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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Sidney Eskenazi was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1930. His parents, David and Sara (Abravanel) Eskenazi, emigrated from Greece in the early twentieth century. Growing up within the Sephardic Jewish community on Indianapolis's Near South Side, he attended Manual High School. In 1951, he graduated from Indiana University with a degree in accounting. He received a law degree from the same institution in 1953 and practiced law in Indianapolis, during which time he met and worked with Mel Simon in the development of shopping malls. In 1963, he founded his own mall development company, Sandor Development Company. He married Lois Jean Cohen in 1954, and they have three children—Sandra Eskenazi, Dori Eskenazi Meyers, and David N. Eskenazi. Currently, he and his wife reside in Indianapolis.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The following interview is one of a series devoted to collecting life stories from remarkable people whose involvement in Indiana business, politics, religion, education, and philanthropy continues to enhance the Indiana community. Through these individual lives, we can witness the development of Indiana's recent past and better understand Indiana's history from a personal and professional perspective, as illustrated by each individual's contributions to Indiana and their personal connections to all Hoosiers.

This manuscript was transcribed from a digitally recorded interview conducted on May 18, 2012, at Mr. Eskenazi's office in The Sandor Building in Carmel, Indiana, by Kendra E. Clauser, Indiana Historical Society's (IHS) oral history archivist for the project from 2011 to 2013. DLC transcribed the interview in 2014, and Wendy L. Adams, IHS's director of oral history (as of April 2014), lightly edited the transcript in 2017. The interview, which includes the audio recording and the transcript, is housed at the William H. Smith Memorial Library, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

Readers of this oral history interview should bear in mind that it is a transcript of the spoken word. Although the transcript has been lightly edited, IHS has diligently sought to preserve its informal, conversational style, as well as the integrity of the interview's content. While some attempt has been taken to explain through footnotes some of the facts given by the interviewee, IHS is not responsible for the factual accuracy of the interview's content or for the views expressed within.

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