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TITLE: Karl A. Hahn, Jr., Collection

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2017.008

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1860s-1930s

Extent: 5 boxes, 2 linear feet

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): B. Erdmann, H. Merz, Merz & Ulrich, E.P. Spahn, Georg Wagner, A. Ernst, F. Eckel, H. Mathaus

Administrative/Biographical History:

Karl Austin Hahn, Jr. (1939-), is the son of Karl Austin Hahn, Sr. (1901-1993), who was the son of Jennie Lurline (née Austin) Hahn (1875-1962) and Victor Ignatius "V.I." Hahn (1868-1958). Jennie and V.I. also had a daughter Cathryn Louise (née Hahn) Bordeaux (1905-1959). V.I. was the son of Ignatius Hahn and Katherine Schmidtt. Jennie was the daughter of Charles Griffin "C.G." Austin (1846-1925) and Emily Austin (1854-1928).

Scope and Content Description:

The collection consists of family photographs from Karl A. Hahn, Jr., as well as one ledger book. The images include one portrait painting on glass, one daguerreotype, one tintype, and 45 photographic prints. The ledger appears to be a personal account book maintained by Karl A. Hahn, Sr., perhaps while he was in college. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Not applicable

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by Karl A. Hahn, Jr., in May 2017.

Processing Note

All images unframed, with the exception of two cased photographs. Frames returned to donor.

Separated Materials

Objects accessioned into object collection. Alaska Railroad Mount McKinley National Park Route sticker and White Pass & Yukon Route patch removed to Vertical Files.

RELATED COLLECTIONS

B1963.014.24 CIHS Clifton Collection

2003.026.001-2 Gift of Karl Hahn in memory of Venetia Reed and Venetia Hahn

2017.007.001-7 Gift of Connie and Karl Hahn Jr.

SUBJECTS

Hahn, Karl Austin, Jr., 1939-

Hahn family

Austin family

German Americans

Detailed Description of the Collection

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.1 – [portrait painting on glass, identified by donor as Jennie Austin Hahn, circa 1890s?]

B2

.2 – [daguerreotype portrait, cased, tinted, girl and boy. Same image as .5, identified as Emily Louise Grow Hahn and her cousin Baxter circa 1862]

B3

.3 – [tintype portrait, cased, tinted, girl, identified on verso as Jennie Lurline Austin Hahn, circa 1880?]

B4

.4 – [album of 23 albumen cartes de visite, identified as Hahn family album, 1860s-1870s]

.4.1 – Mayence (Côté du Sud) [bird's eye view of city]

.4.2 – Photographische Anstalt, B. Erdmann, Mainz [two unidentified boys]

.4.3 – H. Merz, N.Y. [vignette, Jacob Schmitt. Cf. .4.18. Two cent postage stamp on verso, circa 1862-1871]

.4.4 – E.P. Spahn's Photograph Galleries, Newark, N.J. [unidentified man and woman]

.4.5 – Uncle Jacob. Merz & Ulrich Photographers, New York

.4.6 – Photographische Anstalt, B. Erdmann, Mainz [unidentified man]

.4.7 – Aunt [Wallace or Wallan] Photographische Anstalt von B. Erdmann in Mainz

.4.8 – Photographische Anstalt, B. Erdmann, Mainz [vignette, unidentified man]

.4.9 – Photographische Anstalt, B. Erdmann, Mainz [unidentified person with dwarfism]

.4.10 – Photographische Anstalt, B. Erdmann, Mainz [unidentified girl]

.4.11 – Photographische Anstalt, B. Erdmann, Mainz [vignette, unidentified young man]

.4.12 – Photographische Anstalt, B. Erdmann, Mainz [unidentified man with dog]

.4.13 – Georg Wagner, Maler und Hof Photograph, Mainz [unidentified woman holding baby]

.4.14 – Aunt Wallan's son. Photographische Anstalt, B. Erdmann, Mainz

.4.15 – Aunt Wallan. Photographische Anstalt, B. Erdmann, Mainz

.4.16 – Aunt Wallan. Photographische Anstalt, B. Erdmann, Mainz

.4.17 – Mother of Vic & Louie Hahn. Photographische Anstalt von A. Ernst, Mainz [Likely Katherine Schmitt, mother to V.I.]

