

Diving through time Karen gets 1890ish photo album to peruse



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Recently, I was given a beautiful, old (1890ish) photo album (thanks so very much to Jeanie W) and my sweet hubs scanned it. You can see it here: <http://ingenweb.org/inmontgomery/photo-people-grps/hulvey-family.html>. It is in pretty good shape for being a century plus old and the majority of the pictures scanned very well. There were 40 photos Jim added to the GenWeb site and I'm so excited to have this addition to share. There are family photos, baby pictures, wedding ones and several adult individuals, as well. There is no indication of the owner or who the people (except in a few cases) are but definitely major hints as to who others could be.

A dozen or so photographers are represented, but many are taken by the Willis family here in Crawfordsville. Other C'ville ones include the Nicholsons, Lawson & Ficken and HW Clark. Information about where and when these photographers existed are also on the website. A couple are from Indianapolis, Paris, Ill. and Brecken, Mo., even.

Two photos of Bert and Charles Hulvey are in the album, one of them as younger boys (see photo) ages maybe 10 and 13 and one I'd say in their 30s, possibly one as older men. Fairly sure several other photos of them as individuals and with families are also in the album.

The parents of the Hulvey boys were Samuel and Frances Margaret (Mahoy) Hulvey. Her sister, LoVena married Thomas Gray and they had one child, Zola who was born about 10 months after their marriage and died at the tip of her teen years. "She was a sweet child, loved by all." She died of diphtheria November 4, 1899, just as she was finding and loving (taking lessons from a cousin) her music wings. Hmmm. Think on that one for awhile. In one short obituary for Zola, it stated that her mother had passed away the week before from the same disease, diphtheria, but her mother lived into her 70s. Hope there was a retraction for that mistake! Four sons were born to Samuel Hulvey and Frances Margaret Mahoy Hulvey, two above, one who was born Aug. 28th and died Sept. 16th in 1882. The other one was Minor "Floren". Thought it a bit odd that Bert and Charles were in the album I'm fairly sure three times together but Floren was not with them. Then again, one of the three photos could have him vs. one of the other two. They were all close it seemed, but since few of the pictures are tagged, it's a bit hard to know.

Ora "Bert" lived in the Darlington-Bowers area for some time yet spent several years in Indianapolis where he was a street railway conductor. He married Rosa Wyant and they had at least three children. Upon his death in 1929, he was returned to Greenlawn cemetery in his beloved town. Charley was a farmer for many years in the upper east side of Montgomery County. He was described on his WWI draft papers as being tall, of medium build with gray eyes and red hair. Gray eyes ran in the family. He remained unmarried until his fourth decade. I found no children for him and he and wife Effie were married but a few years before she passed away. Effie did have two sons from a previous marriage. These Hulveys join the brothers in Greenlawn. I suspicion this may have been the photo album of this couple since there would have been no one to pass it down to, and thus it got lost in the shuffle.

Floren's family seemed to be full of tragedies. They almost lost one daughter to an emergency appendectomy, a very serious happening in that time frame (1931). His son was examining a gun in the kitchen with it on his lap. He pulled the trigger thinking it was empty. Mom (Laura Bell Kirk) was in the next room sewing. Easily, she could have been killed, but instead had her hip filled with shot. Painful but not life threatening although their son carried the act for many years and was actually rendered speechless for some time. Laura Bell was from a large family with many brothers, herself. In July of 1935, she was aiding Floren to burn a hoghouse. She was spraying gasoline on it and the flames burst all over her body. Floren dragged his wife away and rolled her in the grass until the flames were extinguished but it was too late. He had serious burns as well, but he lived to remarry (Amy Maxwell), passing about a decade later; buried with Laura Bell in Greenlawn. About the only other family picture that was identified was the Martin K. Butcher family from Rolfe, Iowa. Martin's wife was Mary E. Mahoy, sister of LoVena Mahoy Gray, and Frances, the mother of the Hulvey boys.

Although I am not sure what Bert's middle name is (actually it is his middle name I discovered right as I was sending this in and rereading it – Ora Bert), Charles' was Irdell and think their father's was something similar to Henring or Heurig. Loved the names. Loved the pictures. Loved the quest of discovering information about them. Thanks much to Jeanie and I'd sure love to get this in someone's hands who would cherish it and pass it down through one of these families. Let me know, please and possibly we can work something out. In the meantime, I'll keep it close and enjoy the photos on the Montgomery County INGenWeb page.

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Charles and Bert Hulvey
Sons of Samuel and Francis Mahoy Hulvey