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RECKER FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS 1880S–1890S

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Gottfried Recker was born ca. 1835 in Prussia. He was in the furniture business with Theodore Sander at their company, Sander & Recker, at 103–107 East Washington Street in Indianapolis, Ind., in the 1880s. Gottfried's wife, Lena, was born ca. 1842 in Baden. In 1880 they lived in Indianapolis at 238 New Jersey Street.

It appears that Gottfried and Lena had at least six children, all born in Indiana: Camilla (born ca. 1864), Gustav A. (born ca. 1865), Max (born ca. 1867), Armin W. (born ca. 1869), Carlos (born ca. 1873), and Lena G. (born 29 May 1875).

At the time of the 1920 census, Camilla Recker appeared to be staying with the family of a cousin, K.C. Koehne, in Indianapolis.

Gustav A. Recker married Estelle Rogers on 28 June 1893 in Marion County. In 1910 they were living on Woodruff Place.

A search of the Ancestry Plus databases for the entire United States showed only two listings for anyone named Armin Recker. One revealed that he was a musician living in New York City in 1891. The cabinet card photograph of him in this collection, which dates from around that time, was indeed printed in New York City. The other listing for an Armin Recker has him as a patient in 1920 in Long Cliff, a state hospital for the insane that is still in existence as the Logansport State Hospital in Cass County, Indiana.

Lena G. Recker married Max J. Drach on 3 Feb 1917 in Marion County.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

Cass Co., Indiana, WPA Death Record Index for 1882-1920 (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~incass/deathidx.html>). Accessed 9 June 2004.

City Directories of the United States, Various Time Periods and Locations: Trow's New York, New York City Directory for 1890. New York: Trow City Directory Co., 1891 (<http://www.gale.ancestry.com>). Accessed 9 June 2004.

Indiana Marriages, 1845–1920 (<http://www.gale.ancestry.com>). Accessed 9 June 2004.

Indianapolis, Indiana Directories, 1887–90 (<http://www.gale.ancestry.com>). Accessed 9 June 2004.

U.S. Census, 1880, 1910, and 1920 (<http://www.gale.ancestry.com>). Accessed 9 June 2004.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of two cartes-de-visite, three cabinet cards, and one panel card (8 ¼" x 4") photograph of members of the Recker family of Indianapolis. The photographs date from the 1880s to the 1890s. The portraits included are of the following members of the Recker family: Armin W., Camilla, Gustav, and Max. Max is shown with a violin in two of the photographs.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Armin W. Recker

CONTENTS

Cabinet card portrait by Kuhlmann's Portraits, New York City, n.d.

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Photographs, Folder 1

Series 2: Camilla Recker

CONTENTS

Carte-de-visite portrait by D.R. Clark, Indianapolis, n.d.

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Photographs, Folder 1

Series 3: Gustav Recker

CONTENTS

Cabinet card portrait by Marceau & Bellsmith, Cincinnati, [1890]. (According to a listing of photographic artists and studios in Cincinnati <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohhamcem/hints/photostudios.htm> [accessed 10 June 2004], this studio operated as Marceau & Bellsmith only in the year 1890.)

CONTAINER

Photographs, Folder 1

Series 4: Max Recker

CONTENTS

Carte-de-visite portrait with violin by W.H. Potter, Indianapolis, n.d. (This is a cropped version of the same photo that is on the panel card, listed below).

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Photographs, Folder 1

Panel card full-length portrait with violin by W.H. Potter, Indianapolis, n.d.

Photographs, Folder 1

Cabinet card portrait by D.R. Clark, Indianapolis, n.d.

Photographs, Folder 1

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