

# JESSE L. DICKINSON COLLECTION, 1911-1986

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## USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 46 manuscript boxes; 31 oversize boxes

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1911-1986; Bulk 1960-1979

PROVENANCE: Helen Dickinson, South Bend, IN, 2 April 1987. Most of the legislative correspondence in boxes 33-44 of the collection was transferred from the Indiana State Library.

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH**

Jesse L. Dickinson (1906-1982), an Indiana state legislator, was born in Chandler, Lincoln County, Oklahoma, the son of George and Fannie Junkin Dickinson. While an infant, he moved to Newton, Kansas. His mother died when he was five years old and he was reared by his grandmother. He graduated from Newton High School. He excelled as a tenor soloist in high school, winning a gold medal for being the best student in the state. He also played the viola, tuba, and trombone. He was a member of the debate and track teams.

In 1924 Dickinson married Helen Bledsoe. They had four sons, twins Coleridge Taylor and Roland Hayes, Valjean, and Carroll. Dickinson studied music at Bethel College in Newton and Western University in Kansas City. He attended South Bend-Mishawaka University Center and the LaSalle Extension School of Law. During the 1920s, he performed as a vocal and instrumental soloist on the Redpath Chautauqua and Lyceum circuits.

When Dickinson moved his family to South Bend in 1928 he continued with his musical activities. He produced many amateur shows. He organized and conducted the Dickinson Plantation Singers, a popular quintet during the 1930s. He conducted choirs at churches. He organized, trained, and conducted a 100-voice choir that performed at the South Bend Musical Festival.

After arriving in South Bend, Dickinson worked with the Hering House, where he supervised youth programs. He helped organize and later served as a supervisor of the St. Joseph County recreation program under the Works Progress Administration (WPA). He worked as a playground director for the city schools and parks. From 1930-1934, Dickinson owned a music studio. Later he owned and operated a shoe repair service and a leather dying business.

Dickinson, a Democrat, elected from St. Joseph County, served six terms in the Indiana House of Representatives (1943, 1945, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957) and two terms in the Indiana Senate (1959, 1961). As a legislator, he principally sponsored bills that had a social thrust. He served on many committees. Much of his work led to reforms in laws governing mental hospitals, prisons, schools, and the aged and aging. He was also instrumental in the passage of civil rights legislation. While a member of the state legislature, Dickinson served on the Indiana Advisory Board, United States Fair Employment Practices Commission, State Commission on Aging, Legislative Bureau Study Commission, Legislative Advisory Commission, Penal Institutions Study Committee, and the Mental Retardation Planning Committee. From 1958-1972, Dickinson was executive director of the South Bend Housing Authority. This agency developed and managed housing for low-income people. Soon after retiring from the Housing Authority, he became director of the Foster Grandparents Program in South Bend.

Dickinson's interest in the welfare of his fellow citizens both predated and postdated his time in the Indiana General Assembly. He was a member of numerous organizations, serving on many committees, commissions, and boards. Though his service was varied and his interest widespread, Dickinson's organizational affiliations can be divided into five major areas: education, health and hospitalization, aging, human relations, and urbanization. His organizational ties included the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, United Community Services, South Bend Human Rights Commission, Urban League, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Model Cities Program, Model Neighborhood Planning Agency, North Central Indiana Medical Education Foundation, Mental Health Association of Indiana, Indiana Civil Rights Commission, United States Commission on Civil Rights--Indiana Advisory Committee, Indiana Commission on Aging, and the Committee for Higher Education in North Central Indiana. He was a board member of Goodwill Industries and the St. Joseph County Detention House. A director of United Way and the First Bank and Trust Company, he was also a regional trustee for Indiana Vocational Technical College.

The recipient of innumerable honors and citations for meritorious service in government and civic affairs, Dickinson was named Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Matthew Welsh. He also received special citations from governors George N. Craig and Otis R. Bowen. In 1963, he received a National Council of Christians and Jews award. Locally, he was honored when the Jesse L. Dickinson Middle School was dedicated in 1976.

Jesse L. Dickinson died on 5 June 1982.

Sources: Materials in the collection

January, Alan F. and Justin E. Walsh, *A Century of Achievement: Black Hoosiers in the Indiana General Assembly, 1881-1986*. (Indianapolis: Select Committee on the Centennial History of the General Assembly, 1986).

