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BRENNER AND DOBBINS INDIANA POSTCARDS, 1903–CA. 1970

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF
COLLECTION: 2 boxes

COLLECTION
DATES: 1903–ca. 1970

PROVENANCE: The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, Indiana, 1997

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Brenner, Jr., and Alulah Gertrude Dobbins worked as stenographers for various firms in Indianapolis, Indiana, from ca. 1906 to the late 1930s. It is not known if these individuals were friends.

Sources:

Polk's Indianapolis Directory, 1906. Indianapolis: R. L Polk and Company, 1906.

Polk's Indianapolis Directory, 1916. Indianapolis: R. L Polk and Company, 1916.

Polk's Indianapolis Directory, 1938. Indianapolis: R. L Polk and Company, 1938.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains 122 mechanically reproduced postcards, and fifty-nine photographic postcards depicting Indiana scenes from ca. 1906 to the 1970s. The postcards may have been assembled by Mrs. Bertram Teeple into a personal collection, as the annotation "return to Mrs. Bertram Teeple, 5870 Primrose" appears on two postcards. No postcards are addressed to Mrs. Teeple, but seventy-eight items contain correspondence mailed to John Brenner, Jr., of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Alulah Gertrude Dobbins of Odon and Indianapolis, Indiana. Six items were addressed to other individuals.

The processor divided the collection into five series to reflect the provenance of portions of the collection. **Series One** includes forty-one postcards sent to John Brenner Jr., twenty-eight of which are Indiana courthouses. **Series Two** has thirty-seven postcards addressed to Alulah Gertrude Dobbins. These came from siblings and friends from Odom, Indiana. The postcards discuss the health of relatives, travel arrangements, and schooling. **Series Three** contains ninety-eight unused postcards and includes colored postcards from ca. 1970. **Series Four** has six items addressed to various individuals and includes scenes from Indianapolis, Martinsville, and Bloomington, Indiana. **Series Five** contains twelve oversized unused postcards ca. 1970 and one older souvenir fold-out postcard.

SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Postcards addressed to John Brenner

CONTENTS

Allen County: Fort Wayne
Bartholomew County: Columbus

CONTAINER

Postcards, Box 1

Boone County: Lebanon
Brown County: Nashville
Clay County: Brazil
Clinton County: Frankfort
Decatur County: Greensburg
Delaware County: Muncie
Fayette County: Connersville
Fulton County: Fayette
Hamilton County: Noblesville
Hancock County: Greenfield
Hendricks County: Danville
Harrison County: Corydon
Lake County: Michigan City
Miami County: Peru
Parke County: Rockville
Porter County: Tremont
Rush County: Rushville
Shelby County: Shelbyville
Spencer County: Lincoln City
Steuben County: Angola
Tipton County: Tipton
Vermillion County: Newport, Tipton
Vigo County: Terre Haute, Turkey Run State Park

Series 2: Postcards addressed to Alulah Gertrude Dobbins

CONTENTS

Daviess County: Odon, Epon
Johnson County: Franklin
Lawrence County: Bedford
Marion County: Indianapolis
Vanderburgh County: Evansville
Vigo County: Terre Haute

CONTAINER

Postcards, Box 1

Series 3: Indiana Postcards, no address

CONTENTS

Bartholomew County: Columbus
Daviess County: Odon
Hancock County: Greenfield
Hendricks County: Danville
Jackson County: Seymour
Jefferson County: Madison
Knox County: Vincennes
Marion County: Broad Ripple, Indianapolis,
Southport
Morgan County: Martinsville
Orange County: French Lick
Parke County: Marshall
Vanderburgh County: Evansville
Vigo County: Terre Haute
Wayne County: Richmond

CONTAINER

Postcards, Box 1

Series 4: Indiana Postcards, various addresses

CONTENTS

Daviess County: Bloomington

Fulton County: Lafayette

Jefferson County: Madison

Marion County: Indianapolis

Morgan County: Martinsville

CONTAINER

Postcards, Box 1

Series 5: Oversized Postcards, no address

CONTENTS

Marion County: Indianapolis

CONTAINER

Postcards, Box 2

CATALOGING INFORMATION

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog: <http://157.91.92.2/>
2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, P 0336).
5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.