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Title: Wyandt-Kochenderfer Family Photograph Collection, Oberlin, Lorain County and Plymouth, Richland/Huron counties, Ohio, c. 1880-1940

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Dates: c. 1880-1940

Creator(s): Jennie Wyandt Kochenderfer (1873-1944)

Donor(s): Carol Ann Dones, Hilliard, Ohio

Biography of Creators: Joseph Wyandt (1806-1843) married Jane Reed (1809-1865). They had 8 children: Sarah Wyandt Trauger (1831-1893), Kate Wyandt (1832-1888), Mary M. Wyandt (1833-1834), Daniel Wyandt (1835-1915), Josiah Wyandt (1837-1907), Elizabeth Wyandt Sherman (1839-1914), Amelia Wyandt Nimmons (1842-1883), and Alzina Wyandt Shutt (1843-1917).

Daniel was a grocer in Plymouth and married Helen Elizabeth Earl (1848-1893) in 1869. They had four daughters who, along with their husbands and children, are the people featured in this collection.

Luella Wyandt (1871-1946) married Kirk Irven Wilson (1878-1946) in 1913.

Jennie "Jane" Wyandt (1873-1944) married David C. Kochenderfer (1870-1959) in 1898. They had one daughter, Helen E. Kochenderfer (1900-1981). No issues.

Estelle Bell Wyandt (1879-1964) married Arthur D. Smith (1878-1948) in 1909 and they had three children:

Eleanor Wyandt (1909-1996) married Dr. William E. Moody in 1929; Divorced 1961

Elizabeth Jane Wyandt (1915-2006) married Oren Clair Cornman (1913-1968)

Max Wyandt Smith (1917-2009) married Cleta Jennie Lasch (1919-2007)

Bessie Harriet Wyandt (1885-1959) married Harry L. Holmes, Jr. (1908-1959) in 1908 and had three sons:

Daniel Wyandt Holmes, Sr. (1909-1984) married Jane Elizabeth Griswold (1912-1984)

Harry L. Holmes III (1914-1914)

Robert Lewis Holmes (1915-2003) married Caroline Guernsey (1920-2016)

Custodial History: The last direct family member to own this collection of photographs was Helen E. Kochenderfer (1900-1981) of Plymouth, Ohio. She was an only child and never married or had any children.

At some point after her death, they came into the hands of Jean Curpen Dones (1917-2009) of Upper Arlington, Ohio. Jean was a native of Plymouth and was a founding member of the Plymouth Historical Society. These pictures were a part of the donation of the larger Jean Curpen Dones collection (MSS 461) in October of 2022.

Scope and Content: This is a collection of family photographs featuring members of Joseph Wyandt (1806-1843) and Jane Reed's (1809-1865) family from Plymouth, Richland/Huron Counties, Ohio, and their descended lines including Kochenderfer, Wilson, Smith, Holmes. The collection mainly follows the Daniel Wyandt line, although his siblings are pictured in at least one photo. Daniel's four daughters, along with their husbands and children, are predominantly featured in this collection.

System of Arrangement: Two photo albums containing glued-in pictures and a group of loose pictures, some having been torn or removed from an album prior to donation. Original order otherwise maintained.

Extent: 1 photo box, 9.5"x12"

Access: No access restrictions.

Language: English

Provenance: These pictures were originally taken by and/or owned by Jennie Wyandt Kochenderfer (1873-1944) of Plymouth, Ohio. After her death they were passed to her only child, Helen E. Kochenderfer (1900-1981). After Helen's death they eventually came to be in the

possession of Jean Curpen Dones (1917-2009). After Jean's death, they became the property of Carol Ann Dones (1947-), her daughter, who donated them to the Ohio Genealogical Society on October 19, 2022.

Processing Information: 3 exact duplicate pictures given to the Plymouth Historical Society; October 2023.

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Box 1:

Album 1: Album of unidentified pictures taken by Jennie Wyandt Kochenderfer. The little baby is her daughter Helen Kochenderfer. Some pictures are marked "At Oberlin, Ohio 1900". These pictures cover 1900-1902 including Helen's 2nd birthday in 1902. There are several pictures containing the four Kochenderfer sisters although it is difficult to tell who is who. Many of these pictures taken at the Wyandt home in Plymouth.

Album 2: Album of unidentified pictures with the name **Mrs. D.C. Kochenderfer** written in white lettering on the front page. All pictures taken around the turn of the 19th-20th century. The small baby girl is Helen E. Kochenderfer with some of the other children likely being her cousins from the Wilson, Smith, and Holmes families. Some pictures are from a vacation with a waterfall as well as western mountains; Buffalo Bill Cody's grave; Steamboat Rock and other western USA locations as far as Coronado, California.

Loose photographs: Many pictures from c. 1900 of the Wyandt family including small mounted photographs of baby Helen Kochenderfer as well as snapshots as late as 1939 with the 4 Wyandt sisters and their husbands David Kochenderfer, Kirk Wilson, Arthur D. Smith, and Harry L. Holmes. One picture taken at Ottawa, Ohio in 1941 of the children of James H. & Lydia B. (Fleming) Wilson includes Martha B. Wilson Byrd, Chancy M. Wilson, Gibson Wilson, James H. Wilson, Kirk I Wilson, and Henry A. Wilson.

One picture showing the interior of Daniel Wyandt's grocery store on the square in Plymouth moved to the Ohio Photograph Collection.

The earliest picture in this collection is a studio picture by W.A. Smith of Plymouth taken before 1883 showing the children of Joseph Wyandt and Jane Reed: Sarah Wyandt Trauger (1831-

1893), Kate Wyandt (1832-1888), Daniel Wyandt (1835-1915), Josiah Wyandt (1837-1907), Elizabeth Wyandt Sherman (1839-1914), Amelia Wyandt Nimmons (1842-1883), and Alzina Wyandt Shutt (1843-1917).

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