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of this collection consists of Jesse Dickinson's legislative correspondence and materials pertaining to his numerous organizational affiliations. It covers the period 1911-1986. The collection is organized with materials covering seven major parts: biographical information; correspondence; topics (includes legislative correspondence); speeches; programs; clippings; and scrapbooks.

The biographical information gives an overview of Dickinson's life. The first folder contains a biographical outline and a list of his musical career highlights. Additionally, there is a folder of biographical newsclippings. Dickinson graduated from Newton High School in Newton, Kansas in 1925. Yearbooks for 1922 and 1925 are contained in Box 1. The general and personal correspondence includes letters to and from family and friends and some business correspondence. Political ribbons, mostly from Democratic conventions; commendation plaques; and a resolution declaring 24 August 1985 Jesse L. Dickinson Day in South Bend complete box 1.

Dickinson belonged to and was affiliated with numerous organizations, agencies, and commissions. Materials related to his activities with over 75 organizations are contained in boxes 2-33. His work with the South Bend Housing Authority, Indiana Vocational Technical College, United Community Services, United States Commission on Civil Rights--Indiana Advisory Committee, and the Urban Coalition of St. Joseph County is documented in the majority of the 32 boxes of organizational records.

Boxes 33-44 are arranged alphabetically and topically. The bulk of this unit includes legislative correspondence (1942-1965), most of which was transferred from the archives of the Indiana State Library. These files had been given to the State Library by the Dickinson family at an earlier time. Other subjects included in this section are civil rights, mental health, and the Economic Opportunity Act.

During and following his tenure as a state legislator, Jesse Dickinson gave speeches and appeared on several programs. Many of his speeches are contained in box 44. Programs listing him as speaker are in box 45.

Boxes 45-46 contain clippings from various sources covering a wide range of subjects including civil rights, mental health, the legislature, housing, and various organizations. The 73 Dickinson scrapbooks, contained in boxes 47-73 include correspondence, newsclippings, photographs, and various printed items.

Box 46 contains several additional photographs. Jesse L. Dickinson was an accomplished musician. Box 46, folder 15 contains a photograph of him playing the trombone. There are images of Dickinson with his family and during his tenure in the Indiana State Legislature (box 46, folders 16 and 17). Box 46 also contains photographs of ceremonies, individuals, and groups. There are several images of outdoor scenes and construction and demolition sites. The content and dates of many of these images, mostly acetate negatives, suggest that they may have been taken in conjunction with Dickinson's work with the South Bend Housing Authority. There are a series of negatives of predemolition sites labeled with street addresses. They are numbered 102 to 119 (see box 46, folder 24 for a list of the street addresses). A second series of negatives also denoting outdoor scenes and construction and predemolition sites are dated from 1958 to 1960, n.d. There are several unidentified photographs of outdoor scenes, many of them including people. The photographs are dated from 1959 to 1965. There are also aerial views of South Bend (box 46, folders 22 and 24) and a large map of the city (box 46, folder 26).

There are three oversize photographic reproductions (box 46, folder 25) for which the originals have not been located. They all pertain to Jesse L. Dickinson. There is a composite of the 1943 Indiana House of Representatives; a 1945

image of what appears to be a UAW-CIO labor group; and a merit award presented to Dickinson by the South Bend Civic Planning Association in 1971. Unless other wise noted, folders designated VC (visual collections) contain black and white images sized 8"x10" or less.

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**BOX 30: ORGANIZATIONS- URBAN COALITION FOR ST. JOSEPH COUNTY  
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1 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Education Task Force 1

2 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Education Task Force 2

3 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Education Task Force 3

4 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Education Task Force- Report on *Action Now*

5 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Education Task Force- Subcommittees

6 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Executive Committee

7 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Financial Statements

8 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Bank Statements

9 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Receipts

10 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Tax Returns

11 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Home Town Plan

**BOX 31: ORGANIZATIONS- URBAN COALITION FOR ST. JOSEPH COUNTY TO URBAN COALITION, NATIONAL FOLDER CONTENTS**

1 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Housing Task Force

2 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Revenue Sharing

3 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Spanish Speaking Population, 1974

