

Collection #
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BERTHA ESTHER BALLARD HOME ASSOCIATION ADDITION, 1899–1978

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box, 1 half size manuscript box, 1 OM folder, 1 photograph folder
COLLECTION DATES:	1899–1978
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RELATED HOLDINGS:	M 0329
ACCESSION NUMBER:	2001.0794
NOTES:	This accession also contained BV 4985–86, which were separated from this collection.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Bertha Esther Ballard Home was a non-sectarian boarding house for girls located in Indianapolis. It was founded in 1890 by the Women Friends of the Western Yearly Meeting of Friends Church for the purpose of providing a residence offering both physical and spiritual comfort to young women who were alone and forced to earn a living. The home was originally called the Friends' Boarding Home for Girls and was located at 339 East Market Street. In 1900, William Hadley Ballard (1852-1934) proposed to the organization that in exchange for incorporating under the name Bertha Esther Ballard Home Association, he would donate land and a suitable building. William Ballard was the founder and president of the Ballard Ice Cream Company and a member of the Society of Friends Church. His only child, Bertha Ester Ballard, died in 1899 at the age of ten, and he wanted to create a lasting memorial. With William Ballard's gift, the home moved to 411 North Delaware, where it successfully operated until it closed in October of 1975.

Sources:

Sketch taken from M 0329 Bertha Esther Ballard Home Association, 1889-1975, Indiana Historical Society

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Most of the records deal with the final years of the Home, including final secretary files and records of the Home. Also included are administrative documents, a copy of William Ballard's final Will and Testament, and three photographs of the home. The folder of founding documents includes various versions of the constitution and by-laws, articles of association, news articles about the home, and copies of the letter from William Ballard stating his intent to provide a memorial to his daughter.

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