# JAMES P. MULLIN ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION, 1924–1997

Collection Information

**Historical Sketch** 

Scope and Content Note

**Cataloging Information** 

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# **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

**VOLUME OF COLLECTION:** 1 folder, 1 cassette tape

**COLLECTION DATES:** 1924-1997

PROVENANCE: Mary M. Mullin, Richmond, IN, 11 June 1997

**RESTRICTIONS:** None

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**ALTERNATE FORMATS:** Cassette Tape

**RELATED HOLDINGS:** None

**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 1997.0558

**NOTES:** 

# HISTORICAL SKETCH

James P. Mullin (1907-1997) was born in Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana. After graduating from Brookville High School, Mullin enrolled at Wabash College but transferred to the University of Illinois after two years. After graduating from Illinois, he attended graduate school at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, now part of Syracuse University. He then entered George Washington University Law School and received his degree in 1935. After graduation Mullin returned to Brookville and entered his father's law practice, but he left four years later to work with the American Friends Society in Philadelphia. While working for the Friends, Mullin met his future wife, Mary, and they were married in December, 1941. Mullin returned to his father's law practice in January, 1946, and took control upon the latter's death in March of the same year. In addition to his legal career, Mullin was a community leader serving on the Board of Trustees of the Brookville Foundation (which he helped found), the Board of Directors and past president of the Franklin County Historical Society, the Board of Directors of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union, and the Library Committee of the Indiana Historical Society.

Source: Brookville Democrat, 14 May 1997.

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The collection contains an oral history interview on cassette tape with transcript of James Mullin talking about Indiana high school basketball in the 1920s. The interview, conducted by Douglas E. Clanin in December, 1993, focuses on the 1924 "riot" in Milan, Ripley County, during the Brookville-Milan basketball game. Accompanying material in the collection includes correspondence between Mullin and Clanin, 1993-1995, photocopies of newspaper clippings from southeastern Indiana towns regarding local basketball games and tournaments, 1924, and a copy of Mullin's obituary from the *Brookville Democrat*, 14 May 1997.

# CATALOGING INFORMATION

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- 1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: http://opac.indianahistory.org/
- 2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
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