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**HERMAN VARNAU
COLLECTION, 1883–1923**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box; 1 folder black and white photographs

COLLECTION DATES: 1883–1923

PROVENANCE: Mark A. Varnau, Indianapolis, Indiana, January, 2019

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

(Johann) Herman Varnau (1852–1924) was born in Hanover, Germany. In 1871, he immigrated to the United States, first settling in Franklin County, Indiana, but later moving to Cicero, Tipton County, Indiana, in the 1880s. In 1878, he married Mary Varnau and they produced three children. Varnau was a farmer throughout his life and a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Sources:

Ancestry, Library Edition, accessed 19 February 2019.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of the collection consists of receipts, ledgers, and Catholic Church printed materials, 1923. Included are receipts for pew rentals, gravel road and ditch assessment coupons, mortgages and deeds, goods and material receipts, and general receipts. There is also a letter from Department of the Interior to Varnau asking him to comply with the 1890 census.

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