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SOUTH BEND / MISHAWAKA PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION, CA. 1900

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HISTORICAL / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The cities of South Bend and Mishawaka, in Saint Joseph County in northern Indiana, are both along the Saint Joseph River. The county was organized in 1830. Iron deposits were discovered in the area in the early 1830s and settlers who arrived to mine the deposits incorporated the town of Mishawaka in 1838. Early white settlers in the South Bend area were fur traders. The Saint Joseph River helped shape the area's economy by assisting in heavy industrial development such as that of the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company.

Battell Park, Mishawaka's oldest park, is located on the north side of the Saint Joseph River. The park dates to around the 1860s and was given to the city by the Battell family in 1881.

The University of Notre Dame was chartered in 1844. The Main Building, with its Golden Dome, was built in 1879, the third structure on that site. The dome was added in 1882 and has a 19-foot-tall statue of Mary atop it.

St. Mary's Academy, run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, was moved from Bertrand, Michigan, to across the road from the University of Notre Dame in 1855.

Sider's Mill, on the St. Joseph River in South Bend, was built in 1836 and torn down in 1901.

"Pin Hook," also known as Portage Point, was an area on the north side of South Bend where there was a sharp bend in the St. Joseph River. A 1937 Works Progress Administration project diverted the course of the river to create a river parkway and eventually what is now known as Pinhook Park.

Howard Park was South Bend's original city park, developed between 1878 and 1894.

Henry and Clement Studebaker opened the H & C Studebaker blacksmith shop on 16 February 1852 at the corner of Michigan and Jefferson Streets in South Bend. Their younger brothers Peter, John Mohler, and Jacob later joined them. In 1868 the business changed its name to the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company. It became the world's largest manufacturer of wagons and buggies.

In July 1868, James Oliver and others joined with Clement Studebaker and John Brownfield, a South Bend merchant, to incorporate the South Bend Iron Works, makers of the Oliver Chilled Plow. "Chilled" referred to the process of manufacturing the plow patented and promoted by Oliver. It was one of the most successful agricultural implements of the 19th century.

Charles Arthur Carlisle (3 May 1864–2 September 1938) lived at 131 South Taylor at the head of West Jefferson Street in South Bend, and was married to Clement Studebaker's daughter, Anna (20 June 1868–3 January 1931), on 17 September 1891 in St. Joseph

County, Indiana. The family of Clement Studebaker (12 March 1831–27 November 1901) lived in the next residence north of Carlisle on West Washington Street. In the 1890s and early 1900s, Carlisle worked as a purchasing agent for the Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of fourteen black-and-white mounted photographs of the South Bend and Mishawaka area of St. Joseph County, Indiana. They show the landscape of the area, parks, the University of Notre Dame, St. Mary's Academy, Sider's Mill, South Bend Iron Works, Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, and the residence of Charles A. Carlisle.

The photographs are approximately 4" x 5" and all have captions written on the back in the same handwriting. The photographer is unknown. A woman in one photo is identified as "Mabel" and a dog in another photo is identified as "Mr. Grover Ritchie." The photograph of Mabel is dated August 1900; no dates are provided on the other photos. The photographs are numbered, but some numbers are missing.

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"#3 / Looking north-east from bridge at Lang's Ravine to Battell Park on opposite side of river in Mishawaka."

"#4 / Main Building at Notre Dame looking north from Entrance Gate and Post Office."

"#5 / Main Building at Notre Dame looking north from statue."

"#6 / Looking south from Main Building toward statue and entrance." [Notre Dame]

"#9 / Gate and road at St. Mary's. ('Lovers Lane') Looking west."

"#10 / St Mary's academy, looking south. This part of grounds is at extreme right of main entrance."

"#11 / Old Sider's Mill, just above the 5-mile bridge, which was built over fifty years ago. A very fine picture of this appears on the auditorium curtain with the verse which I have written on the other side. 'For my soul it seems caught / In old times under-tow; / And I'm floating away / Down the river St. Joe.'"

"#12 / Sider's Mill, after the lower part of the building gave way. The mill is now torn down and the old water-wheel is all that marks the historic spot."

"#14 / Looking toward 'Pin Hook' from the Bluff. Notice the reflection of the clouds in the water."

"#20 / Mabel at swing in Howard Park / August, 1900."

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"#21 / Office of the South Bend Iron Works, better known as the Oliver Chilled Plow Co. at the corner of Chapin St and the Lake Shore R.R. This is about four blocks west of the L.S. & M.S. Depot." [West of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway depot.]

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"#22 / Part of office and factory of the Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co. at the corner of Lafayette St and the Lake Shore R.R. Your friend (?) Mr. Grover Ritchie sits in the foreground waiting for orders to move." [Shows exterior of large building with a little dog on the railroad tracks in the foreground.]

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"#23 / Residence of C.A. Carlisle, at the head of West Jefferson St. Looking west from William St. This is the next place south of Hon. Clem Studebaker's." [Shows home of Charles Arthur Carlisle at 131 South Taylor at the head of West Jefferson Street in South Bend.]

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