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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

In celebration of the 25th birthday of Storytelling Arts of Indiana in 2013, the organization partnered with television station WFYI and the Indiana Historical Society to collect the stories of individuals living in central Indiana. These stories of everyday lives will reflect the history, values, cultures and ideals of individuals and our community.

The purpose of the project was to demonstrate the importance of sharing stories and leaving a legacy of stories for generations to come. We become a stronger community by hearing stories from neighbors and colleagues who have different histories, cultures and perspectives, and by sharing our own stories with others. By listening and sharing stories, we see that there are common threads in all our lives. We can celebrate our commonalities and differences, creating a stronger, more vibrant community.

Source:

Information in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains 129 oral histories from various individuals in the Indianapolis and surrounding areas from May, 2013–April, 2016. Each interview has a master computer copy DVD containing the audio interview, a photograph of the interviewee and a copy of the release form. These may be heard and seen from a computer. A second copy is only the audio CD and will not play on most computers. The histories are arranged chronologically based on the date of the interview. Interviews beginning in April, 2016, include transcripts.

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