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**WALTER H. KISER
COLLECTION, 1934-1948**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: Manuscript Materials: 5 manuscript folders, 5 bound volumes
Visual Materials: 1 OVA graphics box, 1 OVB graphics box

COLLECTION DATES: 1934–1948

PROVENANCE: Walter H. Kiser, New Albany, Indiana, 1948

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1948.0607

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Walter H. Kiser (1902–1980) was born in New Albany, Indiana. After graduating from New Albany High School, he was awarded a Scholarship at the John Herron Art Institute in Indianapolis, Indiana. Later he studied under Paul Plaschke at the Louisville Art Academy in Louisville, Kentucky. Kiser is known for his ink drawings of interior and exterior views of regional historic buildings in Indiana and Kentucky.

From 1934 to 1942 Kiser ran a weekly column, “The Neighborhood Sketches” in *The Louisville Times*; these were later compiled in a book, *Historic Houses*, published by the Kentucky Library in Bowling Green.

Sources:

www.askart.com

www.koar.org/publications

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Indiana Historical Society purchased fifty-one drawings of historic Indiana homes and buildings from artist Walter H. Kiser in 1948. The illustrations document historic buildings in five Indiana counties along the Ohio River. These include: Switzerland, Jefferson, Clark, Floyd, and Harrison County. Kiser created the drawings to illustrate his weekly column “Neighborhood Sketches” for the *Louisville Times* from 1934 to 1942.

Kiser also collected histories on some of the buildings through correspondence from various sources. These letters are included in the collection along with scrapbooks he compiled of his “Neighborhood Sketches” newspaper articles. Other newspaper articles used in his research featured the historic buildings and were tucked into the scrapbooks. Because of their fragile nature these loose newspapers have been photocopied and stored separate from the bound volumes.

The newspaper column “Neighborhood Sketches” appeared in the *Louisville Times* beginning December 10, 1934 and ended on December 7, 1942. The last article is accompanied by a notice that it was the last picture by Walter as he had gone to war.

A print by American illustrator J. Knowles Hare titled *No Worries* is included in the collection. The connection to Kiser and his work is not known.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Building Histories and Notes

CONTENTS	CONTAINER
Dr. James Welsh House; Vevay, Switzerland County. History and description of house; typewritten	Folder 1
Switzerland County Courthouse; Vevay. History and description of Courthouse: typewritten	Folder 1
U.P. Schenck Home; Vevay, Switzerland County. Description of home; typewritten report from hand written rough draft	Folder 1
Edward Eggleston Birthplace; Vevay, Switzerland County. Description of house, biographical notes on Eggleston; typewritten sheets and letter with hand written sheets and notes	Folder 1
Armstrong Tavern; Vevay, Switzerland County. History and description of building; typewritten sheet with handwritten notes	Folder 1
George G. Knox Homestead; Vevay, Switzerland County. History and description of house; typewritten sheets with handwritten corrections	Folder 1
Old Ferry House or home of Francis Dufour; Vevay, Switzerland County. Description and history of house; two page typewritten report	Folder 1
Jean Daniel Morerod Homestead; Vevay, Switzerland County. Description and history of house; typewritten report	Folder 1
John W. Wright Homestead; near Vevay, Switzerland County. Description of house; typewritten report with hand- written rough draft	Folder 1

Grisard Home; Vevay, Switzerland County. Description of house; typewritten report No drawing of this building in collection	Folder 1
Francis M. Costigan House; Madison, Jefferson County. Description of house; typewritten report	Folder 2
Hutchings House; Madison, Jefferson County. Description and history of house; typewritten report and handwritten notes	Folder 2
John Sheets House; Madison, Jefferson County. Description and history of house; typewritten sheets with handwritten notes	Folder 2
Sullivan House; Madison, Jefferson County. Description of house and information about Judge Sullivan; typewritten report and handwritten notes, newspaper clipping No drawing of this building in collection	Folder 2
Blackiston Mill; near New Albany, Floyd County. History of mill; brief typewritten account	Folder 3
Old Salem Log Church; near Edwardsville, Floyd County. History and description of church; typewritten report	Folder 3
Very-Blackiston Homestead: New Albany, Floyd County History and description of house and well, poems about fireplace and well written by Adelaide Blanton; typewritten accounts No drawing of this building in collection	Folder 3
Yenawine Homestead; near Edwardsville, Floyd County. History of homestead; typewritten account No drawing of this building in collection	Folder 3
John Conner Homestead (now Masonic Temple); New Albany, Floyd County. History of Homestead; typewritten sheet, several handwritten sheets No drawing of this building in collection	Folder 3

Glasscock home history, no location
newspaper clippings for the Swiss Inn in Vevay,
Beck's Mill in Washington County, and Yenowine
homestead in Floyd County

Folder 4

Typed list of sketches in collection
Exhibit list of art work of Walter H. Kiser 1938 at
Russell Art Shop in New Albany

Folder 5

Title: *No Worries*
Medium: dot matrix lithograph by J. Knowles Hare of
boy sitting on a fence with his dog
Size: 12 ½ x 9 ½ inches

OVA Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 6

Series 2: "Neighborhood Sketches," 1934–1942

CONTENTS

CONTAINER

Scrapbook Volume 1
"Neighborhood Sketches"
Louisville Times, Dec. 10, 1934–June 15, 1936

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Newspaper clippings removed and copied from
BV1582

OVA Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 1

Scrapbook Volume 2
"Neighborhood Sketches"
Louisville Times, June 22, 1936–May 10, 1938

BV1583

Newspaper clippings removed and copied from
BV1583

OVA Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 2

Scrapbook Volume 3
"Neighborhood Sketches"
Louisville Times, May 17, 1938–Nov. 21, 1939

