

## **SC-309: Breidenbach Family Album**

**Collection Number:** SC-309

**Title:** Breidenbach Family Album

**Dates:** circa 1882-1930

**Creator:** Breidenbach Family

### **Scope and Content:**

The collection consists of a single album, containing primarily photographs, as well as news clippings, documents, and mementoes, concerning Dayton pharmacist and physician Dr. Carl Henry Breidenbach (1867-1926) and his family. In addition to family photographs and a few medical scenes, other notable topics of the photographs include the Dayton flood of 1913, bicyclists, and the President Rutherford B. Hayes home in Fremont.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 0.2 linear feet (1 album)

**Language(s):** English

### **Repository:**

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092.

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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### **Acquisition:**

Special Collections and Archives purchased the album in June 2015 from bookseller Rockland Bookman of Orchard Park, NY, via the web site AbeBooks.

### **Sponsor:**

The purchase of this collection was made possible through the generosity of the Patrick Kachurek Memorial Fund.

### **Processed by:**

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Alyssa Stark and Lisa Rickey, July 2017.

**Other Finding Aid:**

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at

[http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection\\_guides/guide\\_files/sc309.pdf](http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/sc309.pdf).

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

Carl Henry "Harry" Breidenbach was born November 3, 1867, at 45 Xenia Avenue in Dayton, Ohio, a younger son of German immigrants Daniel G. Breidenbach (1826-1903) and Anna Trieschmann (1827-1892). C. H. Breidenbach would later open his first medical office at the home in which he was born, 45 Xenia Avenue.

Breidenbach earned some of the first money towards his education by carrying press reports from the Western Union telegraph office to the *Dayton Journal* newspaper in the early 1880s. From 1881 to 1884, he studied pharmacy under druggist Dr. J. C. Reeve Jr., then proprietor of the Phillips House drug store. He then attended the prestigious Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, graduating with a degree in analytical chemistry in 1888. He served for some years with Dr. W. A. Burns of Philadelphia before completing his medical degree at Miami Medical College in 1898.

Dr. Breidenbach served for many years as a surgeon on the regular staff of Miami Valley Hospital. He was also the official surgeon to the Dayton Fire Department for several years.

In addition to his pursuits in the medical and pharmacy professions, Dr. Breidenbach was a Republican in politics, a Freemason, and member of the Elks lodge.

On April 3, 1893, in Dayton, C. H. Breidenbach married Anna Danner, a former teacher in Dayton public schools. Anna Danner was born December 29, 1868, in Dayton, to George Danner and Anna Osner. (Anna Danner Breidenbach is sometimes called "Mano" in the album.)

Dr. C. H. and Mrs. Breidenbach had two daughters: Marian Isabel (called Isabel), born May 14, 1895, in Dayton; and Anna Marie (often called "Babe" in the album), born March 19, 1899, in Dayton. Isabel married Leon T. Meuche (1889-1969) and had two sons, Charles Henry (b. 1922-1996) and Leon G. (b. ~1928); she died September 27, 1971. Anna first married Earle Lyman Brooks (1895-1975) and had a daughter Virginia (b. 1921), who seems to have made several notations in the album (often referring to "Aunt Isabel"). Anna second married John Merton in 1934, and her death date is unknown.

Dr. C. H. Breidenbach died March 5, 1926, in Dayton, Ohio. His wife Anna died January 29, 1943, in Dayton. They are both buried in Woodland Cemetery in Dayton.

**Subject Terms:**

**Persons/Families**

Breidenbach family  
Breidenbach, Anna (Danner), 1868-1943  
Breidenbach, Carl Henry, 1867-1926  
Danner family  
Fouts family  
Kirschner family

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

Miami Valley Hospital -- History

**Places**

Dayton (Ohio)  
Rutherford B. Hayes Home (Fremont, Ohio)

**Subjects (General)**

Floods -- Ohio -- Dayton

**Material Types**

Clippings  
Photographs

**Occupations**

Pharmacists  
Physicians  
Teachers

**Collection Inventory**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
1	Album	Circa 1882-1930