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**AMERICAN TRANSIT ASSOCIATION
INDIANAPOLIS PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM, CA. 1930S- 1940S**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The American Transit Association formed as the American Street Railway Association in Boston on December 12, 1882. The group originally focused on oat prices for feeding the horses that pulled carriages, etc. In 1905, they reorganized in New York as the American Street and Interurban Railway Transportation and Traffic Association as transportation companies transitioned to electric systems. To accommodate more transit, the group changed its name to the American Electric Railway Transportation and Traffic Association in 1910. By 1932, most transit systems used motorized vehicles and trolleys or electric streetcars, so the organization became the American Transit Association (ATA). In 1966 the ATA relocated to Washington, D.C. due to increased reliance on federal funding, especially with the passage of the Urban Mass Transportation Act in 1964 and the formation of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (currently the Federal Transit Administration). In 1974, the ATA merged with the Institute for Rapid Transit to become The American Public Transit Association (APTA). In 1976, the Transit Development Corporation also merged with APTA. In 2000 the word 'Transit' was swapped for 'Transportation' in the name. APTA specializes in issues dealing with transit equipment, transit management, and labor issues. In the 1970s, APTA developed a close relationship with the federal government as more transit systems became publicly financed. Today, APTA researches issues and produces legislation for the North American transportation industry.

Laurence Wingerter (4 August 1908 - 10 Jan. 1975) was born to Adrian Laurence Wingerter and Phyllis Mary Burke in West Virginia. In his young adult life, he lived mostly in Indiana, with a brief stint in Iowa and a three year period in England. He married Mary Margaret Willman on 9 August 1937. They had one daughter, Diane Claire Wingerter, on 8 June 1945. He and his wife moved to NYC after they wed. Later, they lived in San Antonio, Texas. He started work for the San Antonio Transit Co. in 1942. He was Chairman of the Board for the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce in 1951. He became president of the American Transit Association in 1953. Also, in 1972 he was chairman of the Common Carrier Conference of the American Trucking Association.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains one photograph album containing 37 photographs. Each photograph contains a description of what is pictured on their backside.

Photograph one reads, "Aerial view of the new Shops, Garage, Service and Transportation Buildings taken while the structures were under construction."

Photograph two reads, "View of the old Shops Building on West Washington Street."

Photograph three reads, "Pits in old Shops Building on West Washington Street."

Photograph four reads, "Paint Shop in old Shops Building on West Washington Street."

Photograph five reads, "View in old McLean Place Station showing a repair pit."

Photograph six reads, "Main entrance to the Shops, Garage, Service and Transportation buildings."

Photograph seven reads, "Armature Shop in Shops Building."

Photograph eight reads, "Paint Shop in Shops Building."

Photograph nine reads, "Upholstering Department in Shops Building."

Photograph ten reads, "Carpenter Shop in Shops Building."

Photograph eleven reads, "Transfer table area in Shops Building."

Photograph twelve reads, "Pit Area in Shops Building."

Photograph 13 reads, "Blacksmith shop in Shops Building."

Photograph 14 reads, "Car Body Shop in Shops Building."

Photograph 15 reads, "Truck Shop in Shops Building."

Photograph 16 reads, "Shops Office located in the Transportation Building."

Photograph 17 reads, "Transportation Office in the Transportation Building."

Photograph 18 reads, "Locker Room in the Transportation Building."

Photograph 19 reads, "View in old Bus Garage at 22nd and Yandes Streets."

Photograph 20 reads, "Old bus storage area at 22nd and Yandes Streets."

Photograph 21 reads, "Bus storage area in new Garage Building."

Photograph 22 reads, "Bus repair pits in new Service Building."

Photograph 23 reads, "Bus service area in new Service Building."

Photograph 24 reads, "Bus engine repair area in Shops Building."

Photograph 25 reads, "First shipment of trackless trolleys which arrived in December, 1932."

Photograph 26 reads, "A new trackless trolley alongside an old street car which it replaced."

Photograph 27 reads, "A new street car alongside an old street car which it replaced."

Photograph 28 reads, "An old and new type motor coach pictured together."

Photograph 29 reads, "View on College Avenue before track reconstruction work began."

Photograph 30 reads, "View on College Avenue after track reconstruction work was completed."

Photograph 31 reads, "The Illinois and Washington Street intersection before new track and pavement were laid."

Photograph 32 reads, "View showing the intersection of Illinois and Washington Streets after improvements had been made."

Photograph 33 reads, "3000 steel monotube poles have been installed by the Overhead Department."

Photograph 34 reads, "Miles of new trolley wire have been installed in Indianapolis."

Photograph 35 reads, "One of the ninety new street cars operated by Indianapolis Railways."

Photograph 36 reads, "Indianapolis was a pioneer in the use of the trackless trolley. The Company operates 152 of these vehicles."

Photograph 37 reads, "Eighty-three modern motor coaches serve the citizens of Indianapolis."

The cover of the album reads, "Laurence Wingerter Director of Promotion and Publicity American Transit Association."

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