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**H.L. BORNMAN & SON  
PHOTOGRAPHS, 1936–1938**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF  
COLLECTION: 1 box of photographs

COLLECTION  
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

**H. L. Bornman & Son Contractors:** In 1935 Henry L. Bornman partnered with his son to form H.L. Bornman & Son, a contracting company, located at the rear of 3309 East 10th St. Together they refurbished homes in the Indianapolis area during the 1930s. It is assumed that these homes were abandoned property and were purchased by the Bornmans, restored and then sold or rented.

Henry L. Bornman, born in Indiana in 1868, was married to Anna, and the couple had nine children. A cabinetmaker by trade he lived at 963 N. Tuxedo Street in Indianapolis. He died in 1936.

Henry L. Bornman, Jr. was born in Indianapolis in 1895, and was married to Arline (his second wife). He was listed as a sheet metal worker in city directories and lived at 965 N. LaSalle Street in Indianapolis.

The photographs in the collection were taken by the W.H. Bass Photo Company at 308 South New Jersey Street and the Photo-Art Studio at 510 North LaSalle Street.

Sources:

Information in collection

Indianapolis City Directories

United States Census Records

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection contains 83 photographs showing before and after views of homes restored by H.L. Bornman & Son Contractors. Some photographs show only the before views. Signs can be seen posted on many of the repaired houses "Another Job by Bornman & Son Contractors / Complete Building Service / 3309 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street / CH 1767."

The before photographs show houses that appear to be abandoned. The after photographs show houses repaired with new roofs and gutters, fresh coats of paint, new windows, and porches. Often the decorative wood trim and architectural details of the 19<sup>th</sup> century houses were removed and porches were also removed or replaced with plain wood or brick pillars.

The processors organized the photographs in alphabetical order by the street name, with date if available. Most of the photographs have the address hand-written along the bottom of the picture. For those lacking an address the processors searched the Bass Customer Cards by the job numbers on the photographs to find the addresses and dates of those images. The early date shows the house before restoration the later date after restoration.

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37–39 North Grant  
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