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H.W. SCHAEFER PHOTOGRAPHS, CA. 1918–MID 1920S

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Herman Walter Schaefer was a jeweler in Indianapolis, Indiana, in the early twentieth century. Variations of his name include "H. Walter," "Walter H.," "Herman W.," and "H.W." He was born in Indiana around 1892 to German immigrants. His wife, Alpha E. Schaefer, was born 12 February 1897 in Indiana, and died in March 1977 in Indiana. At the time of the 1930 census, H.W. and Alpha had a daughter, Alice (born ca. 1916), and a son, Walter B. Schaefer (born ca. 1921). They lived at 1139 West 33rd Street in Indianapolis.

In July 1918, Schaefer bought his first jewelry store at 1101 West 27th Street in Indianapolis. By the mid 1920s, the store known as "H.W. Schaefer Jeweler" was located at 2871 Clifton Street, and by the late 1920s, Schaefer did business at 803 West 30th Street. Schaefer sold watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, optical goods, and Ingersoll pencils. The Clifton Street store was located next door to Hyland Plumbing and Hardware at 2869 Clifton Street.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of eight small black-and-white photographs of H.W. Schaefer's jewelry stores, dating from ca. 1918 to the mid 1920s. Three of the earlier photos are of interiors at 1101 West 27th Street in Indianapolis, Indiana. Two of these show three men sitting by a window working.

Five photographs from the mid 1920s are of the exterior storefront at 2871 Clifton Street in Indianapolis. The window advertises watches, clocks, jewelery (sic), silver-ware, and optical goods, and Ingersoll pencils are on display. On the door is the word "Diamonds." Part of the Hyland Plumbing and Hardware store next door at 2869 Clifton Street can be seen in one of the photographs.

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Interior of H.W. Schaefer's jewelry store at 1101 W. 27th Street: shows a safe in the foreground and work tables and chairs in the background.

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Interior of H.W. Schaefer's jewelry store at 1101 W. 27th Street: shows three men at work, seated by a window. A few watches are hanging on the wall in the background. Written on the back is: "1101 W 27th St. Our 1st Jewelry store Alice was 2 yrs old when we bought this in July 1918 – We moved on the 4th."

Photographs, Folder 1

Interior of H.W. Schaefer's jewelry store at 1101 W. 27th Street: shows three men at work, seated by a window.

Photographs, Folder 1

Five views of the exterior storefront of H.W. Schaefer's jewelry store at 2871 Clifton Street. One of the photos also shows part of the Hyland Plumbing and Hardware store next door at 2869 Clifton Street.

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