

Richwine Collection

I-388

Hamilton East Public Library
Crossroads Discovery Center
1 Library Plaza
Noblesville, IN 46060

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Collection Overview

Title: Richwine Collection

Collection ID: I-388

Creator: Linda Richwine Klotz

Extent: 5 linear inches

Arrangement: The collection is arranged in one series

Date Acquired: November 6, 2014

Languages: English [eng.]

Scope and Contents of the Materials

The Richwine Collection contains materials that were acquired by George C. Richwine, Fred Richwine, and other close family members between 1882 to 1945. The collection was donated by Linda Richwine Klotz (b. 1947).

The collection was named the "Richwine Collection" to facilitate discoverability. Collection materials are of interest to researchers who likely know the Richwine Block or the Richwine Building on the intersection of South 9th Street and Maple Ave, Noblesville Ind., the history of the Richwine & Sons business, or the family history of the Richwine family in Hamilton County Ind.

The collection includes invoices, documents, envelopes, letters, receipts, checks, notes, cards, envelopes, quotes, estimates and notices during the construction of the Richwine Building on the intersection of South 9th Street and Maple Ave, Noblesville Ind. between 1914 to 1915.

The collection includes:

- invoices, documents, envelopes, letters, receipts, contracts, deeds, cards, notices, petitions, summons, checks, notes, loans, schedules, mortgages, sheets, records, statements, debts, checkbooks, certificates, and registrations belonging to George C. Richwine, Fred Richwine, or other close family members.
- receipts, checks, licenses, certificates, tax, schedules, sheets of the Richwine & Sons business during its operation.
- invoices, checks, receipts of tenants who had lived in the Richwine Apartment building on the intersection of South 9th Street and Maple Ave, Noblesville Ind. during the 20th century
- court documents, receipts, petitions, letters, and statements connected to George C. Richwine's Estate after his death in 1927.

Collection Historical Note

The Richwine Apartment building is a three-story building that sits on the intersection of South 9th Street and Maple Avenue in Noblesville, Ind. The building is often referred to as the "Richwine Building" or the "Richwine Block." The building was constructed between 1914 to 1915 by George C. Richwine and Donald Graham. The building was Mission-style and made from yellow-glazed brick and Bedford stone. The first floor was used a salesroom for Richwine & Sons and the upper stories was used as apartments.

Richwine & Sons, the successor of Richwine & Kline, was created in 1907 after Frank Kline sold his interest in the business to George C. Richwine's sons, Wallace and Fred Richwine. The business started as a wagon and buggy manufacturer but was later converted to automobiles as cars gained more popularity. The automobile business dissolved in 1944 after the death of Fred Richwine.

George C. Richwine (b. 1852 - d.1927) was born in Hamilton County, Ind. on September 14th, 1852, to Abraham and Sarah E. (Crim) Richwine. He was a Noblesville High School graduate and taught for two years in Noblesville and Fall Creek township schools. In the fall of 1872, he opened a shoe and boots business with Ed Steward, but nine months later due to the Panic of 1873 the business failed. George C. Richwine returned to working on his father's farm, and during that time he married his wife, Sarah E. Whitsell, on May 27, 1874. In 1879 he left his father's farm and started his career in manufacturing and selling wagons, buggies, and harnesses for horses at South 9th Street, Noblesville Ind. Between 1899 and 1907, he was business partners to Frank Kline until Kline sold his interest to George's sons; Wallace and Fred Richwine. He erected the Richwine Block on South 9th Street and Maple Ave with Donald Graham. He was considered a successful businessman, as well as a very dedicated and friendly landlord

to his tenants. He died of a heart attack on January 18th, 1927, in the middle of Weldy Pharmacy on South 9th Street.

Sources

Materials in Collection

"Richwine Block Historical Marker." 27 Sept. 2023, www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=27889.

Haines, J. F. History of Hamilton County, Indiana. B.F. Bowen & Company, 1915

Neal, Georgianne, "'The Richwine' Was Talk of the Town." *The Ledger* 14 Jan 1980

"Change In Firm.", *Hamilton County Ledger*, 22 Jan. 1907, pp.1

"George Richwine Dropped Dead in Local Drug Store", *Noblesville Daily Ledger*, 18 Jan. 1927, pp.1

Biographical Note

Linda Richwine Klotz (b. 1947) was the great-granddaughter of George C. Richwine. She curated and donated the material to the Indiana Room at Hamilton East Public Library on November 6th, 2014. The Indiana Room at Hamilton East Public Library turned into the Crossroads Discovery Center in 2023.

