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## BUS AND RAIL TRANSPORT MATERIALS 1941-1982

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 manuscripts boxes, 1 OVB folder, 1 artifact

COLLECTION DATES: 1941-1982

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RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The majority of these documents belonged to the interurban bus system, Wesson Company. Originally named Indiana Railway, and including truck operations, strictly the bus lines and all authority related were purchased by the Wesson Company in 1942, resulting in a change of name in October of that year. The business was located on 250 West Ohio St. The company operated motor vehicles for numerous routes around Indiana. Most junctions and routes were in Indianapolis, but many extended further to South Bend, Peru, Ft. Wayne, Terre Haute, Edinburgh, and Columbus, Indiana. By 1950, Wesson gained authority to operate charter bus services travelling through the states of Oklahoma and Kentucky. Wesson Company moved to 205 North Senate Ave. by 1955. By the end of 1971, the company had changed names again, to Southeastern Trailways, Inc., and merged with Indianapolis and Southeastern Trailways. During this merger, owners of both operations, C.J. Villeneuve and B.D. Kramer, took position of President and Vice President of the company. Martin Kramer, donor of the collection, was Treasurer of the company. President and Vice each owned 50 percent of the stock in Southeastern, and B.D. Kramer also owned 49 percent in another company, American Buslines, Inc.

### Sources:

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists primarily of legal documents regarding Wesson Company. The majority of these documents are Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity with their related public commission sheets and correspondence. There are also numerous interstate commission documents, a lease agreement, article of amendments for the Wesson Company, an insurance policy endorsement, and through bus service contracts/agreements. The collection also contains Indiana Railroad Bus and Motor Coach time tables and schedules ranging from 1942-1952, an Indiana Official Highway Map from 1945, Indiana Public Transport Map from 1982-1983, 5 Interstate Commerce Commission docket booklets from 1949, a David E. Kinney print, from 1970, of an I.P.S.C.O. interurban car, and a handheld metal embosser from Anderson City Lines, Inc.

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