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**LADOGA, INDIANA  
CA. 1900–CA. 1930 PHOTOGRAPHS, COPIED CA. 1940S–1950S**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 folder of black-and-white photographs

**COLLECTION DATES:** Ca. 1940s–1950s reproductions of photographs and postcard images from ca. 1900–ca. 1930, n.d.

**PROVENANCE:** Gift from Robert G. Brewer, Jr. in July 2021

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**NOTES:**

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The town of Ladoga, Indiana, was laid out by John Myers on 16 March 1836 and named after Lake Ladoga in Russia, although the settlers had no apparent connection with Russia. A post office was established there on 9 August 1837. The town is situated on the north side of Big Raccoon Creek in Clark Township, in the southeast corner of Montgomery County.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of twenty-seven black-and-white reproductions of earlier photographs and photographic postcards showing scenes from Ladoga, Indiana. Depictions include a livery, water mill, storefronts and businesses, city hall, street scenes, school buildings, churches, public library, opera house, bridges, water tower, railroad depot, poultry house, burial vault factory, and residences.

The photographs were received with numbers in the lower right-hand corner of each, although the following numbers are missing: 1, 3, 9, 20, 22, 25, 26, 28, 31, 36, 37, and 38. The last photo is numbered 39. Several of the reproductions were made from faded or damaged original photographs. Little identification accompanied these photographs, but through some research, the probable identity of some buildings and a few people has been determined, along with some estimated dates of the original photographs. The reproductions were likely made in the 1940s or 1950s.

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(2) [George Stratton and Tom Davis] with horses in front of J. T. Davis and Son Livery stable [J. T. Davis appears to be John T. Davis] [ca. early 1900s]

(4) Water Mill – multi-story structure with some damage, sign says “Water Mill’s”

(5) Unidentified family in automobile [ca. 1910]

(6) North side of town square – shows McGinnis Clothier, Shoes, and Hatter [Paul P. McGinnis, proprietor] and Henry & Quinley Groceries [John M. Henry and Fred Quinley], both in the Centennial Block building built by Scott & Yeagley, with drugstore and M.A. Rapp Hardware [possibly operated by Mathias Alexander Rapp] next door [ca. 1907]

(7) South side of Main Street, shows Kyle & Overman Trade Palace [dry goods store operated by Silas F. Kyle and Benjamin Franklin Overman], drugstore, South Side Restaurant, and livery [ca. early 1900s]

(8) City Hall shown next door to Clark & Carroll Harness shop [operated by Charles A. Clark and Thomas C. Carroll] [ca. 1915]

(10) North side of Main Street [copy of faded photo, shows wider view of what appears in photo #6]

(11) “The Old Normal” school building [copy of faded photo, n.d.]

(12) The East School Building [elementary school, copy of faded photo, ca. 1910]

(13) Scotland Park – shows people playing tennis to the right, n.d.

(14) Railroad Bridge and Dam, south of town, n.d.

(15) Claude Harshbarger’s Vault Factory [concrete/cement burial vaults] – shows truck with large barn in background [ca. 1920s] [unclear photo]

### CONTAINER

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- (16) Main Street, looking west [ca. 1930] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (17) [John Kessler and Minnie Payne Kessler and others in front of house; baby may be John Foster Kessler; the Kesslers lived on Main Street; ca. 1915] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (18) East Main Street, residential area [ca. 1905] [copy of faded and damaged photo] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (19) House with couple seated on the porch [appears to be the same house as pictured in #17 – home of John Kessler and Minnie Payne Kessler], n.d. Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (21) Methodist Episcopal Church [at corner of Franklin and Taylor streets], n.d. [copy of faded photo] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (23) Water Tower, n.d. [copy of faded photo] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (24) Monon Railroad Depot, n.d. [copy of faded photo] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (27) Ladoga High School, n.d. Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (29) Haw Creek Church, n.d. [copy of faded photo] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (30) Ice gorge at Havens Poultry House, February 1912 [operated by the Havens brothers, George and Abraham] [copy of faded photo] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (32) Covered bridge [south side], n.d. [copy of faded photo] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (33) Ladoga Opera House [northwest corner of Main and Washington streets, built in 1891], n.d. [copy of faded photo] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (34) Ladoga Public Library [formerly the Caleb Anderson House; became the public library in 1919], n.d. Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (35) Street scene [copy of very faded photo] Photographs, Folder 1 of 1
- (39) Wagon Bridge, n.d. Photographs, Folder 1 of 1