INDIANA STATE
LANTERN SLIDES, CA. 1930

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 7 boxes of 4x5 glass lantern slides
1 manuscript folder
1 artifact

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1930

PROVENANCE: Unknown

RESTRICTIONS: Glass lantern slides may be viewed only with the assistance of library staff

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

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NOTES:
HISTORICAL SKETCH

Lantern slide shows were popular in the United States from the 1850s to the early part of the 20th century. Commercial photographers produced lantern slides from their stock collections of negatives and assembled them into thematic boxed sets. These were sold to universities, schools, companies, clubs, and organizations for education and entertainment purposes. Lantern slides peaked in popularity during the first third of the 20th century.

The Bass Photo Company specialized in photographing the infrastructure and built environment of Indianapolis. The company made photographs for corporate clients and individuals, and documented local events, disasters, and daily scenes. The company also made portraits of prominent individuals and sports teams. Other images in the collection include street scenes, homes, parks, and public institutions. Bass maintained indexes to the photographs by negative number and by client name.

Clyde E. Volkers (1930–1938) was a naturalist and photographer from Greencastle, Indiana. His slides are labeled with his name and address and state that he provides plain or colored slides from customer's negatives or his negatives.

Sources:
Bass Photo Company Collection (P 0130)
http://www.usf.edu
Ancestry.com

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The creator of this collection of glass lantern slides is unknown. The slides show photographic images of historic sites and buildings around Indiana, and reproductions of prints, drawings, and paintings of historic persons and events. The images include early Indiana scenes of pioneers, forts, and Native Americans. There are also views of the different Statehouses, early governors, Indiana state parks, and maps.

The 93 numbered glass lantern slides were made by the Bass Photo Company of Indianapolis and Clyde E. Volkers of Green Castle, Indiana. The Bass Photo Company slides have printed labels with job numbers written on them. The Volkers slides are in color and have printed labels with his name and address and typed captions.

The slides are accompanied by a typed list entitled "Indiana State Slides." The list briefly describes each image. Those descriptions are transcribed in the contents section of the collection guide. The slides came stored in a No. 2A Lantern Slide Box made by the Eastman Kodak Co. of Rochester, N.Y. This is now stored with artifacts.
"Indiana State Slides"
[typed transcript with description of slides]

1. Map of the Indiana Territory 1800

2. Dr. (St.) Francis Xavier Church, Vincennes, erected about 1750. It was the church where Father Gibault assembled the inhabitants of Vincennes after George Rogers Clark captured Kaskaskia. The British here took the oath of allegiance to the American cause.

3. Father Gibault (1737–1804). He assisted George Rogers Clark in the capture of Vincennes.

4. Fort Sackville at Vincennes. Here Clark surprised the British, Feb. 1779, and compelled them to give up Vincennes and its Fort.

5. A statue of George Rogers Clark, represented as a young Frontiersman, made by Ellis Ward for St. Louis World's Fair.

6. Statue of George Rogers Clark in the circle around the Indiana Soldier and Sailors' Monument, Indianapolis.

7. Portrait of George Rogers Clark.
8. William Henry Harrison, Ninth President of the United States, Governor of Indiana Territory 1800–1812

9. Residence of Wm. Henry Harrison at Vincennes. This house is now in charge of the D.A.R. and is open to the public.


11. Markle Mill at North Terre Haute--probably first mill in the state.

12. Fort Ouiatenon marker, erected by D.A.R.

13. White Oak Springs Fort Petersburg, 1807--the type of early forts.

14. Chief Little Turtle, a celebrated chief of the Miamis.

15. First Methodist meeting house in Indiana, built in 1807 near Charleston, Clark County.

16. A flat boat used on the Ohio river.
17. Old Fort Wayne about 1812.
Glass Lantern Slides: Box 2, Envelope 17
Bass Number: 207049-F

18. Little Cedar Baptist church at Brookville, built in 1812.
Glass Lantern Slides: Box 2, Envelope 18
Bass Number: 101713-F

19. Ox team fording a stream.
Glass Lantern Slides: Box 2, Envelope 19
Bass Number: 101710-F

20. Pioneer cabin.
Glass Lantern Slides: Box 2, Envelope 20
Bass Number: 101716-F

21. Constitutional elm Corydon. Members of the Constitutional Convention of 1816 are said to have sat in the shade of this tree.
Glass Lantern Slides: Box 2, Envelopes 21
Bass Number: 216296-F

22. The first Indiana State House erected at Corydon in 1811.
Glass Lantern Slides: Box 2, Envelope 22
Bass Number: 101731-F

23. Old Capitol Hotel, Corydon. It is said that this was the principal hotel at which members of the Constitutional Convention of 1816 and the following General Assemblies boarded.
Glass Lantern Slides: Box 2, Envelope 23
Bass Number: 101704-F

24. New Harmony on the Wabash river, where Rappites founded a colony in 1818.
Glass Lantern Slides: Box 2, Envelope 24
Bass Number: 101703-F

25. The old Granary, built by the Rappites, and fortified as a place of refuge. Later used as a laboratory and museum by David Dale Owen.
Glass Lantern Slides: Box 2, Envelope 25
Bass Number: 101701-F


28. Indianapolis was selected as the permanent capitol in 1820. This selection was confirmed by legislature in 1821, and transfer from Corydon accomplished in November 1824. This second State House was built at a cost of $60,000 and occupied from 1835 to 1877.

29. Another view of the State House.

30. Statehouse draped in black, when Lincoln's body lay in state there.


32. Indianapolis in 1820.
33. Governor's residence in Indianapolis built in 1835 and occupied by six governors and their families. It was then thought to be too publicly located for a residence and was used for a time for state offices. In 1857 it was auctioned off and later the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument was erected in the Circle.

