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SC 1817

**HELEN F. WILLKIE  
LETTER, 1959 OCTOBER 28,  
INDIANAPOLIS [TO] BARRY BINGHAM, LOUISVILLE**

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

Helen F. Willkie and her husband, Fredrick Willkie, were the owners of the Booth Tarkington Home in 1959. They apparently intended to sell the house in order that it be preserved as an historical Landmark. No additional information on Helen F. Willkie is available.

The Booth Tarkington House had a succession of ten owners, after the Willkies, who attempted to restore and maintain the house in the original style that the Booth Tarkington family had created. The house, built in 1904-05 and occupied by Mr. Tarkington from 1918-1946, is located at 4270 N. Meridian.

Sources: Materials in collection

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of a photocopied letter written to journalist Barry Bingham of *The Louisville Courier Journal*. Mrs. Helen Willkie, the author of the letter, is requesting Mr. Bingham to speak at the organizational meeting for a committee to preserve historical landmarks of Indianapolis. The letter also includes a brief history and a detailed description of the home.

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