

Collection #  
SC 3096

## ENGLISH HOTEL COLLECTION, CA. 1947-1949

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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COLLECTION: 3 manuscript folders, 3 photograph folders

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

The English Hotel was located on the Circle in downtown Indianapolis from the 1880s until the 1940s. Captain William E. English, the son of William Hayden English, the original purchaser, built the large stone structure in 1898, and it took up the entire northwest quadrant of the Circle. At the time, Captain English spent three-quarters of a million dollars (now would be approximately 21 million dollars) to build the hotel and attached theater.

After Captain English's death in April 1926, his will stated that the site of the hotel should be used for charity organizations. Because of the large mortgage, age, and deterioration it was ruled that the English Hotel and Theater would be sold to make way for J.C. Penney and Company, a department store. The hotel was razed starting in 1948.

Sources:

Materials from Collection

Bodenhamer, David J., Robert G Barrows, and David Gordon Vanderstel. *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains newspaper articles, photographs, and a typed history of the English Hotel. The newspaper articles discuss the sale and demolition of the English Hotel and Theatre. The materials belonged to Mrs. Mary Cooke, an employee of the hotel. Also included is a list of permanent residents of the hotel.

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History of the English Hotel, 1898

Newspaper Clippings, 1947-1949

List of Permanent English Hotel Residents, n.d.

Exterior of the English Hotel, n.d.

Desk at the English Hotel, n.d.

Autographed photo of Tommy Turner, the Gentleman  
Cowboy, n.d.

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