4 Urban Coalition for St. Joseph County- Spanish Speaking Population, 1975

5 Urban Coalition, National, 1973- Jan. 1977

6 Urban Coalition, National, Feb.- June 1977

7 Urban Coalition, National, July- Nov. 1977

8 Urban Coalition, National, Dec. 1977-1978

**BOX 32: URBAN LEAGUE OF SOUTH BEND AND ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, 1961- SEPT. 1979 FOLDER CONTENTS**

1 Urban League of South Bend and St. Joseph County, 1961- 1963

2 Urban League of South Bend and St. Joseph County, 1964- 1965

3 Urban League of South Bend and St. Joseph County, 1966- 1967

4 Urban League of South Bend and St. Joseph County, Jan.- Sept. 1968

5 Urban League of South Bend and St. Joseph County, Oct.- Dec. 1968

6 Urban League of South Bend and St. Joseph County, 1969

7 Urban League of South Bend and St. Joseph County, 1970

8 Urban League of South Bend and St. Joseph County, 1970

9 Urban League of South Bend and St. Joseph County, 1971- 1979

**BOX 33: ORGANIZATIONS- URBAN LEAGUE, NATIONAL TO LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1942-1943 FOLDER CONTENTS**

1 Urban League, National- Manual

2 Urban League, National, 1967-1969

3 Volunteer Citizens Committee for Storyland Zoo

4 Young Men's Christian Association

Young Women's Christian Association

5 Civil Rights

6 Economic Opportunity Act, 1964-1965

7 Economic Opportunity Act- Project ABLE

8 Economic Opportunity Act-Advising Committee for Small and Minority Businesses

9 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1942

10 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1- 19 Jan. 1943

11 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 20- 26 Jan. 1943

**BOX 34: LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1943-1945  
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1 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 27-31 Jan. 1943

2 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1-5 Feb. 1943

3 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 6-11 Feb. 1943

4 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 12- 22 Feb. 1943

5 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 23-28 Feb. 1943

6 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, March 1943

7 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, April- Sept. 1943

8 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1943, n.d.

9 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1944- 5 Feb. 1945

**BOX 35: LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1945-1951  
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1 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 6-14 Feb. 1945

2 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 15-21 Feb. 1945

3 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, Feb. -March 1945

4 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, April 1945-1946

5 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1950

6 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1-19 Jan. 1951

7 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 20-26 Jan. 1951

8 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 27-31 Jan. 1951

9 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1-8 Feb. 1951

10 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 9-12 Feb. 1951

**BOX 36: LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1951-1953  
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1 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 13-20 Feb. 1951

2 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 21-28 Feb. 1951

3 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1951

4 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1951, n.d.

5 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1952- 27 Jan. 1953

6 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 28 Jan.-5 Feb. 1953

7 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 6-16 Feb. 1953

8 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 17-23 Feb. 1953

9 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 24-28 Feb. 1953

**BOX 37: LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1953-1955  
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1 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, March- Dec. 1953

2 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1954

3 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1954, n.d.

4 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1-18 Jan. 1955

5 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 19-31 Jan. 1955

6 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 2-8 Feb. 1955

7 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 9-14 Feb. 1955

8 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 15-18 Feb. 1955

9 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 19-22 Feb. 1955

**BOX 38: LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1955-1957  
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1 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 23-28 Feb. 1955

2 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, March- 23 June 1955

3 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 24 June - 2 Dec. 1955

- 4 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 4-31 Dec. 1955
- 5 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, Jan. -Aug. 1956
- 6 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, Sept.- Dec. 1956
- 7 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1-22 Jan. 1957
- 8 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 23-31 Jan. 1957
- 9 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1-6 Feb. 1957
- 10 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 7- 13 Feb. 1957
- 11 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 14-18 Feb. 1957

**BOX 39: LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1957-1958  
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- 1 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 19-23 Feb. 1957
- 2 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 24-28 Feb. 1957
- 3 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1-4 March 1957
- 4 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 5-6 March 1957
- 5 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 7 March- 30 June 1957
- 6 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence. July- 24 Sept. 24 Sept. 1957
- 7 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 27 Sept.- Dec. 1957
- 8 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1957, n.d.
- 9 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, Jan. - July, 1958
- 10 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, Aug.- Oct, 1959

**BOX 40: LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1958-1959  
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- 3 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 3 Jan. 1959-21 Jan. 1959
- 4 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 22- 30 Jan. 1959
- 5 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1-8 Feb. 1959
- 6 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 9-11 Feb. 1959
- 7 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 12-15 Feb. 1959

8 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 16 Feb.1959

**BOX 41: LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1959-1961  
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2 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 21-23 Feb. 1959

3 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 24 Feb. - 5 March 1959

4 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 6-31 March 1959

5 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, April- June 1959

6 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, July- 26 Aug. 1959

7 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 27 Aug.- Dec. 1959

8 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, Dec. 1959, n.d.

