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**JOHN RUDD
COLLECTION, CA. 1920–CA. 1969**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 box black-and-white photographs, 1 color photograph, 1 manuscript folder
COLLECTION DATES:	Ca. 1920–ca. 1969

PROVENANCE: Harry P. Triplett, Whiting, Indiana.

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Indianapolis, Indiana, Police Athletic League (PAL) sponsors athletic leagues for boys ages six to eighteen years of age. The Indianapolis Police Department's Juvenile Aid Division operated the organization through the 1940s, and a board of directors was created in 1952. By 1963 there were thirteen PAL centers serving 10,000 regular members. Indianapolis Police Department assigns officers to each club to serve as role models and advisors to youth from disadvantaged homes and neighborhoods.

Founded in 1887 at 1404 State Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, the German General Protestant Orphan Association (later Pleasant Run Children's Home) provided custodial care for orphaned, abused, and pre-delinquent children in Marion County, Indiana. In 1941 the association consolidated with the Evangelical Lutheran Orphan Home, 3310 East Washington Street, and the Indianapolis Orphan Home, 4107 Washington Street. Custodial care was concentrated at the State Street site.

John Rudd worked at the Indiana State House as a policeman in 1931, and joined the Indianapolis Police Department ca. 1932. Members of the Rudd family lived in Anderson, Indiana, in the late 1920s.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes thirty-six black-and-white photographs of boys' athletic teams, and boys participating in group

activities in Indianapolis and Anderson, Indiana. A man believed to be John Rudd poses in seven team photographs, and in one group photograph of school crossing guards. The donor found the photographs at the home of a family member in Hammond, Indiana. It is not known if the donor's family was related to Rudd.

The processor named the collection for John Rudd because items in the collection suggest that an individual with this name may have accumulated the material. Rudd's name appears in the business records of photographer Lawrence J. Foster in association with photographs included in this collection. Rudd ordered and paid for team photographs of basketball teams during the late 1950s and early 1960s. Also, John Rudd was a police officer in Indianapolis, and may have participated in benevolent organizations, such as the Police Athletic League (PAL). Finally, the Rudd family lived in Anderson in the 1920s, where at least two photographs in the collection were made.

Folder 1 contains two photographs made in Anderson, Indiana. They are a children's pet contest sponsored by the *Anderson Herald* newspaper, ca. 1920s. In one photograph, the children, almost all boys, pose with their animals. The second image is a view of the Anderson town square with the children parading their animals in the foreground.

Folder 2 contains two photographs of Boy Scouts, ca. 1920s. One is an image of an Eagle Scout and his troop leader. The photograph clearly shows the badges and uniform of scouts of this rank. The other photograph, a snapshot, shows three Boy Scouts about twelve years of age posing in uniform. **Folder 3** contains another photograph that may be related to benevolent activities of the Indianapolis Police Department showing a group of school crossing guards posing with a large pennant. The word "Washington" is sewn on the pennant. The boys also hold flags on which the words "Safety Patrol" are sewn.

Folder 4 includes a photograph of boys swimming at Broad Ripple Swimming Pool, ca. 1920s. In **Folder 5** is a group photograph of boys possibly made at the General Protestant Orphan's Home, ca. 1956–ca. 1959. Three men seated in the photograph resemble Edward Gardner, Louis Christian Brandt, and Ray Enmeir who were on the board of directors of the home through the 1950s.

Folders 6–9 contain the bulk of the collection with twenty-six team photographs of baseball, basketball, and softball teams dating from the 1950s to ca. 1969. The Central Area Church Athletic Association and the Indianapolis PAL may have sponsored these teams. One photograph shows a 1931 boys' basketball team sponsored by the PAL. The boys in this photograph appear to be between eight and ten years of age. Other photographs of basketball teams date between 1957 and 1961. Lawrence J. Foster of Foster Photos, Indianapolis, made these images.

Folder 10 contains one photograph that may relate to John Rudd's police career or the Indianapolis PAL. It shows eight men, posed in front of a brick building. The men may be police officers in plain clothes. The image is damaged, and the faces of three men are almost obliterated.

The single color photograph in the collection is a group portrait of the 1965 Indianapolis Indians baseball team.

The manuscript item is a registration form for the Central Area Church Athletic Association Softball League, dated 6 June 1969. The form shows the names, addresses, and ages of thirteen boys who joined the softball league under the sponsorship of the Central Avenue Methodist Church. The boys ranged in age from twelve to fourteen years of age. James D. Everett, 538 N. Sheffield Avenue, signed the form as the team manager. Six boys listed their address as 2702 Sutherland Avenue, which was the Indiana Methodist Children's Home. To protect the privacy of these individuals and their families, this registration form cannot be used by researchers until the year 2040.

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