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WALTER J. LONG NEGATIVES, CA. 1920

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	7 glass plate negatives, 8 modern contact prints, 8 copy negatives
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1920
PROVENANCE:	Joan E. Hostetler, 815 N. Highland Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46202; 16 November 1987

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1988.0038

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

These negatives are thought to depict Pierceton (Kosciusko County), Indiana, family groups and scenes.

A branch of Reid-Murdock & Co., a Chicago-based pickle, sauerkraut, and ketchup manufacturer, operated on the west edge of Pierceton, ca. 1900–56. The company was named Reid, Murdock & Fisher until about 1919, when it was renamed Reid-Murdock & Co. Although Consolidated Food Processors, Inc. purchased the company in 1926, the factory was known as Reid-Murdock & Co. until it closed in July 1956.

Walter Johnson Long (1881–ca. 1960) was born in Leesburg, Indiana, and served in the Spanish-American War and World War I. He was a mail carrier in Pierceton, Indiana, and lived at Barbee Lake, north of Pierceton.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains eight views of Pierceton, Indiana, ca. 1920. The collection was originally comprised of eight 5" x 7" dry-plate glass negatives. Eight modern contact prints were made from the glass negatives, and eight 4" x 5" copy negatives were made from the contact prints. Due to the severely flaking emulsion on Negative 7, it was discarded after making the contact print and copy negative.

Four images are of a family group, possibly a family reunion, posing in a living room. The March 1920 date is based on a wall calendar visible in one of the images. Another scene depicts a group picnic near a lake, possibly the same family. A farm scene shows farmers mowing and stacking hay. The discarded glass plate was a photograph of a dog. One image depicts the storage yard and stacked crates of tomatoes at Reid-Murdock & Co., Pierceton, Indiana.

The donor found the eight glass negatives in the basement of the Pierceton–Washington Township Public Library. A rubber band around the box of negatives held a piece of paper marked "Ducky Long." A 1966 newspaper article states that the negatives were found in the possession of Walter Long and that "it was believed that a traveling photographer took the pictures." Beulah Brygider, the Pierceton librarian, stated that the negatives were probably donated by Long for the Pierceton history museum that was planned for the library during the 1960s. Although several people donated

items for the museum, it never materialized.

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[Reid-Murdock & Co. storage yard, Pierceton,
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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
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