.4.18 – Uncle Jacob. [in manuscript on verso:] O. H. zur [illegible] Jacob Schmitt, New York, 15 Marz '64. Merz & Ulrich Photographers, New York [vignette]

.4.19 – Father Ignatius Hahn. F. Eckel, Phot., Mainz [vignette] [V.I.'s father]

.4.20 – Uncle Jacob. Photographie von H. Mathaus in München

.4.21 – Uncle Jacob's wife. Louis Nagel Photographic Gallery, Hoboken, N.J. [oval. between 1868 and 1887]

.4.22 – Mother Hahn, Katherine Schmitt. Photographische Anstalt von A. Ernst, Mainz [same image as .4.17] [V.I.'s mother, Katherine Schmitt]

.4.23 – Aunt Wallan. B. Erdmann, Mainz [German inscription on verso dated 1874]

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- .5 – [portrait of girl and boy, identified on frame label as Emily Louise Grow Hahn and her cousin Baxter circa 1862. Short note in manuscript on verso. Same image as daguerreotype, .2]
- .6 – [possibly matte collodion, oval portrait, identified by donor as Emily Hahn. Circa 1890s?]
- .7 – Hahn [gelatin silver, portrait, identified by donor as Emily Hahn. Circa 1910s?]
- .8 – [albumen, vignetted portrait, identified by donor as Emily Austin. Not same woman as .6-7. Possibly V.I. Hahn's mother? Circa 1880s?]
- .9 – Mr. V. I. Hahn [albumen, vignetted portrait. Circa 1880s?]
- .10 – [gelatin silver, portrait, identified by donor as Jennie Austin Hahn. Circa 1930s?]
- .11 – [gelatin silver, portrait, identified by donor as C.G. Hahn. Circa 1920?]
- .12 – [gelatin silver, oval portrait, infant. Same infant as .13. Cathryn Hahn? Circa 1906?]
- .13 – [gelatin silver, oval portrait, infant. Same infant as .12. Cathryn Hahn? Circa 1906?]
- .14 – [gelatin silver, oval portrait, infant, identified by donor as Karl Hahn Sr. Photographer's name cropped from mat. 1904]
- .15 – [gelatin silver, oval portrait, infant, identified on frame label as Carl Austin Hahn, age 2 years, 8 months, April 1904]
- .16 – [gelatin silver, oval portrait, infant. Photographer's name illegible. Same infant as .17. Karl or Cathryn Hahn? Circa 1903-1906?]
- .17 – [gelatin silver, oval portrait, infant. Same infant as .16. Karl or Cathryn Hahn? Circa 1903-1906?]
- .18 – [enlargement, snapshot of boy and girl on bicycles next to house, identified by donor as Karl A. Hahn Sr. and sister Cathryn Hahn. Circa 1915?]
- .19 – [sepia portrait, girl and boy, identified by donor as Karl A. Hahn Sr. and Cathryn Hahn. Circa 1910?]
- .20 – [sepia portrait, woman, girl and boy, identified by donor as Jennie Hahn, Karl A. Hahn Sr. and Cathryn Hahn. Circa 1910?]
- .21 – Photogr. v. W. Heßsöhl, Carlsruhe [matte collodion, portrait, boy, identified by donor as brother of Jennie Austin. Circa 1880s?]
- .22 – [matte collodion, portrait, young man, identified by donor as brother of Jennie Austin. Circa 1890s?]
- .23 – [gelatin silver, portrait, young man, identified by donor as brother of Jennie Austin. Circa 1890s?]
- .24 – [gelatin silver, snapshot, identified on frame label as 'Aunt Flora, taken in our Grandma Merlest's dress, her parasol, [illegible] in Flora's garden, party for church group, Cullman, Alabama.' Circa 1930s?]
- .25 – [gelatin silver, snapshot, group portrait, identified by donor as Austin family with C.G. Austin second from right. Circa 1920?]
- .26 – [albumen, group portrait, identified by donor as V.I. Hahn at right with workers at White Pass camp. 1898?]

Ledger, 1920-1923. Probably kept by Karl A. Hahn Sr. Index:

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