34. Another view of the Governor's house in the Circle at Indianapolis.

35. Indiana yearly meeting of Friends 1844.

36. An old wagon trail on the National Road that extended from St. Louis to Washington D.C.

37. The Levi Coffin House at Fountain City, called the Union Depot of the Underground Railway, where many runaway slaves took refuge.


39. Train---Madison and Indianapolis railroad.

40. Birthplace of Edward Eggleston, Vevay, Indiana. He was born in 1837.
41. Van Buren Elm at Plainfield. In 1842, a bribed stage driver is said to have upset Van Buren at the roots of this tree. Van Buren was not popular with the stage coach men because he had vetoed a measure for highway improvement.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 3, Envelope 41
Bass Number: 101732

42. Birthplace of the noted diplomat, John Hay, at Salem, Indiana.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 42
Bass Number: 101706-F

43. Henry Ward Beecher's home in Indianapolis. He built and painted the house with his own hands. Mr. Beecher arrived in Indianapolis in the autumn of 1839, when the city had a population of about 4,000.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 43
Bass Number: 224840-F

44. The Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, where he preached.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 44
Bass Number: 95670-F

45. The Old Union Station in Indianapolis, built in 1853, the first one built in the U.S.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 45
Bass Number: 5881


Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 46
Bass Number: 88808-F

47. Governor Morton--steamboat--1861. Last attempt at steam navigation on White River.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 47
Bass Number: 31201

48. Old building of Indiana Institute for the Deaf and Dumb.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 48
Bass Number: 830
49. First residence in Indianapolis of Gov. Benjamin Harrison, afterwards President of the U.S.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 49
Bass Number: 91486-F


Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 50
Bass Number: 101694-F

51. Riley's home on Lockerbie street, Indianapolis.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 51
Bass Number: 20725

52. Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, Indianapolis, dedicated to soldiers and sailors of the Mexican, Civil, and Spanish-American wars.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 52
Bass Number: 221176-F

53. Indiana World War Memorial, dedicated November 11, 1933.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 53
Bass Number: 224251-F

54. Modern pictorial map of Indiana.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 4, Envelope 54
Bass Number: 101721-F

55. Old Lusk house, Turkey Run State Park.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 55
Clyde E. Volkers

56. Sugar Creek, Turkey Run State Park.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 56
Bass Number: 96139-F

57. Sugar Creek, Turkey Run State Park.

Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 57
Bass Number: 225683-F
58. Log Cabin, Turkey Run State Park.
   Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 58
   Clyde E. Volkers

59. Steamboat Rock, Turkey Run State Park.
   Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 59
   Bass Number: 225676-F

60. Turkey Run State Park
   Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 60
   Bass Number: 225675-F

61. Pioneer log church in the woods, Turkey Run.
   Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 61
   Clyde E. Volkers

62. Turkey Run State Park
   Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 62
   Bass Number: 225682-F

63. Turkey Run State Park, covered bridge
   Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 63
   Clyde E. Volkers

64. Turkey Run State Park.
   Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 64
   Bass Number: 225687-F

65. McCormick's Creek Canyon State Park.
   Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 65
   Bass Number: 225612-F

66. Dunes State Park.
   Glass Lantern Slides: Box 5, Envelope 66
   Bass Number: 225604-F
67. Spring Mill State Park where stands a reconstructed village of pioneer days. The mill built 1829, with the post office and apothecary shop nearby.

68. Spring Mill Village

69. Hat factory-Spring Mill

70. Old willow tree by the spring house

71. The mill

72. Hanging Rock, Madison, Indiana

73. Clifty Falls State Park, Madison

74. James F. D. Lanier Home, Madison, seen from the Ohio River. This house, a gift to the State of Indiana by the Jefferson County Historical Society in 1925, has been restored for future preservation, as a fine example of domestic architecture. It is now in the custody of the Department of Conservation. The house was built in 1844. The architect was Francis Costigan, also architect for Indiana Institute for the Blind.
75. Living room, Lanier house
   Glass Lantern Slides:
   Box 6, Envelope 75
   Bass Number: 100269-F

76. Library and family room, Lanier house
   Glass Lantern Slides:
   Box 6, Envelope 76
   Clyde E. Volkers

77. Dining room, Lanier house
   Glass Lantern Slides:
   Box 6, Envelope 77
   Clyde E. Volkers

78. Garden, Lanier house
   Glass Lantern Slides:
   Box 6, Envelope 78
   Clyde E. Volkers

79. Gold room, Lanier house
   Glass Lantern Slides:
   Box 6, Envelope 79
   Bass Number: 100270-F

80. Nursery, Lanier house
   Glass Lantern Slides:
   Box 6, Envelope 80
   Clyde E. Volkers

81. View from Clifty Inn, Clifty Falls State Park
   Glass Lantern Slides:
   Box 7, Envelope 81
   Clyde E. Volkers

82. View from Clifty Inn, boat on Ohio
   Glass Lantern Slides:
   Box 7, Envelope 82
   Clyde E. Volkers

83. Clifty Falls
   Glass Lantern Slides:
   Box 7, Envelope 83
   Clyde E. Volkers
84. Brown County Road

85. Brown County Road, old cabin

86. Brown County Road, road

87. Old log jail, Nashville, Brown County, built in 1837 (still in use until a few years ago), walls 54 inches thick composed of three layers of logs (two horizontal, 1 vertical). No prisoner ever escaped from this jail without outside assistance.

88. Brown County scene

89. View from Weed Patch Hill, where is now located Brown County State Park

90. Cataract Falls

91. Upper Cataract Falls and ruins of mill

92. Trail through virgin forest of Pokagon State Park, Angola, Indiana
93.
Grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of Abraham Lincoln at Lincoln City, Indiana

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Glass Lantern Slides:
Box 7, Envelope 93

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