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LOUIS AND ELMA GILLASPY HOYT PHOTOGRAPHS, 1913

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	4 photographs, 3 OVA sized photographs
COLLECTION DATES:	1913
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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The flood of 1913, also known as the “Great Flood of March 1913,” was part of a regional disaster that devastated much of the Midwest and Ohio River valley. The central two thirds of Indiana were heavily flooded, which resulted in 200 deaths and left 200,000 people homeless. In Indianapolis, the White River crested at an estimated 31.5 feet, and levees broke along the river and creeks throughout the city. In Broad Ripple, the city was underwater for two and a half days and suffered significant damage to the jail.

Sources:

Bodenhamer, David J. and Robert G. Barrows, eds. Encyclopedia of Indianapolis. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Elma Gillaspay Hoyt was born 19 January 1908 in Marion County. Her parents, Omer Gillaspay (est. birth year 1879) and Rose Lehmann Gillaspay (born 20 November 1884), were married in Jefferson City, Missouri and moved to Broad Ripple before Elma’s birth in 1908. Omer Gillaspay worked as a conductor for Union Traction Company. The family lived on East 64th Street in Broad Ripple, according to the 1930 census. Elma later married Louis Henry Hoyt, also from Indianapolis.

Sources:

Ancestry.com. *Census, 1930*. Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2000. www.ancestry.com. Accessed 18 January 2005.

Materials in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains six photographs of the 1913 flood in Broad Ripple, Ind. On the backs of each of the photographs are hand-written descriptions, presumably written by Elma Gillaspay Hoyt, of the locations, residences,

and businesses depicted in the photographs. The collection also contains one photograph dated 1913 that was not taken during the flood. This image is of conductor Omer Gillaspy, the donor's father, in front of a Union Traction interurban.

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Two 1913 photographs of scenes from the Broad Ripple flood in 1913: one photograph depicts the canal locks that had broken and the flooded Monon Railroad track; the second photograph shows Guilford Avenue and lists the owners of the houses on the street: Hazel Cline Greene; Rue Heady; Bess Shackelford; and one business: Grover Parr and Guy Hoyt's grocery store.

Two 1913 flood photographs of Dr. Light's property in Broad Ripple near the intersection of College Avenue and Broad Ripple Avenue.

Two 1913 flood photographs: one image depicts a Union Traction Company interurban near Dr. Light's flooded office; in the second photograph, boys and men are watching the flood waters from the Monon Railroad tracks near the Broad Ripple station.

1913 photograph of Union Traction Company interurban with conductor Omer Gillaspy and motorman Earl Veach.

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