard]	Cartes de Visite: Box 1, Card 14
"W.H. Kendrick" [Pass to Commercial Hospital and Lunatic Asylum of Ohio. Cincinnati Nov. 5 th , 1850, to witness treatments]	Cartes de Visite: Box 1, Card 15
"Lizzie McWhinney" [standing profile portrait of young woman]	Cartes de Visite: Box 1, Card 16
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"Andrew Meredith" "Grandfather of Martha Kendrick" [Seated portrait of elderly man]	Cartes de Visite: Box 1, Card 18
"Josie & Ann Ogburne" "Washington, Wayne Co. now Greens Fork" [Seated older couple, woman holding photo album]	Cartes de Visite: Box 1, Card 19
"George Reisner" [young man with short beard]	Cartes de Visite: Box 1, Card 20
"Billy Richardson" [middle aged man]	Cartes de Visite: Box 1, Card 21