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IRA E. WILKINSON & SON GENERAL STORE RECORDS, 1901–1955

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ira E. Wilkinson was born 2 December 1861 in Indiana as the first of seven children to Abraham B. Wilkinson and Elizabeth Caroline Bruner. On 25 November 1886 Ira married Ida C. Philpott in Fountain, Indiana. They had a son, Eston, and a daughter, Jewel. Ira died 21 January 1935 and was buried in Phaniel Lutheran Cemetery in Wallace, Indiana.

Ira and his younger brother, Clinton, owned and operated the Wilkinson Bros. general store in Wallace, Indiana. Following Clinton's death in 1916, Ira changed the name of the store to Ira E. Wilkinson & Son. Following Ira's death his son, Eston, took over operation of the store.

Sources:

1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, and 1940 US Federal Censuses, via Ancestry.com

Indiana, Marriage Index, 1800-1941, via Ancestry.com

Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899-2011, via Ancestry.com

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records for the general store in this collection include manufacturer brochures for goods offered at the store, checkbooks and checks, deposit slips, correspondence with manufacturers and who supplied the store, distributor contracts, invoices and order forms, a notebook, miscellaneous receipts, stock certificates, a store inventory, photos of the store and a Wilkinson family tree. Also included are an estate inventory, a deposit book, and tax receipts belonging to Jacob S. Livingston, for whom Ira served as estate executor.

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