MABLE WILSON-HARMESON PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION CA. 1980S

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF 3 OVB boxes of color photographs

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Mable Wilson-Harmeson was born Mable Rachel Bankert on 1 September 1936 at home on W. 31st Street in Indianapolis, Indiana. She received a Kodak box camera for her thirteenth birthday and took photographs the rest of her life despite having one eye replaced with a glass eye due to eye cancer at age 19.

At the age of 20 she moved to San Francisco, California, for two years and took photography workshops whenever she could. She then moved to Minnesota for two years, and then lived in Ohio before returning to Indianapolis.

She exhibited her photographs in numerous shows and had some published as well. She continued to enroll in photographic workshops and studied under noted wildlife photographer Bill Thomas of Nashville, Indiana. She traveled around the U.S. and in Canada, Mexico, and the Bahamas, photographing wherever she went.

Mable was also the owner of a bar called The Brick in Jonesville, Indiana, in Bartholomew County. She raised three sons.

She died of cancer on 17 July 1990 at home in Columbus, Indiana.

Sources:

Biographical flier about Mable Wilson-Harmeson.

Personal communication with Melissa Wilson (granddaughter), 19 August 2009, 26 October 2009.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of three boxes of 11" x 16" color photographs. Most of the photographs are of county courthouses and government buildings throughout Indiana taken during the 1980s. Six photographs are of scenes of downtown Indianapolis, mostly the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. Some of the photographs have some water

damage due to storage conditions before their arrival to the Indiana Historical Society.

The photographs are divided into two series:

Series 1, County Courthouses and Government Buildings: This series includes photographs of courthouses and government buildings from 67 counties throughout Indiana.

Series 2, Downtown Indianapolis: This series consists of six photographs of downtown Indianapolis. Four of the photographs are of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument; one is of the Indiana Repertory Theatre and the other is of the Depew Fountain in University Park.

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Series 1: County Courthouses and Government Buildings

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Benton County Courthouse – OVB Color Photographs

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Boone County Courthouse – Lebanon. OVB Color Photographs

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Carroll County Courthouse – Delphi. OVB Color Photographs

Box 1, Folder 3

Cass County Government Building – Logansport. OVB Color Photographs

Box 1, Folder 4

Clay County Courthouse – Brazil (detail). OVB Color Photographs

Box 1, Folder 5

Clinton County Courthouse – Frankfort. OVB Color Photographs

Box 1, Folder 6

Crawford County Courthouse – English. OVB Color Photographs

Box 1, Folder 7

Daviess County Courthouse – Washington. OVB Color Photographs

Box 1, Folder 8

Dearborn County Courthouse – Lawrenceburg. OVB Color Photographs

Box 1, Folder 9

DeKalb County Courthouse – Auburn. OVB Color Photographs

Box 1, Folder 10

Delaware County Building – Muncie. OVB Color Photographs

Box 1. Folder 11

Elkhart County Courthouse – Goshen. OVB Color Photographs

Box 1. Folder 12

Floyd County – City–County Building for City of	OVB Color Photographs
New Albany and County of Floyd.	Box 1, Folder 13
Fountain County Courthouse – Covington.	OVB Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 14
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Fulton County Courthouse – Rochester.	OVB Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 16
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Hamilton County Courthouse – Noblesville.	OVB Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 20
Hancock County Courthouse – Greenfield.	OVB Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 21
Hendricks County Courthouse – Danville.	OVB Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 22
Henry County Courthouse – New Castle.	OVB Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 23
Howard County Courthouse – Kokomo.	OVB Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 24
Huntington County Courthouse – Huntington.	OVB Color Photographs Box 1, Folder 25
Jay County Courthouse – Portland.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 1
Knox County Courthouse – Vincennes.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 2
Kosciusko County Courthouse – Warsaw.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 3
Lagrange County Courthouse – Lagrange.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 4
Lake County – old courthouse, no longer used for government business – Crown Point.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 5
La Porte County Courthouse – La Porte	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 6

Lawrence County Courthouse – Bedford.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 7
Madison County Courthouse – Anderson.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 8
Marshall County Courthouse – Plymouth.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 9
Martin County Courthouse – Shoals.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 10
Miami County Courthouse – Peru.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 11
Morgan County Courthouse – Martinsville.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 12
Newton County Courthouse – Kentland.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 13
Noble County Courthouse – Albion.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 14
Ohio County Courthouse – Rising Sun.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 15
Orange County Courthouse – Paoli.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 16
Parke County Courthouse – Rockville.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 17
Perry County – old courthouse in Cannelton – not the current county courthouse; now a museum.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 18
Pike County Courthouse – Petersburg.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 19
Porter County Courthouse – Valparaiso.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 20
Posey County Courthouse – Mount Vernon.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 21
Pulaski County Courthouse – Winamac.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 22
Randolph County Courthouse – Winchester.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 23
Rush County Courthouse – Rushville.	OVB Color Photographs Box 2, Folder 24
Saint Joseph County Courthouse – South Bend.	OVB Color Photographs

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Scott County Courthouse – Scottsburg.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 2
Spencer County Courthouse – Rockport.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 3
Starke County Courthouse – Knox.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 4
Sullivan County Courthouse – Sullivan.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 5
Switzerland County Courthouse – Vevay.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 6
Tippecanoe County Courthouse – Lafayette.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 7
Tipton County Courthouse – Tipton.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 8
Union County Courthouse – Liberty.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 9
Vanderburgh County – Old County Courthouse – Evansville.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 10
Vermillion County Courthouse – Newport.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 11
Wabash County Courthouse – Wabash.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 12
Warrick County Courthouse – Boonville.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 13
Washington County Courthouse – Salem.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 14
Wayne County Courthouse – Richmond.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 15
Wells County Courthouse – Bluffton.	OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 16

Whitley County Courthouse – Columbia City – detail of top.

OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 18

OVB Color Photographs Box 3, Folder 17

Series 2: Downtown Indianapolis

White County Building - Monticello.

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Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument detail at dusk with OVB Color Photographs

Christ Church Cathedral in background. Box 3, Folder 19

Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument detail at night with

OVB Color Photographs

Blue Cross and Blue Shield sign lit up in Box 3, Folder 20 background.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument detail at night with

OVB Color Photographs

Monument Circle at night at Christmastime.

OVB Color Photographs

Box 3, Folder 22

Indiana Repertory Theatre – Indiana Roof Ballroom OVB Color Photographs

at night. Box 3, Folder 23

Depew Fountain in University Park at night.

OVB Color Photographs

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Box 3, Folder 21

CATALOGING INFORMATION

Capitol lit up in background.

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