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A. R. (AUGUSTUS ROBERT) MARKLE COLLECTION, CA. 1920–1981

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box of photographs
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1920–1981
PROVENANCE:	A. R. Markle, Terre Haute, Ind., 1939, 1940, 1952. Vigo County Historical Society, 1981

RESTRICTIONS: None

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RELATED HOLDINGS:

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

In 1938, A. R. (Augustus) Markle (1869–1957), a historical and genealogical researcher from Terre Haute, Indiana, began a project to photograph old, existing buildings in Terre Haute. He also recorded histories of the locations, dates of construction or occupancy, and accounts of the building occupants. He decided to undertake the project after a fire at Markle Mill. Markle solicited the Indiana Historical Society in October of that year and IHS agreed to purchase his photographs. A long-time member of various literary and historical societies, Markle wrote a column on local history and genealogy for the Terre Haute Tribune beginning in 1931.

Juliet Peddle, an architect on some of the remodeling of buildings in Terre Haute, created the pencil drawings which accompany some of the photographs. Peddle's drawing of early homes, commercial buildings, schools and churches of Terre Haute and Vigo County were purchased by Shelton and Muriel Hannig and displayed at the local historical building at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in 1986. In addition to her contribution as an architect, Peddle was a methodical collector of factual material about the history of Terre Haute and Vigo County. At one time, Peddle was one of only two registered architects in the State of Indiana. She graduated from King Classical School in 1918, University of Michigan in 1922, studied art at the Art Institute of Chicago and Berkshire, Maine, received her Illinois architectural registration license in 1926 and Indiana license in 1939. She was employed by several architectural firms, and in 1939 opened her own office, continuing her career until 1974.

Sources:

“Augustus R. Markle” located in Abraham Markle Biography, submitted by Dennis Bell, c. 1999, Vigo County Biographies Index, Vigo County Biographies Project WWW.geocities.com/vigobios/markle.htm?200722

“Looking Back: Peddle pencil drawings at Rose-Hulman exhibit” Historic Treasure of the Week-March 2, 1986 by Frances Hughes, Vigo County Historical Society <http://web.indstate.edu/community/vchs/ht/ht030286.htm>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains approximately 125 black-and-white photographs of buildings in Terre Haute, Indiana. A. R.

(Augustus) Markle made the photographs between ca. 1920 and 1952. Markle's personal mission was to document significant examples of architecture in that city. His criteria for photographing buildings were based on the age, architect or architectural style, or significance of the owners of the structures to the history of Terre Haute. The result was a collection that includes small wood-frame homes, mansions, schools, commercial blocks, and public buildings. Markle paid particular attention to structures designed by Terre Haute architect Juliet B. Peddle, and residences and businesses owned by the Hulman, Rose, and Ball families. A small number of photographs of Peddle drawings are included in the collection.

The collection also contains descriptions, and histories of the buildings. Markle wrote the original descriptions. Dorothy Clark and Judy Calvert of the Vigo County Historical Society wrote and revised these histories in 1965 and 1980. Most of the histories are current to 1965. The Indiana Historical Society acquired the collection in a number of accessions from Markle in 1938, 1940, 1952, and 1952.

The photographs were numbered by Markle and have been arranged in numerical order. There are approximately ten photographs per folder. After each folder of photographs is a folder of descriptions for those buildings. The last two folders contain the additional descriptions and corrections provided by the Vigo County Historical Society.

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