

ROSS F. LOCKRIDGE PAPERS, 1938-1948

Collection #:
M 618

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box (.4 linear feet)

COLLECTION DATES: 1938-1948

PROVENANCE: Thomas E. Brethauer, Librarian, Indiana State Highway Commission, Room 1101, State Office Building, Indianapolis, IN 27 June 1978 (manuscript, 78.0611); Herbert H. Heimlich, West Lafayette, IN December 1970 (letter, 70.1205)

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ALTERNATE FORMAT: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: Books by Lockridge: *A. Lincoln* (E 457.L63); *George Rogers Clark, Pioneer Hero of the Old Northwest* (977.092 C593 1); *The Labyrinth* (Ip 335 L816 1); *La Salle* (977.092 L338 1); *The Old Fauntleroy Home* (F 534.N48 L6); *Story of Indiana* (F 526.L78); *Theodore F. Thieme: A Man and His Times* (HD 9969.H8 W39)

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NOTES: This collection was formerly designated SC 980, BV 758-763, but was changed to M 618 in June 1992.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Ross Franklin Lockridge, son of Brenton Webster and Charlotta A. Wray Lockridge, was born in Miami County, Indiana on October 26, 1877. After graduating from Indiana University in 1900, he married Elsie Lillian Shockley. Soon afterward, he became principal of Peru High School. Receiving a L.L.B. degree from I.U. in 1907, Lockridge moved to Shawnee, Oklahoma to practice law. He returned to Indiana in 1913, however, where he taught in the extension division of Indiana University, served as secretary of the Citizens League of Indiana, and was editor of The Citizen. He worked for the Wayne Knitting Mills in Fort Wayne and the World Book Company.

During the depression, Lockridge was active in several state and federal projects. He helped organize the Fort Wayne-Allen County Historical Society and achieved the reputation as historian of pioneer Indiana. He was director of the Hoosier Historic Memorial Activities Agency sponsored by the Indiana University Foundation from 1937 to 1950.

Lockridge authored many books about Indiana including: *How Government Functions in Indiana* (1918); *George Rogers Clark, Pioneer Hero of the Old Northwest* (1927), *A. Lincoln* (1930); *La Salle* (1931); *The Old Fauntleroy Home* (1939), *Labyrinth* (1941), *Theodore F. Thieme: A Man and His Times* (1942), and *The Story of Indiana* (1951). His son Ross F. Lockridge Jr. was author of the acclaimed novel *Raintree County*. Lockridge died January 13, 1952.

Source: *Indiana Biography Series* v. 37

Thompson, Donald. *Indiana Authors and their Books, 1917-1966* (Crawfordsville, IN: Lakeside Press, 1974)
Who Was Who in America v. 3. Chicago: A.N. Marquis Co., 1960.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains the typed (ribbon copy) manuscript of Lockridge's *Historic Hoosier Roadside Sites* (1938) v. 1, 3-7. Written for the Indiana State Highway Commission, the manuscript outlines the history of various places of interest around the state. Also included is a letter, written by Lockridge and dated March 16, 1948, to Herbert H. Heimlich expressing thanks for acts of sympathy at the time of his son's suicide.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

BOX 1: "Historic Hoosier Roadside Sites," v. 1, 3-7, 1938; Letter, 1948

FOLDER CONTENTS

1 *Hoosier Historic Roadside Sites*, v. 1

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3 *Hoosier Historic Roadside Sites*, v. 4

4 *Hoosier Historic Roadside Sites*, v. 5

5 *Hoosier Historic Roadside Sites*, v. 6

6 *Hoosier Historic Roadside Sites*, v. 7

7 Letter, 1948

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Lockridge, Ross F. (Ross Franklin), 1877-1952

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Indiana. State Highway Commission (1919-1963)

Appleseed, Johnny, 1774-1845

Historic sites--Indiana--Guide-books

Memorials--Indiana--Guide-books

Monuments--Indiana--Guide-books

Battlefields--Indiana--Guide-books

Historic buildings--Indiana--Guide-books

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Rivers--Indiana--Guide-books

War memorials--Indiana--Guide-books

Indians of North America--Indiana--Wars--1750-1815

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Eel River (Allen County-Cass County, Ind.)

Mississinewa River (Ohio and Ind.)

White River (Ind.)--Description and travel

Kankakee River (Ind. and Ill.)

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Indiana--Description and travel--Guide-books

Indiana--History, Local

Indiana--History--War of 1812

Indiana--History--Revolution, 1775-1783

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