Sources

Materials in Collection

Neal, Georgianne, "'The Richwine' Was Talk of the Town." *The Ledger* 14 Jan. 1980, pp 4.

"Wedding.", *The Noblesville Daily Ledger*, 15 Apr. 1985, pp. 3

"Birthday Dinner.", *The Noblesville Ledger*, 17 Nov. 1948, pp.3

Related Material

Early 20th century photographs of the Richwine Apartment building were taken by Joe Roberts and are placed in the Joe Roberts Collection (A-3), Hamilton East Public Library, Crossroads Discovery Center, Noblesville, Ind. These photos have been digitized and placed on the Library's Indiana Memory collection.

Mention of George C. Richwine in Noblesville Ind. Was noted in the Noblesville Mayor Docket Book V.2 page 181, as a juror for the case "State of Indiana vs. Samuel Poer" on May 26th, 1913, in the Mayor Docket Book Collection (B-52 to B-54), Hamilton East Public Library, Crossroads Discovery Center, Noblesville, Ind. These books have been digitized and are available on the Library's Indiana Memory collection.

Separated Material

Subject/Index Terms

Buildings (Noblesville Ind.)

Graham, Donald

Historic Courthouse Square (Noblesville Ind.)

Klotz, Linda Richwine

Maple Ave (Noblesville Ind.)

Richwine

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Richwine Block (Noblesville Ind.)
Richwine Building (Noblesville Ind.)
Richwine, Fred
Richwine, George C.
Richwine & Sons (Noblesville Ind.)
South 9th Street (Noblesville Ind.)

Forms of Material:

ads,
assets,
certificates,
cards,
checkbooks,
checks,
clippings,
contracts,
deeds,
documents,
drawing,
envelopes,
estates,
estimates,
forms,
graphs,
inventories,
invoices,
licenses (document),
letters,
mortgages,
notes,
notices,
orders,
petitions,
photocopies,
proposals,
quotes,
receipts,
records,
reports,
registrations,
schedules,
subscriptions,
suits (document),
summons,
supplementaries,
tracings,

Administrative Information

Repository: Crossroads Discovery Center at Hamilton East Public Library

Alternate Extent Statement: 1 box; 5 linear inches

Access Restrictions

Use Restrictions:

Acquisition Source: Linda Richwine Klotz

Acquisition Method: Donation

Preferred Citation: Richwine Collection at Hamilton East Public Library

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1.

Folder 1: **Richwine Collection 1900, 1906-1907, 1921, 1939-1940**

Folder 2: **Richwine Collection 1882, 1889-1890, 1897, 1899, 1905, 1918-1919, 1927, 1930-1931, 1933, 1937, 1944**

Folder 3: **Richwine Collection 1919-1921, 1927-1944**

Folder 4: **Richwine Collection 1890, 1919-1920, 1922-1923, 1928-1929, 1933-1935, 1941**

Folder 5: **Richwine Collection 1918, 1923-1926, 1931-1932, 1937-2938, 1944**

Folder 6: **Richwine Collection 1925-1928, 1936, 1939-1942**

Folder 7: **Richwine Collection 1914-1915**

Folder 8: **Richwine Collection 1919-1926, 1930-1932**

Folder 9: **Richwine Collection 1927, 1945**

Folder 10: **Richwine Collection 1914-1915, 1919**

Folder 11: **Richwine Collection 1913-1915**

Folder 12: **Richwine Collection 1914-1915, 1938**

Folder 13: **Richwine Collection 1914-1915**

Folder 14: **Richwine Collection 1914-1915**

Folder 15: **Richwine Collection 1914-1915**

Folder 16: **Richwine Collection 1914-1915**

Folder 17: **Richwine Collection 1902, 1914, 1941**

Folder 18: **Richwine Collection 1914**

Folder 19: **Richwine Collection 1922, 1924, 1927, 1933, 1935-1938, 1940-1941, 1943**

Folder 20: **Richwine Collection 1914-1915**

Folder 21: **Richwine Collection 1914**

Folder 22: **Richwine Collection 1911-1914**

Folder 23: **Richwine Collection 1914**