9 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, Jan.- June 1960

10 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, July- Dec. 1960

11 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1-22 Jan. 1961

**BOX 42: LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1961-1962  
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2 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1-12 Feb. 1961

3 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 13-14 Feb. 1961

4 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 15-24 Feb. 1961

5 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 25-28 Feb. 1961

6 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, March- April 1961

7 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, May- July 1961

8 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, July- Oct. 1961

9 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, Nov.- Dec. 1961

10 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, Dec. 1961, n.d.

11 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1962

**BOX 43: LEGISLATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1963 TO STATE GOVERNMENT  
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1 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1963



- 2 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, 1964
- 3 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, Jan.- April 1965
- 4 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, May- Dec. 1965
- 5 Legislative/ Professional Correspondence, n.d.
- 6 Legislation, 1953
- 7 Legislation, 1956-1957
- 8 Legislation on Alcoholism
- 9 Legislation on Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- 10 Legislation on Civil Rights
- 11 Legislation on Aid to the Disabled
- 12 Legislation on Labor
- 13 Legislation on Senior Citizens
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- 2 Mental Health- Drug Abuse
- 3 Mental Health- Mental Hospital Administration
- 4 Mental Health- Forum on Aging
- 5 Mental Health- Regional Mental Health
- 6 Mental Health- Mental Retardation
- 7 Mental Health- St. Joseph County Affairs
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2 Programs, 1974-1981, n. d.

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5 Clippings- Civil Rights, 1965-1980

6 Clippings- County Home Info

7 The *Clipsheet* Newsletter

8 Clippings- Fair Employment Practices Commission

9 Clippings- Housing

10 Clippings- Indiana Commission on the Aging and the Aged

11 Clippings- Indiana Vocational Technical College

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2 Clippings- Mental Health

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5 Clippings- Schools and Education

6 Clippings- Sequicental

7 Clippings- South Bend Boy's Club

8 Clippings- Sucher's Suicide

9 Clippings- Unions

10 Clippings- United Community Services

11 Clippings- United Way

12 Clippings- Urban Coalition of Joseph County, 1969-1972

13 Clippings- Urban Coalition of Joseph County, 1972-1974

14 Clippings- Urban League

15 (OVA) Jesse L. Dickinson playing the trombone

16 (VC) Jesse L. Dickinson family

17 (VC) State Legislative

18 (VC) Identified Ceremonies (1 folder b/w; 1 folder color)

19 (VC) Unidentified Ceremonies ( 1 folder b/w; 1 folder color)

20 (OVB) Unidentified Individuals (1 folder b/w; 1 OVB)

21 (VC) Unidentified Groups (1 folder b/w; 1 folder color)

22 (OVA) Aerial View of South Bend (1 folder b/w; OVA)

23 (VC) Outdoor Scenes

24 (VC) Pre-demolition and construction sites (1 folder b/w; 101 negative envelopes)

25 (OVC) Exhibit reproductions pertaining to Jesse Dickinson

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## **CATALOGUING INFORMATION**

MAIN ENTRY: Dickinson, Jesse L. (Jesse Lee), 1906-1982

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Dickinson, Jesse L. (Jesse Lee), 1906-1982

Indiana. Civil Rights Commission

Indiana. Commission on the Aging and Aged

Housing Authority of the City of South Bend, Indiana

Model Neighborhood Planning Agency (South Bend, Ind.)

Indiana Vocational Technical College

Afro-American politicians----Indiana--South Bend

Legislators--Indiana--South Bend

Aged--Legal status, laws, etc.--Indiana

Civil rights--Indiana

Housing--Law and legislation--Indiana--South Bend

Mental health laws--Indiana

Urban policy--Indiana

Scrapbooks--Indiana--South Bend

Musicians--Indiana--South Bend

Vocational education--Indiana

Urban renewal--Indiana--South Bend

Indiana--Politics and government

South Bend (Ind.)--Politics and government

Saint Joseph County (Ind.)--Politics and government

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