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CHARLES MINER STUDIO COLLECTION CA. 1900–1910, 2009

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	Two folders of photographs
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1900-1910; 2009 digital prints of ca. 1864 photograph
PROVENANCE:	Gift from Stan C. Hurt, Carmel, Indiana, November 2009
RESTRICTIONS:	None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles Winslow Miner was born in Columbia City, Indiana, 26 January 1866 (one source says January 1867). His parents were Simon P. and Melissa Miner, both born in Ohio. Charles learned photography in Columbia City under the apprenticeship of a Mr. Jones. He moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, around 1887 and for a few years was employed by F. Shanz before starting his own business. Miner's Studio was at 121 W. Wayne Street in Fort Wayne. He married Mary S. Criswell on 28 November 1905 and they had a daughter named Sarah M. Miner who was born around 1908 and a daughter Mildred born around 1912. Charles died in Fort Wayne on 22 May 1912 and his wife died 3 May 1913, so that by the time of the 1920 census their daughter Sarah was living with a great-aunt and Mildred was living with another aunt and uncle.

Leander P. Miner was born in Columbia City, Indiana, around 1846, the son of Byron and Sarah Miner. Byron was a lawyer and an Indiana state representative. The family had moved to Fort Wayne by 1850. Leander was in the Indiana 142nd Regiment Infantry, Company E, in the Civil War, mustered in on 16 October 1864. He died of yellow fever as a Corporal on 8 July 1865 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Simon Miner and Byron Miner were brothers, making Charles and Leander cousins.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of eight photographs of Charles W. Miner's photographic studio at 121 W. Wayne Street in Fort Wayne, Indiana, ca. 1900-1910. One photo is a street scene showing the studio and surrounding businesses; the other photos are of interiors of Miner's Studio.

There are also two digital reproduction prints of a portrait of Leander P. Miner, ca. 1864, in his Civil War uniform.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Charles Miner's Photography Studio

CONTENTS

Street scene showing Miner's Studio at 121 W. Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, ca. 1900-1910. Surrounding businesses shown include Peltier, Undertaker and Embalmer; a tailor; physicians' office; Fruit House; a florist; and a music house.

Seven interior views of Miner's Studio, showing camera, portrait backdrop, portraits on the walls, furniture, shelves full of envelopes and boxes, and a paper cutter and other equipment.

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Series 2: Leander P. Miner

CONTENTS

Digital reproduction of portrait of Leander P. Miner, ca. 1864, in his Civil War uniform (8 ½ x 5 ¼).

Digital reproduction of portrait of Leander P. Miner, ca. 1864, in his Civil War uniform (11 x 8 ½).

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Photographs,
Folder 2

Photographs,
Folder 2

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