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**TERRE HAUTE AND INDIANAPOLIS
GLASS PLATES, 1897, 1898**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 2 flip-top boxes of 4x5 glass plates

COLLECTION DATES: 1897, 1898

PROVENANCE: Heritage Photo Services, Indianapolis, Ind., 1998

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Rose Polytechnic Institute: Rose Polytechnic Institute was founded in 1874. The original building was located at Thirteenth and Locust Streets in Terre Haute.

Chauncey Rose Orphan's Home: Opened in 1884, the home was located at U.S. 40 and 25th Streets in Terre Haute. The main building was flanked on the west by a chapel and on the east by cottages and dorms.

Company B: During the Spanish American War a company was raised at Terre Haute in the spring of 1898. The unit was assigned as Company B, 1st Regiment, of the Indiana National Guard and left Terre Haute for Indianapolis on 26 April 1898. At the departure there were enthusiastic patriotic displays of flags and demonstrations throughout the city. The unit was not called into active service and returned to Terre Haute by November.

Erie Canal: Work on the Erie Canal in Indiana began at Fort Wayne in 1832 and reached Terre Haute in 1849. The canal failed as trains made the canal obsolete. Portions south of Terre Haute were closed by 1860; the decline continued until 1876 when the canal was officially auctioned off by the trustees and closed.

Marion County Courthouse: Completed in 1876, the Marion County Courthouse fronted Washington Street and covered the block between Alabama and Delaware Streets. It was a city landmark until it was razed in the 1960s.

Indiana State Capitol: The "State House" was begun by Edwin May and completed in 1888 after his death by his chief draftsman, Adolph Scherrer. Restored in 1988 it has retained much of the 1888 atmosphere to the interior.

White River at Indianapolis: The principal waterway in Marion County flows from north to south through the downtown. The dam north of Broad Ripple feeds the Central Canal and there is also a dam at 16th Street. The growth of Indianapolis in the 1880s prompted the construction of several iron bridges over White River. After the flood of 1913 these were replaced by concrete and stone bridges.

Crown Laundry: Was located at 1237 East Washington Street in Indianapolis.

Sources:

The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis: Bloomington : Indiana University Press, c1994

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains 26 4x5 glass plate images taken by an anonymous photographer. The plates show buildings and scenes mostly in Terre Haute and Indianapolis. According to dates found on the wrappers the images were taken in 1897 and 1898.

The Terre Haute images show the Rose Polytechnic Institute, Union Depot, Rose Orphans' Home, the Christian Chapel, Terre Haute Waterworks, and a canal towpath north of Terre Haute. There are also three plates showing Company "B" at Union Depot leaving Terre Haute for the Spanish American War in 1898.

The Indianapolis plates show the Falls of White River at Broad Ripple, iron bridges over White River, the old Marion County Court House, an interior of the State Capitol, and interiors of Crown Laundry. There is also a view of a mill identified only as "Grandmother's place" on Eel River but the name and exact location of the mill is unknown.

The glass plates are housed in two 4x5 inch flip-top boxes. The negatives were found wrapped in envelopes with numbers and descriptive information written on the envelopes. The numbers and descriptions for each image have been retained and recorded in the collection guide. The processors comments and descriptions are in square brackets.

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[four story brick campus building with clock tower]

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Jan. 1–98
[Three frame houses on a tree lined street]

Union Depot at Terre Haute, Ind., Spring '98.
[Union Depot railroad station complex]

Rose Orphans' Home, Terre Haute, Ind., Spring '98.
[Three story main building with single story building
at the end of both wings, one of which was the chapel.
Home operated from 1884 to 1949 standing at the
corner of U.S. 40 and 25th Street.]

Christian Church, Terre Haute, Ind.
[sign on front of church “Christian Chapel 1867”]

Terre Haute, Ind., Waterworks,
[Waterworks complex on the Wabash River with
bridge over the river]

Company "B" leaves Terre Haute, Ind., Summer '98.
[Crowd of men and women in front of Union Depot,
with a streetcar and buggies]

Company "B" leaves Terre Haute, Ind., Spring of '98.
[Troops, with shouldered rifles, marching through a
large crowd of onlookers. Houses are shown behind
the crowd on the street.]

Company "B" leaves Terre Haute, Ind., Spring '98.
[A sea of people on a street with buggies trying to pass
through. Houses and telephone poles in background]

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<p>Towpath north of Terre Haute, Ind. [5 plates] [A: Man sitting by a tree at the top of a hill with steps going down to a body of water. A boat turned upside down at the base of the steps.] [B: Partially foliated grove of trees with a leaf strewn path] [C: Looking through trees to the banks of a body of water.] [D: Looking through trees and over water at farm buildings and fence.] [E: Looking through trees to the banks of a body of water.]</p>	<p>4x5 Glass Plates: Box 1, Plates A–E</p>
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<p>State Capitol at Indianapolis, Ind., Spring '98. [East side street view of the building.]</p>	<p>4x5 Glass Plates: Box 2, Plate 98</p>

[struck out]: Grandmother's Place from gate, [caption]:
Mill on Eel River.

[Mill on river with "Waverly Bicycle" sign painted on
side of mill. The location of the mill is unknown, but
many mills were said to have existed along the Eel
River at one time.]

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Interior of Crown Laundry, Indianapolis, Ind. Oct.
1898.

[a seated man in a suit and hat smoking a cigarette.]

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Interior of Crown Laundry, Indianapolis, Ind. Oct.
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[View of equipment – gears and pipes –in building]

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