BV1584

Newspaper clippings removed and copied from
BV1584

OVA Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 3

Scrapbook Volume 4
"Neighborhood Sketches"
Louisville Times, Nov. 28, 1938–Oct. 20, 1941

BV1585

Newspaper clippings removed and copied from
BV1585

OVA Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 4

Scrapbook Volume 5
"Neighborhood Sketches"
Louisville Times, Oct. 27, 1941–Dec. 7, 1942

BV1586

Newspaper clippings removed and copied from
BV1586

OVA Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 5

Series 3: Switzerland County Drawings

CONTENTS

Title: *Dr. James Welch House, Vevay*
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 15 ³/₄ inches

Title: *Switzerland County Courthouse, Vevay*
Medium: Graphite
Size: 15 ¹/₂ x 10 inches

Title: *Ulysses P. Schenck Home, Vevay*
Medium: India ink
Size: 10 x 16 inches

Title: *Birthplace of Edward Eggleston, Vevay*
Medium: India ink
Size: 10 x 15 ³/₄ inches

Title: *Swiss Inn or Le Clerc House, Vevay*
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 16 inches

Title: *Armstrong Tavern, Vevay*
Medium: India ink
Size: 10 x 16 inches

Title: *An Old Mill, near Vevay*
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 ¹/₂ x 16 inches

Title: *George Pleasant house, Vevay*
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 ¹/₄ x 16 ³/₄ inches

CONTAINER

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 1

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 2

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Box 1, Folder 3

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Box 1, Folder 4

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 5

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Box 1, Folder 6

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Box 1, Folder 7

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 8

Title: *Knox homestead*, Vevay
Medium: India ink
Size: 10 x 15 $\frac{3}{4}$

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 9

Title: *Detraz home*, Vevay
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 10

Title: *Dufour house*, Vevay
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 11

Title: *Henry Ink Factory*, near Vevay
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 12

Title: *Old Ferry House or Home of John Francis Dufour*, Vevay
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 13

Title: *Julia L. Dumont home*, Vevay
Medium: India ink and dry marker
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 14

Title: *Jean Daniel Morerod homestead*, Vevay
Medium: India ink and dry marker
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 15

Title: *"Bird Hill"*, near Vevay
Medium: India ink and dry marker
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 16

Title: *Wright homestead*, near Vevay
Medium: Marker
Size: 10 x 16

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 17

Title: *Cain homestead*, near Vevay
Medium: marker
Size: 10 x 16

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 18

Series 4: Jefferson County Drawings

CONTENTS

Title: *Moody Park-Rachael Hiatt house*, Madison
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

Title: *Dr. Whitsett home*, Madison
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 16 inches

Title: *First Masonic Home*, Madison
Medium: Graphite
Size: 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

Title: *Francis M. Costigan residence* Madison
Medium: India ink and dry marker
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

Title: *Lanier home*, Madison
Medium: India ink and dry marker
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 16 inches

Title: *Hutchings house or Richard Bright Place*,
Madison
Medium: India ink and dry marker
Size: 10 x 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches

Title: *Sullivan house*, Madison
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 inches

Title: *Pitcher home*, Madison
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 inches

Title: *Ford homestead*, Madison
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

Title: *Colonial Inn or the First Lanier home*, Madison
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches

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OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 19

OVB Graphics:
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OVB Graphics:
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Box 1, Folder 25

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Box 1, Folder 26

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 27

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 28

Title: *Jefferson County Courthouse*, Madison
Medium: Graphite
Size: 16 x 10 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 29

Title: *John Sheets residence*, Madison
Medium: India ink and dry marker
Size: 10 ¼ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 30

Title: *St. Paul Lutheran Church*, Madison
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 ¾ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 31

Title: *John Finley Crowe homestead*, Hanover
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 ½ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 32

Series 5: Clark County Drawings

CONTENTS

Title: *Claybeade Springs and school*, Jeffersonville
Medium: Graphite
Size: 12 x 17 ¾ inches

CONTAINER

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 33

Title: *Grisamore homestead*, Jeffersonville
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 ¼ x 16 ¼ inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 34

Title: *Community Church*, Speed
Medium: Graphite
Size: 13 x 9 ¾ inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 35

Series 6: Floyd County Drawings

CONTENTS

Title: *Blackiston Mill*, Floyd County
Medium: Printer's oil ink
Size: 5 x 6 inches

CONTAINER

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 36

Title: *Silver Creek Baptist Church*, Floyd County
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 ½ x 16 ¼ inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 37

Title: *Scribner home*, New Albany
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 38

Title: *Old National Bank*, New Albany
Medium: Printer's oil ink
Size: 7 x 10 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 39

Title: *McCormick Theological Seminary*, New Albany
Medium: Graphite
Size: 9 ½ x 13 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 40

Title: *Korb homestead*, New Albany
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 ½ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 41

Title: *William Vaughan Moody*, New Albany
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 ¼ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 42

Title: *Judge Thomas L. Smith house*, New Albany
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 ¼ x 16

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 43

Title: *Old Salem Log Church*, near Edwardsville
Medium: Printer's oil ink
Size: 7 ½ x 10 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 44

Title: *Stoy and Hessing homestead*, Edwardsville
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 45

Title: *Mill at Galena*, Galena
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 15 ¾ inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 46

Series 7: Harrison County Drawings

CONTENTS

Title: *Thomas Lloyd Posey home*, Corydon
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 ½ x 16 inches

CONTAINER

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 47

Title: *Old State Capitol*, Corydon
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 48

Title: *Old State Treasury*, Corydon
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 49

Title: *Oldest house in Corydon*, Corydon
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 50

Title: *Porter-Griffin homestead*, Corydon
Medium: Graphite
Size: 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 16 inches

OVB Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 51

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