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C.C. Wagner family collection

Title: C.C. Wagner family collection
Collection No: MSS.468
Extent: 0.25 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1885-1915 and undated.

Abstract: The collection comprises mostly postcards and photographs belonging to the C.C. Wagner family of Memphis, Tennessee, from the early twentieth century, with many items relating to the eldest daughter, Mable.

Donor: Marguerite H. Swafford, West Covina, Ca., 1989, 1993, 2003.
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Biographical information

Christopher Columbus “C.C.” Wagner (1858-1935) was born in Obion County, Tennessee, the son of Christian Wagner and Susanna Kramm Wagner (1834-1921). Susanna was born in Darmstadt, Germany, and died in Cleveland, Ohio. C.C. had at least one sibling, a sister Kate, who married Philip H. Korn in 1881, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. In 1885, C.C. married Annie McRee (b. 1864) of Obion County. Their children included Clellie Susie (1887-1892), Mable (1889-1980), Clyde (1891-1967), Blanche (1893-1929), Van Vleet (1897-1972), and Wallace Clifford (1900-1972). C.C. worked for the Van Vleet-Mansfield Drug Company in Memphis in the early 1900s and had a house on Chestnut near New Raleigh Road, moving to 987 Swayne Avenue around 1907. Mable Wagner married John Wilson Hilliard on July 15, 1909, and the family subsequently moved to California. They had two children: John, Jr. (b. 1910) and Marguerite (1914-2011).

Scope and contents

The collection comprises mostly postcards and photographs belonging to the C.C. Wagner family of Memphis, Tennessee, from the early twentieth century. Many relate to the eldest daughter, Mable. An item of particular interest is a letter written by Mable Wagner in 1906 describing Halloween night.

Subject terms

Hilliard, Mable, 1889-1980.

Wagner family.

Wagner, Christopher Columbus, 1858-1935.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

Postcards:

- 1 22 postcards addressed to Mable Wagner, 1907-1909 and undated. Many from suitors but also Thanksgiving and Easter cards and card from sister Blanche. Only one card features a non-entertainment image: Grand Union Tea Company wagon and delivery man from Memphis, Tenn.
- 2 13 postcards addressed to Mable Hilliard from family and friends, 1909-1915 and undated, when she lived in Union City, Tenn., Los Angeles, Ca., and in Memphis, Tenn.

- 3 6 postcards addressed to John W. Hilliard, 1908-1910 and undated.
4 2 unused postcards of Memphis, Tenn.
5 Dog- and house-shaped cards made of leather, 1907 and undated. Addressed to
Mr. Hilliard, New Decatur, Ala.
6 Postcard packet of Memphis, Tenn., scenes, undated. Pull-out first card to reveal
smaller scenes. Blanch Wagner to Mable Hilliard, Los Angeles, Ca.

Photographs:

- 7 Annie McRee and Christopher Columbus Wagner, 1885. Wedding portrait.
Photographer: Gebhardt, Memphis.
Mable Wagner, circa 1889.
C.C. and Annie Wagner and children Mable, Clyde, Blanche, circa 1893.
Annie Wagner with Clyde, Blanch, Mable and Van Vleet, circa 1897.
8 C.C. and Annie Wagner and children Mable, Clellie, Clyde, Blanche, circa 1891.
Photographer: Gebhardt & Hanson, Memphis.
John Wilson Hilliard, Jr., 1910.
Clellie Susie Wagner with dog Puck, 1889.
Korn brothers, undated. Includes Philip Korn who married C.C. Wagner's sister
Kate.
9 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Korn, Kate Wagner Korn, Susan Kramm Wagner, Elsie, Row
Korn, 2 boys named Elmer, undated.
Susan Kramm Wagner, Kate Wagner Korn, Carl Korn, Row Corn, undated.
Wagner family home, Memphis, Tenn., circa 1900. Family members outside
house include Annie and C.C., Clyde, Van, nursemaid? with Wallace
Clifford, Mable, Blanche.
10 Blanche(?), Annie Wagner (?), Mable, with three other children on porch,
undated.
John Wilson Hilliard, Jr., circa 1911.
Bess Lomyre?, John Hilliard, Mable Wagner, 1907.
11 School class portraits, circa 1895. Includes Mable Wagner.
- Correspondence:
- 12 Letter: Written by Mable Wagner, 1906 November 1. Describes her Halloween
night. Also a page recording the route taken for trick-or-treating.
Letter: Mable Wagner to John Hilliard, undated. Contains poem.
Telegram: John Hilliard, Los Angeles, Ca., to Mable Hilliard, Union City, Tenn.,
1915 November 14.