Picture Frames

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Provenance

The framed portrait of Lewis McKern donated to Ralph W. Stark Heritage Center by Thomas Todd, September 21, 2009; the provenance of the other three frames is unknown.

Scope and Content

This collection contains four picture frames either made in Boone County or sold by picture framing businesses in Lebanon, Indiana. The oldest was sold by John W. Whitsett, an undertaker and furniture dealer, in the late 1850s or early 1860s; this frame is empty. Another frame was sold by L. D. Limbert, who operated a picture framing business at 223 E Busby St in the 1950s and 1960s; this frame contains a certificate of appreciation from the Women’s Voluntary Services of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for “help given during the long years of battle against Nazi tyranny.” The certificate is undated and does not state to whom it was presented. Another frame was made by Buren Rodgers in 1978 out of poplar lumber from the corners of a house on his family’s farm; the frame contains a portrait of Lewis McKerns, Buren’s grandfather. A copy of the portrait is accessible in Photographs-People-240. The fourth frame was sold by Mossman’s at 224 Lafayette Avenue; Mossman’s was operated by James Mossman, who was also general editor of the Lebanon Reporter, in the 1970s. This frame contains the poem “Old Glory: Thirteen Stripes and Fifty Stars,” by Alta Floyd Hawkins of Whitestown, Indiana (a copy of the poem is in Vertical Files: Bicentennial, USA (enclosed with a letter from Alta Floyd Hawkins to James Mason)).

Access Restrictions: Restricted; see Heritage Center staff for assistance.

Related Holdings: None

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